

Reformation + Pledge Sunday

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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.

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

“Thank you, Lord”
sung by Tim Shaw

Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
Thank you, Lord.
I just want to thank you, Lord.

Gracias, Dios.
Gracias, Dios.
Gracias, Dios.
Hoy te doy mis gracias, Dios.

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Allen Dalton
Deacon of the Week

Heaven and earth, be witness to our work of creating a world steeped in liberation for all.

We commit ourselves to working for justice,
standing up for the defenseless,
and defending the vulnerable.

God, we know that the nation’s hands are bloody.

We cannot change the past.
We are invited to learn from it.
We can create a new reality in the present.

God, we commit to being transformed people.

We will no longer oppress.
We will no longer marginalize.
Poverty will no longer prevail.
Supremacy will be unwoven from this nation’s tapestry.
Inequitable laws will not thrive in our justice system.

God, just as you love us, we will love all people. Love will be infused in all that we do.

Written by Rev. R. Aretha Flucker, who is the Director of Community and Spiritual Life at Brite Divinity School and serves on the Board of Directors of the Alliance.

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace of Christ

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 | Haznos Uno”

**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.**

Escuchando | Listening

Blessing our Pledges | Bendición para las Ofrendas

Today, we bless our 2021 pledges. Visit www.calvarydc.org/serve/stewardship to fill out your 2021 Pledge form as well as your 2021 Serving and Giving form.

God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? -Micah 6:8

Canción | Scripture Refrain

composed by Rhea Williams

**Will you do justice
Will you love mercy
Will you walk humbly
With God, with God?**

**Hacer justicia,
Ser compasivo,
Humildemente,
Con nuestro Dios.**

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Juan | John 3:1-8
Pastor Sally

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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Había un hombre de los fariseos que se llamaba Nicodemo, un principal entre los judíos. ² Este vino a Jesús de noche, y le dijo: Rabí, sabemos que has venido de Dios como maestro; porque nadie puede hacer estas señales que tú haces, si no está Dios con él. ³ Respondió Jesús y le dijo: De cierto, de cierto te digo, que el que no naciere de nuevo, no puede ver el reino de Dios. ⁴ Nicodemo le dijo: ¿Cómo puede un hombre nacer siendo viejo? ¿Puede acaso entrar por segunda vez en el vientre de su madre, y nacer? ⁵ Respondió Jesús: De cierto, de cierto te digo, que el que no naciere de agua y del Espíritu, no puede entrar en el reino de Dios. ⁶ Lo que es nacido de la carne, carne es; y lo que es nacido del Espíritu, espíritu es. ⁷ No te maravilles de que te dije: Os es necesario nacer de nuevo. ⁸ El viento sopla de donde quiere, y oyes su sonido; mas ni sabes de dónde viene, ni a dónde va; así es todo aquel que es nacido del Espíritu.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

***Wade in the Water*, Traditional spiritual**
arr. Shelton Ridge Love
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Sermón | Sermon

Dr. James Forbes

In partnership with the Alliance of Baptists, Dr. James Forbes is leveraging the opportunity of gathering virtually to beam into pulpits across America for a timely message on Reformation Sunday. Preaching from John 3:1-8, Dr. Forbes will proclaim the call for ongoing reform and renewal within the church. Ongoing calls for reform and renewal within the church are a central part of our history. Today's cry for renewal and reform in the church is a call to repentance and continuing engagement with the long, demanding, necessary and life-giving process of turning away from racism and turning toward the beloved community.

Dr. Forbes is National Minister of the Drum Major Institute, Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church, the Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary, and President of the Healing of the Nations Ministries. Additionally, Dr. Forbes is a highly-acclaimed author, scholar, and nationally sought-after speaker, affectionately referred to in national and international religious circles as the preacher's preacher because of his extensive preaching career and his charismatic style. We are proud, along with the Alliance of Baptists, to partner with Dr. Forbes to offer this timely message.

Himno | Hymn of Invitation

“We Are One In the Spirit”

sung by David Simmons/Michael Polscer

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that Love is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Maria

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Announcements

Quarterly Business Meeting immediately following worship today! We will be voting on 2021 Budget and Nominations Slate.

Remember in Prayer

John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother. Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy. Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together. 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; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Anna Kneifel, The Langford Family; Rich Madigan, Nancy Martin, Claudia Moore's friend; Judy Mein; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles, Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Lilia Ross, friend of Liubov Russell; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, friend of Liubov Russell; 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.

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