



WAYFARING FRIENDS:

AMIGOS VIAJEROS:

- STORIES OF DIASPORA, IDENTITY, & HOME •
- CUENTOS DE DIÁSPORA, IDENTIDAD, Y HOGAR •

Calvary Unplugged
July 23-Sept 3

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

AUGUST 6, 2017

CALVARY UNPLUGGED

11:00 A.M.

PALACIOS CHAPEL

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PREPARING

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Anonymous/ Traditional
Unplugged Music Team

WELCOMING

Pastor Erica

⊕ SINGING AS WE GATHER

We Long for Change

**We long for change, the weary church renewing; we long for taking down of every wall
For open hearts and minds to fullest viewing the sacred worth and dignity of all.**

*Refrain. O Brother-Sister Spirit, give us power, to join with You to change the church today
To bring new freedom for all gifts to flower, to show to all the world Your just and peaceful way.*

**We long for church to give inclusive blessing, affirming every gender, every race
For church with open doors, no one oppressing; we long for freely flowing love and grace. Refrain.**

⊕ CENTERING

Karen Rice, Deacon of the Week

We gather to worship together,
**Different people with different histories,
Diferentes personas, diferentes historias,**
Yet all children of the same Parent,
**Created with love by the Fount of life!
Creado con amor por la Fuente de vida!**
We gather to reconnect with one another,
**Different people with different histories,
Diferentes personas, diferentes historias,**
Yet all disciples of one Teacher.
**Jesus, Word made Flesh, dwelling among us,
Jesus, Verbo hecho en carne, habitando entre nosotros,**
We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears,
**Different people with different histories,
Diferentes personas, diferentes historias,**
Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.
**United in love, journeying together.
Unidos en amor, caminando juntos. Amen.**

⊕ PRAYING

Karen Rice

⊕ PASSING PEACE

Karen Rice

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

⊕ SINGING OUR UNITY

Ubi Caritas

All sing in Latin, Spanish and English.

**Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.
Donde hay amor y caridad, donde hay amor Dios allí está.
Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there, God is dwelling there. Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

A READING

Caged Bird, Maya Angelou
Lu Shan

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird

sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

⊕ SINGING ALLELUIA

Honduras Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Now the Lord is ris'n indeed.
¡Aleluya, aleluya! ¡Aleluya, aleluya! ¡Aleluya, aleluya! El Señor resucito.**

⊕ SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4
Kia Davis

When Mordecai learned what had been done, he tore his clothes, dressed in mourning clothes, and put ashes on his head. Then he went out into the heart of the city and cried out loudly and bitterly. He went only as far as the King's Gate because it was against the law for anyone to pass through it wearing mourning clothes. At the same time, in every province and place where the king's order and his new law arrived, a very great sadness came over the Jews. They gave up eating and spent whole days weeping and crying out loudly in pain. Many Jews lay on the ground in mourning clothes and ashes. When Esther's female servants and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, the queen's whole body showed how upset she was. She sent everyday clothes for Mordecai to wear instead of mourning clothes, but he rejected them. Esther then sent for Hathach, one of the royal eunuchs whose job it was to wait on her. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was going on and why he was acting this way. Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city square in front of the King's Gate. Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He spelled out the exact amount of silver that Haman promised to pay into the royal treasury. It was in exchange for the destruction of the Jews. He also gave Hathach a copy of the law made public in Susa concerning the Jews' destruction so that Hathach could show it to Esther and report it to her. Through him Mordecai ordered her to go to the king to seek his kindness and his help for her people. Hathach came back and told Esther what Mordecai had said. In reply Esther ordered Hathach to tell Mordecai: "All the king's officials and the people in his provinces know that there's a single law in a case like this. Any man or woman who comes to the king in the inner courtyard without being called is to be

put to death. Only the person to whom the king holds out the gold scepter may live. In my case, I haven't been called to come to the king for the past thirty days." When they told Mordecai Esther's words, he had them respond to Esther: "Don't think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you'll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don't speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family." Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren't to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it's against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will." So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.

