

Belovedness 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 and a Statement on this Week's Events

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

She's God the Whole World

sung by Tim Shaw

She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole word in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Lauren Zehyoue
Deacon of the Week*

Oh God, you have called us your Beloved.
This is a sacred gift and a sacred responsibility.

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

Dando en Linea | Giving Online

Please visit www.calvarydc.org/give. 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.

Canción | Refrain

Wade in the Water
sung by Rhea Williams

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water

See, that host all dressed in white
God's gonna trouble the water
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's gonna trouble the water

**Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water**

**See, that band all dressed in red,
God's gonna the trouble the water
Looks the band that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the water**

**Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water**

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Marcos | Mark 1:4-11

Ed Wyatt

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my [Child,] the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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Bautizaba Juan en el desierto, y predicaba el bautismo de arrepentimiento para perdón de pecados. Y salían a él toda la provincia de Judea, y todos los de Jerusalén; y eran bautizados por él en el río Jordán, confesando sus pecados. Y Juan estaba vestido de pelo de camello, y tenía un cinto de cuero alrededor de sus lomos; y comía langostas y miel silvestre. Y predicaba, diciendo: Viene tras mí el que es más poderoso que yo, a quien no soy digno de desatar encorvado la correa de su calzado. Yo a la verdad os he bautizado con agua; pero él os bautizará con Espíritu Santo.

Aconteció en aquellos días, que Jesús vino de Nazaret de Galilea, y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Y luego, cuando subía del agua, vio abrirse los cielos, y al Espíritu como paloma que descendía sobre él. Y vino una voz de los cielos que decía: Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti tengo complacencia.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

God Calls You Good

composed by Paul Vasile

sung by David Simmons/Michael Polscer

*God calls you good, beloved child.
You are a treasure deeply prized.
And you can say to every doubting voice,
'God calls you good, beloved child.'*

*God calls me good, beloved child.
I am a treasure deeply prized.
And I can say to every doubting voice,
'God calls me good, beloved child.'*

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Junia (June) Joplin

Junia "June" Joplin began serving in church ministry over twenty years ago, at nineteen years old. She has served congregations in the U.S. and Canada, most recently serving as a pastor in suburban Toronto. She holds degrees from Appalachian State University and the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. A long-time advocate for greater LGBTQ+ acceptance in faith communities, June made international headlines last summer when she came out as a trans woman and was subsequently fired by her congregation. June has been acclaimed as a stirring preacher and graceful leader. Her sermons and other content can be found on her website, pastorjune.com.



Himno | Hymn of Invitation

Come Thou Fount/God of Grace
sung by Tim Shaw

**Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail God's ways!
From the fears that long have bound us,
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.**

**Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Lauren Zehyoue with your cares or concerns: laurend.zehyoue@gmail.com.

Join us during Coffee Hour for a special dedication of Calvary's newest baby, Phoebe Rosalind Levin. Liturgy below. Special congratulations to parents Tessa McBrayer Levin and Alex Levin.

Dedication for Phoebe Rosalind Levin

Leader: We are here today to present this Beloved child, Phoebe Rosalind Levin to the church and to consecrate her to God. Who brings her today for this holy purpose?

Parent: I, her mother do.

Leader: What do we the congregation affirm about this child?

People: We affirm that she is a child of God, that she is loved and will be included in the experiences of this congregation.

Leader: As Phoebe grows, what will we tell her about her story of faith?

People: We will tell her about the God of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Ruth and Naomi, Mary, and the prophets. We will tell her about Jesus, about the reign of God that Jesus proclaimed, and about a gospel that means to liberate the whole world.

Leader: What is our hope for this child?

People: We will look to the day when Phoebe chooses to follow the path of Love and Justice given in the witness of Jesus.

Leader: Do you, her mother, accept the sacred responsibility for keeping her in touch with such hopes and expectations?

Parent: Yes, I accept this responsibility.

Leader: And do you, the congregation, pledge to work toward creating a nurturing, loving environment for this child, rooted in the truth of her Belovedness?

People: Yes, we do, for Phoebe belongs to us.

Leader: Then, may God be with us.

All: And may God's light and love lead us.

Words of Blessing

Phoebe, you were created by God in God's image. You are a child of God. Because you belong among us we promise to nurture you in the hope that one day you will participate in building God's good reign on earth, and grow to be a partner with God, participating in the care and continuance of God's good creation. Amen.

Remember in Prayer

Family and friends of John Blythe, Carol Blythe's father; Family and friends of Judy Mein; Middle Collegiate Church, after losing its beloved sanctuary to a fire; Family and friends of Gwen Goodman, niece of Rick Goodman; Friends and family of Akua Afriyie Achempong, Salima Appiah-Duffell's cousin; 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; 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, 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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