

THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER

LA ADORACIÓN DE DIOS | THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 A.M.

We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body
that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.

Somos un cuerpo cristiano ecuménico, multirracial y multiétnico
que se extiende al mundo con las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo.

Con ese fin nos esforzamos ser acogedores, receptivos, confiados y devotos en todo lo que hacemos.



- ⊕ Congregation standing. La congregación se pone de pie.
Congregational responses in **bold**. Audio enhancement devices available for use during worship. Please ask an usher for assistance. Hymn numbers, when listed, refer to the blue Chalice hymnals, which can be found in the racks of each pew. Respuestas congregacionales en **negrita**. Para Biblias en español o traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier. Los números de los himnos, cuando se enumeran, se refieren a los himnarios azules del himnario "Chalice," que se puede encontrar en los estantes en frente de los asientos.

ALABAMOS JUNTOS | GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDIO | PRELUDE

"Lover"
Taylor Swift

ALABANZAS A DIOS | SINGING PRAISE

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Jesus, lover of my soul
Jesus, I will never let You go
You've taken me from the miry clay
You've set my feet upon the rock
And now I know

I love you
I need you
Though my world may fall
I'll never let You go
My Savior
My closest Friend
I will worship You until the very end

"Oh How I Love Jesus"

1. There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

2. It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe,
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below.

Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Oh, how I love Jesus,
Because He first loved me!

LA ALABANZA | CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you have placed me as a seal upon your heart.

Mi amado es mío, y yo suya.

You have said to us that Love is stronger than death.

Mi amado es mío, y yo suya.

From the depths of your heart, you call out to us, "Arise, my love and come away with me."

Mi amado es mío, y yo suya.

Today and everyday, you have claimed us as your Beloved, and we claim you as ours. We worship you today, Lover God, with our full bodies and spirits.

Mi amado es mío, y yo suya. Amen.

⊕ LA PAZ DE CRISTO | PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Liubov Russell

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

⊕ RESPONDEMOS JUNTOS | RESPONDING TOGETHER

"Make Us One" | "Harnos Uno"
Music and Text: Carol Cymbala

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.

Harnos uno, uno en ti. Harnos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.

TIEMPO CON LOS NIÑOS | A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Pastor Elijah

⊕ CANTANDO EL CUENTO | SINGING THE STORY

"Set Me as a Seal"

Lead vocalist(s) will sing stanzas, and we will sing the refrain together.

Refrain: Set me as a seal on your heart
Set me as a seal on your soul
Strong as death is love
Unyielding as the grave
Nothing will quench its flame
Nothing will quench its flame

LA PALABRA DE DIOS | LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

UNA INTERPRETACIÓN DE CANTARES 8 | A READING FROM SONG OF SONGS 8

⁵ Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you. There your mother was in labor with you; there she who bore you was in labor. ⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. ⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

⁵ ¿Quién es ésta que sube del desierto, Recostada sobre su amado? Debajo de un manzano te desperté; Allí tuvo tu madre dolores, Allí tuvo dolores la que te dio a luz. ⁶ Ponme como un sello sobre tu corazón, como una marca sobre tu brazo; Porque fuerte es como la muerte el amor; Duros como el Seol los celos; Sus brasas, brasas de fuego, fuerte llama. ⁷ Las muchas aguas no podrán apagar el amor, ni lo ahogarán los ríos. Si diese el hombre todos los bienes de su casa por este amor, de cierto lo menospreciarían.

MUSICAL REFLECTION | REFLEXIÓN MUSICAL

"Let's Stay Together"

DANDO Y SIRVIENDO | GIVING AND SERVING

ORACIÓN DE LA OFRENDA | OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jeremy Fretts

MUSICA | MUSICAL SELECTION

"Jesus Loves Me"

COLECCIÓN DE LA OFRENDA | COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

Each Sunday, we have the opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice tracing back to the early church. As followers of Jesus began re-imagining their allegiance to God and not Caesar, they also chose to share their money, time, and resources in ways that disrupted systems of power and violence around them. As a community of faith shaped by this intention as we strive to be radically inclusive, progressive, and multicultural, we pray that our commitments might free you to give to this place both joyfully and intentionally.