Cuando Mardoqueo supo todo lo que había pasado, se rasgó la ropa en señal de dolor, se vistió con ropas ásperas, se echó ceniza sobre la cabeza y empezó a recorrer la ciudad dando gritos llenos de amargura. Así llegó hasta la entrada del palacio real, pues no se permitía que entrara nadie vestido de tal manera. También en cada provincia adonde llegaban la orden y el edicto del rey, hubo gran aflicción entre los judíos, los cuales manifestaban su tristeza con ayunos, lágrimas y lamentos, y muchos de ellos se acostaron sobre ceniza y se vistieron con ropas ásperas. Las criadas que estaban al servicio de la reina Ester y los hombres que formaban su guardia personal, comunicaron a ésta lo que estaba sucediendo. Entonces la reina se llenó de angustia y envió ropa a Mardoqueo para que se cambiara la ropa áspera que tenía puesta, pero él no quiso aceptarla. Ester llamó entonces a Hatac, que era oficial de la guardia real, y le ordenó que fuera a ver a Mardoqueo y le preguntara qué estaba sucediendo y por qué hacía todo aquello. Hatac fue a hablar con Mardoqueo, que estaba en la plaza de la ciudad, frente a la puerta del palacio real, y Mardoqueo lo puso al corriente de lo que pasaba y de la cantidad de plata que Amam había prometido entregar al tesoro real a cambio de que los judíos fueran exterminados. También le entregó una copia del decreto de exterminación publicado en Susa, para que se la diera a Ester y así pudiera ella estar informada de todo. También le recomendaba a Ester que hablara personalmente con el rey y le suplicara que interviniera en favor de su pueblo. Hatac regresó y le contó a Ester lo que Mardoqueo le había dicho. Entonces Ester envió nuevamente a Hatac con la siguiente respuesta para Mardoqueo: Todos los que sirven al rey, y los habitantes de las provincias bajo su gobierno, saben que hay una ley que condena a muerte a todo hombre o mujer que entre en el patio interior del palacio para ver al rey sin que él lo haya llamado, a no ser que el rey tienda su cetro de oro hacia esa persona en señal de clemencia, y le perdone así la vida. Por lo que a mí toca, hace ya treinta días que no he sido llamada por el rey. Cuando Mardoqueo recibió la respuesta de Ester, le envió a su vez este mensaje: «No creas que tú, por estar en el palacio real, vas a ser la única judía que salve la vida. Si ahora callas y no dices nada, la liberación de los judíos vendrá de otra parte, pero tú y la familia de tu padre morirán. ¡A lo mejor tú has llegado a ser reina precisamente para ayudarnos en esta situación! Entonces Ester envió esta respuesta a Mardoqueo: Ve y reúne a todos los judíos de Susa, para que ayunen por mí. Que no coman ni beban nada durante tres días y tres noches. Mis criadas y yo haremos también lo mismo, y después iré a ver al rey, aunque eso vaya contra la ley. Y si me matan, que me maten. Entonces Mardoqueo se fue y cumplió todas las indicaciones de Ester.

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

ONE WAYFARER'S STORY

Reclaiming My Time
Lauren Zehyoue

SINGING OUR MEDITATION

Wayfaring Stranger

**I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger, I'm trav'ling through this world below
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger in that bright world to which I go
I'm going there to see my Savior, I'm going there no more to roam
I'm just a going over Jordan, I'm just a going over home.**

LISTENING IN SILENCE

SHARING COMMUNION

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY
PAN PARA EL VIAJE

Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria

Please listen as communion is shared in Spanish this morning.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

What Wondrous Love Is This
Appalachian Folk Hymn
Chuck Andreatta, Banjo

GIVING AND SERVING

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Erica

After the Pastor's prayer, we invite everyone to participate in the Lord's Prayer together.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

I Am Resolved
By James H. Fillmore/ arr. Stan Pethel
Calvary All-Come Choir

⊕ SINGING OUR DEDICATION

Cristo Nos Necesita/ Jesus Needs Us

**Cristo nos necesita para amar, para amar. Cristo nos necesita para amar
Jesus needs us to give the world our love, give our love. Jesus needs us to give the world our love
No te importen las razas ni el color de la piel, ama a todos como hermanos y haz el bien
Let there be no distinction based on color or race. We are sisters, we are brothers in God's grace.
Cristo nos necesita para amar, para amar. Jesus needs us to give the world our love.**

⊕ PRAYING OUR DEDICATION

Pastor Erica

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

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No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

BECOMING DISCIPLES

STEPPING OUT

A BLESSING FOR PASTOR ERICA AND PASTOR ELIJAH

Pastors Sally and Maria

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever you may go.

May the roads you travel rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.

May God guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May the sun shine upon your dreams. May God's blessings surpass all your expectations.

And until we meet again may God you in the palm of Her hand.

✦ SINGING OUR INVITATION

I Thank You, Jesus

**I thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, my Savior God
For you brought me, yes you brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way
I thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, my Savior God
For you brought me, yes you brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way.**

**You've been my father, been my mother, been my sister, my brother too
For you brought me, yes you brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way
You've been my father, been my mother, been my sister, my brother too
For you brought me, yes you brought me from a mighty, a mighty long way.**

✦ WELCOMING WAYFARING FRIENDS

**We give thanks that you have been guided by God to this moment. As a community of faith,
we welcome you into the membership of this church. We pledge to love each other and to work
together to grow into the fullness of Christ.**

✦ SINGING OUR UNITY

Make Us One/ Haznos Uno

MAKE US ONE

**Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

DEPARTING

Gospel Plow

Traditional

Chuck Andreatta, Vocal and Banjo

Following worship join us in Woodward Hall, out the main Chapel doors and straight ahead, for refreshments and a time of fellowship during Coffee Hour. Visitors, we look forward to meeting you!

Families with babies and young children: for your convenience, there are changing tables in the Parents' Room, upstairs on level G3 near the Sanctuary, or downstairs in the nursery.

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Scripture Passage for August 13 is Job Chapter 1.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NEW THIS WEEK: Alzina Dixon, Pastor Elijah's friend.

Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Denny Duffell, John Appiah-Duffell's father; Mamunah Embree, Pastor Elijah's cousin; Berniece and Bill Harward; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Fernando Leonzo, father of Jose Leonzo, friend of Calvary; Jessica Long, Beverly Fahey's daughter-in-law; Esther Miller, Holly Miller's grandmother; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice; Harold Ritchie; Melo dos Santos, Raimundo Barreto's mother-in-law; Ruby Shepherd; Baron Alexander Steiner, son of Erik Steiner, on staff with St. Elizabeth's and Downtown Social Club; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. Peace in El Salvador, refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence, racial reconciliation and justice everywhere; people targeted with hate crimes. Peace in our world, especially those impacted by war, violence and government turmoil.

SPECIAL GIFTS have been made to the Shalom Scholarship Fund in honor of Rick Goodman's birthday by his daughters, Laura Beth Blythe-Goodman and Susie Blythe-Goodman and in honor of Laura Beth Blythe Goodman and Michael Sexton's wedding by Argentina (Tina) Angdisen; to the Endowment Fund in memory of Al Nielsen by Wayne and Charlene Krause, Lois Willoughby, and Stanley and Patricia Youngberg; and to the Endowment Fund in memory of Vivian and Al Nielsen by Dewey and Erma Lee.