⊕ ACCLAMACIÓN | ACCLAMATION

"Cuanto Nos Ama Jesus"
"O How She Loves You and Me"

1. Oh how She loves you and me
Oh how She loves you and me
She gave us Life, what more could She give?

Oh how She loves you,
Oh how She loves me,
Oh how She loves you and me.

2. Cuanto nos ama Jesús
Cuanto nos ama Jesús
Con su amor, nos dio su mejor,

Cuanto me ama
Cuanto te ama
Cuanto nos ama Jesús

SELECCIÓN SERMÓNICA | SERMONIC SELECTION

"Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

SERMÓN | SERMON

Permission to Love
Reverend Elijah Zehyoue

1. The Spirit invites us to follow Her way
To find Her at work everywhere
We open our hearts to Her healing each day,
And discover Her kindness to share.

Where She dwells, there is Love
Where She dwells, there is Love

2. Where justice increased, where peace work is done
Her Love reaches fully to all
She welcomes, affirms, and includes everyone
As we answer Her life giving call.

Where She dwells, there is Love
Where She dwells, there is Love

3. The Spirit inspires us to join Her each day
She calls from within and above
We find Her transforming, compassionate way
And become Her divine, wondrous Love.

Where She dwells, there is Love
Where She dwells, there is Love

AFIRMANDO LA LLAMADA DE DIOS | AFFIRMING GOD'S CALL

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.

Damos gracias que haya sido guiado por Dios a este momento. Como una comunidad de fe, te damos la bienvenida a la membresía de esta iglesia. Nos comprometemos a amarnos unos a otros y a trabajar juntos para crecer en la plenitud de Cristo.

Be sure to join us in Woodward Hall, left as you exit the Sanctuary, 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, you'll find changing tables in the Parents' Room, balcony level on the right side, and also downstairs in the nursery.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For DREAMers at Calvary and across the country as they await the Supreme Court ruling. Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Francine Glandt, Dick and Marilyn Glandt's daughter-in-law; Rosa Gutierrez, guest in sanctuary at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda MD; Berniece and Bill Harward; Karen Holt, Jason Hasbrouck's mother; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; The Langford Family; Judy Mein; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Dochka Nikolova, Liubov Russell's friend; Jacqueline Renfrow, Nancy and Phil Renfrow's daughter-in-law; Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Melo dos Santos, Raimundo Barreto's mother-in-law; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Estelle Singleton, Liubov Russell's friend; Ruby Shepherd; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents.

In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights. We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation.

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. Our collective response to resisting white supremacy. Victims of terror everywhere. Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status.

TODAY

CONGRESSIONAL CHORUS PRESENTS: Nevertheless, She Persisted... America's Women Composers. **Sunday, November 24**, - 4:30 p.m., Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street NW, WDC.

This unique concert journey will take us from Amy Beach's Festival Jubilate of 1892 to the music of today's most prolific and innovative women composers. Tickets (\$10-\$39): congressionalchorus.org; Calvary Members receive a 20% discount off all tickets by entering discount code CALVARY.

LOVED X GOD: A SERIES ON THE SONG OF SONGS. For much of Christian history, Christians haven't had much trouble describing God's *power and might*. We've written hundreds of hymns about it, preached thousands of sermons about it, and interpreted much of human history around it. Unfortunately, though, and really at our expense, we've done a pretty poor job describing God's *immanence and vulnerability*. While describing God as Mighty Warrior seems to roll right off the theological tongue, describing God as a Lover, vulnerable to ecstasy and heartbreak, seems to stick on the roofs of our mouths. We like a God who always wins, but a God who loves, and loses, and suffers, and gets their heart broken, and fails, and finds love again, we're not so sure about trusting a God like that.

The mystics help, for sure—Christian mystics and beyond.

Contextual, embodied theologies of liberation help, too.

And, for what it's worth, our lived experience, if we'd ever give it any creedal value, helps too.

And then there's a particular part of our canon, one that barely made it, that helps, too. Together we're going to explore God's immanence, our vulnerability, and the ever-evocative Song of Songs. This means you might hear music in worship that's usually reserved for weddings and nightclubs. It means you might hear poetry that's difficult to believe is Scripture. And hopefully, by next month, it will mean that our shared Scriptural story helps us talk better about our immanent, vulnerable God.