UNPLUGGED WORSHIP

CALVARY UNPLUGGED-WAYFARING FRIENDS: STORIES OF DIASPORA, IDENTITY, AND HOME. Here's a not-so-radical claim about the Bible, even though it may sound like it is. The entire thing, start-to-finish, is pretty undeniably a story about immigration, diaspora, journey, and home. Unfortunately, a few hundred years of theology and exegesis have somehow missed that boat, extracting, distilling, and sometimes even, outright denying that whole story of Scripture has profound diasporic roots. As Miguel de La Torre puts it in his Belief commentary on Genesis, "all the patriarchs [and matriarchs]... were sojourners. The narratives of Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph are the stories of aliens trying to survive among unfamiliar people in a land that belonged to others... Is it any wonder that the second most common phrase throughout the biblical text exhorts the reader to take care of the alien among you, along with the widows and orphans?" In honor of this central, imperative thread in Scripture, each week this summer, we will share their own particular experiences of journey, diaspora, identity, and home as we also listen in on Scripture's stories of an immigrant people claiming a God of Home.

VISIO DIVINA. Each Sunday during Calvary Unplugged take a few moments to notice the growing altar of decorative items. As we consider together stories of diaspora, identity, and home from various speakers and proclaimers, consider the geographical regions represented and even those regions we will not be able to hear from. Each altar decorative item represents a different global region or aspect of Creation experienced. This week notice the rocks representing mountains. Many immigrants to the United States face literal and metaphorical mountains. How can you actively reduce or remove another person's mountains? "I lift up my

eyes to the mountains— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” [Psalm 121:1-2]

TODAY

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST. Everyone in the Calvary Community is invited to share in a potluck-style breakfast together, **August 6** at 9:30 a.m. in Butler Hall. Be sure to bring your favorite breakfast dish to share!

UNPLUGGED MUSIC TEAM AND UNPLUGGED SINGERS. Thanks to Chuck Andreatta on banjo, Tim Shaw on guitar, and to everyone who participated in today’s All-Come Choir! Unplugged Singers meet **next Sunday, 10:15 a.m.** and All-Come Choir meets again on communion **Sunday, September 3 at 10:00 a.m.** Contact Cheryl for more info.

NATS TICKETS SHALOM SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER. An anonymous donor has generously provided six tickets to see the Nats play the Giants on Sunday, August 13 at 1:35 p.m. A set of four tickets will go to the highest bidder in our silent auction. **Final bidding will be in person at coffee hour.** Raffle tickets will be on sale at church today, and the winner will be selected at the end of coffee hour. Visit <http://calvarydc.org/give/> for more info Thank you to our anonymous donor and all bidders for supporting Shalom.

COMING UP

THEOLOGY ON DRAFT meets **each Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. in Butler Hall. Contact Pastor Elijah.

CALVARY ALLIES. If you are interested in working for a just immigration system, Calvary collaborates with other local congregations in these efforts, and has opportunities in three areas: Accompaniment, Advocacy, and Organizing. **Monday, August 7**, in Baltimore, Maryland an interfaith delegation will gather at ICE, at 31 Hopkins Plaza at 8:00 a.m. to support the check-in of Roxana Orellana Santos. Visit <http://calvarydc.org>.

BOARD GAME NIGHT! All are invited to Butler Hall 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, **August 8** for a night of fun and board games! We'll have a wide selection, ranging from the classics (Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit) to the more recent (Ticket to Ride, Dixit), plus supplies for "pen-and-paper" parlor games. All are welcome--please feel free to bring guests! Contact John Appiah-Duffell for more information.

COMBINED SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. Make plans to join us in August for the Sunday School Summer of Service Series, a three week series where we'll learn about various aspects of our mission involvement and do hands-on mission projects together. **August 13** will be led by leaders of Downtown Social Club, **August 20** by the Women's Mission Society, and **August 27** by Shalom Scholarship leaders. Each week we'll meet in Butler Hall (3rd floor). Whether you're new or you've been here for years, this is a great opportunity to learn about some of Calvary's commitments to service!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Save the date: **September 1-3.** Contact Eugenia Reyes for more information.

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