TO OUR GUESTS. Welcome to Calvary! Be sure to sign our guestbook or fill out a visitor's card. After worship join us for Coffee Hour in Woodward Hall for fellowship and snacks, and stop by the welcome table. If you parked in the garage adjacent to Calvary, using the blue Calvary elevator, be sure to have your ticket stamped (see an usher or stop by the Rotunda entrance downstairs) and give it to the attendant as you exit the parking garage today. Again, welcome!

PARA NUESTROS INVITADOS. ¡Bienvenidos a Calvary! Por favor, asegúrese de firmar nuestro registro de invitados o llenar una tarjeta de invitado. Después del culto, todos están invitados a tomar un cafecito y un compartir tiempo de conversación informal con la comunidad. Nos reunimos en el Woodward Hall, a la izquierda saliendo del santuario. Si usted estacionó en el garaje de la iglesia asegúrese de obtener un sello en su boleto (vea a un ujier o pase por la entrada de la Rotunda el primer piso del santuario) y entrégueselo al encargado del estacionamiento. Otra vez, ¡Bienvenidos!

MUSIC NOTES. Choir is in session! If you love to sing, join us at **9:45 a.m. each Sunday** in the Music Suite, and sing with us in worship. All are welcome!

LATEST HAPPENINGS! Sign up for our weekly newsletter! Visit calvarydc.org and click "Sign Up for Updates."

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES. Join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. We have English and Spanish adult classes, and sessions for children of all ages! Nursery is available during worship for the youngest among us. Adult English Language: Library; Adult Spanish Language: Butler Hall; Children & Youth: G319; Middle School: Office G116; High School: Office G112.

COMING UP

SUPPORT CALVARY ON AMAZON. Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0196528, AmazonSmile donates to Calvary Baptist Church?

NEXT SUNDAY! COMMUNITY BREAKFAST. Bring your favorite festive breakfast dish to share on **Sunday, December 1** at 10:00 a.m. for special post-Thanksgiving, pre-Christmas, start-up-to-Advent Holiday Breakfast!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!! Come sing with us at church on **Sunday, December 15!** We will be performing "Mary Had a Baby" in both English and Spanish. All ages welcome!! Contact Miss Rhea at rheanaomiwilliams@gmail.com with any questions! Rehearsal schedule below:

Sunday, 12/1, 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, 12/8, 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, 12/15, 10:00-10:30 a.m. in the Music Suite

Performance will be Sunday, December 15

CHRISTMAS AND LAS POSADAS! SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WORSHIP! Please make special plans to mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 15.** We will celebrate the season in song during our worship hour with numerous guest musicians joining us for this special musical event! After the service, we will gather for our annual Posadas Celebration, luncheon, and Shalom Church Fundraiser. It will be a fun-filled day of joyful celebration!

LAS POSADAS! After worship on **Sunday, December 15**, stay for our very special, family-friendly, fun-filled, multicultural, Shalom Church-fundraising extravaganza. Join us for a special end-of-year potluck fundraiser on behalf of our partner Shalom Baptist Church in El Salvador. We'll celebrate a rich Latin American Christmas tradition known as Las Posadas. Together, we will go on a journey a little like Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus' as they awaited the hospitality and care of strangers to see them through a most uncertain time. We'll sing, eat, and celebrate together! Donations of any amount are welcome. Lots of games, gifts and festivities for kids of all ages! Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share!

POINSETTIAS! Purchase a poinsettia to honor or remember a friend or loved one this season. Forms are available at the welcome table, or church office. Poinsettias are \$15 each and can also be ordered online. Select Flower Fund for Donation Designation and enter "In Memory of / In Honor of" information in Comments box. Orders must be placed by **Monday, December 16** to appear in the bulletin on Sunday, December 22.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY

Sunday, December 1
Community Potluck Breakfast

Saturday, December 7
El Hogar – Carols at Carol's

Sunday, December 15
Posadas Celebration and Shalom Church Potluck Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 24
Cookies and Cider
Family Nativity Worship

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