

ONLINE CHURCH

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BLACK

LIVES

TRUTH TELLERS

WOMEN

FAITH

HISTORY

THEY MATTER.

Black History Month

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

“Down By the Riverside”
sung by Tim Shaw

**I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside
I'm gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside
Study war no more**

**I ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more
Ain't gonna study war no more**

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield...

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Bren Elliott, Deacon
Rosa Villoch, Liturgist*

O God of our weary years and God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far on the way—

Hear us, O God! For your Black children continue to offer a wellspring of vision and voice in the deserts of the American imagination.

O God, you assured us that you have heard the cries of your children, that you have seen the plight of their suffering, and that you would shadow them beneath your hand.

O God, we ask that you deliver us from the violent white supremacy that surrounds us. God we ask that you make your justice flow, and your righteousness fall like an ever-flowing stream.

O God, we know that you do see our suffering and hear our cries. We know that despite the structures of this world, Black Lives do Matter to you. Black Lives have always mattered to you. Black Lives will always matter to you.

O God, then let *us* awake. Let Black Lives Matter to *us* in America and let Black Lives Matter all over the world. Let us be a church where Black Faith Matters, and where Black Faith is valued as Sacred to us all.

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

Comunión | Communion

Pastor Sally

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.

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Génesis | Genesis 32:22-32

Rosa Villoch, Liturgist

Y se levantó aquella noche, y tomó sus dos mujeres, y sus dos siervas, y sus once hijos, y pasó el vado de Jaboc. Los tomó, pues, e hizo pasar el arroyo a ellos y a todo lo que tenía. Así se quedó Jacob solo; y luchó con él un varón hasta que rayaba el alba. Y cuando el varón vio que no podía con él, tocó en el sitio del encaje de su muslo, y se descoyuntó el muslo de Jacob mientras con él luchaba. Y dijo: Déjame, porque raya el alba. Y Jacob le respondió: No te dejaré, si no me bendices. Y el varón le dijo: ¿Cuál es tu nombre? Y él respondió: Jacob. Y el varón le dijo: No se dirá más tu nombre Jacob, sino Israel; porque has luchado con Dios y con los hombres, y has vencido. Entonces Jacob le preguntó, y dijo: Declárame ahora tu nombre. Y el varón respondió: ¿Por qué me preguntas por mi nombre? Y lo bendijo allí. Y llamó Jacob el

nombre de aquel lugar, Peniel; porque dijo: Vi a Dios cara a cara, y fue librada mi alma. Y cuando había pasado Peniel, le salió el sol; y cojeaba de su cadera. Por esto no comen los hijos de Israel, hasta hoy día, del tendón que se contrajo, el cual está en el encaje del muslo; porque tocó a Jacob este sitio de su muslo en el tendón que se contrajo.

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The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Canción | Refrain

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray
Lord let me walk each day with thee,
Lead me oh Lord, lead me.**

Lead Me, Guide Me | Guíame
sung by Rhea Williams

**Guíame, guíame en tu verdad,
Si me conduces, no vagaré.
Dios, déjame contigo andar,
Guíame, mi Señor.**

Una Lectura | A Sacred Reading

The Struggle is in your name, Samori--you were named for Samori Toure who struggled against French colonizers for the right to his own black body. He died in captivity, but the profits of that struggle and others like it are ours, even when the object of that struggle, as is so often true, escapes our grasp. I learned this living among people whom I would have never chosen, because the privileges of being black are not always self-evident. We are, as Derrick Bell once wrote, the "faces at the bottom of the well." But there really is wisdom down here and there is also wisdom in streets. I think now of that old rule that should a boy be set upon in someone else's chancy hood, his friends must stand with him and they must all take their beating together. I now know that within this edict lay the key to all living. None of us were promised to end the fight on our feet, fists raised to the sky. We could not control our

words from Ta-Nehisi Coates
"Between the World and Me"
Bren Elliott, reader

enemies number, strength, or weaponry. Sometimes you just caught a bad one. But whether you fought or ran, you did it together, because that is the part that is in our control. But what we must never do is willingly hand over our own bodies or the bodies of our friends. That was the wisdom: We knew that we did not lay down the direction of the street, but despite that, we could--and must--fashion the way of our walk. **And that is the deeper meaning of your name--that the struggle, in and of itself, has meaning.**

And Perhaps the struggle is all we have because the god of history is an atheist, and nothing about the world is meant to be. So you must wake up every morning knowing that no promise is unbreakable, least of all the promise of waking up at all. But this is not despair. These are just the preferences of the universe itself: verbs over nouns, actions over states, struggle over hope. And yet still, I urge you to struggle. Even though I do not believe we can stop them, Samori, because ultimately, they must stop themselves. But I still urge you to struggle. But as you struggle, do not pin your struggle on their conversion. The Dreamers will have to learn to struggle for themselves, to understand that the field of their dream, the stage where they believe themselves to be white is the deathbed of us all. **So don't struggle for them. But struggle for yourself. Struggle for the memories of your ancestors. Struggle for wisdom. Struggle for your grandmother and grandfather. Struggle for your name. Struggle because the struggle, itself is worth it and so is your life. Struggle because it is the only portion of the world that is in your control.**

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

Just a Closer Walk/Quiero Andar
sung by Chris Urquiaga

Sermón | Sermon

Brooke Davis



Brooke Davis is a diplomat who has served on assignments in China, India, and Pakistan. She was a recipient of the Thomas Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship through the State Department. Before starting her career in public service, Brooke worked for an international microfinance and impact investing nonprofit, and as an interfaith chaplain, providing spiritual support to students from diverse faith backgrounds.

In her current role, Brooke develops and advises global, multi-sector partnerships to advance the freedom of religion or belief, address the roots of transnational white supremacist violence, and advocate for human rights protections for LGBTQ individuals, conflict survivors,

and those with disabilities. Brooke graduated from Carleton College and holds a dual masters in theology and public administration from Harvard Divinity School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is originally from Richmond, Virginia and is the youngest of four siblings.

Himno | Hymn of Invitation

“Brother Martin Taught us Freedom”

lyrics by Maria Swearingen

sung by Michael Polsker/David Simmons

**Brother Martin taught us freedom,
Sister Ella taught us too,
And they prayed to God for strength to
Teach the nation what to do,
Even still, we would not listen,
Lost and shrouded by our fears,
Still today, our vision suffers,
Even after all these years.**

**Will the faith this nation claims be
One that does not change a thing?
Or will it be faith with works that
Walks the miles, repairs the breach?
Until Black Lives Matter fully,
And their stories matter, too,
Only then will our faith be
Not just words, but what we do.**

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Bren Elliott, brendafelliott@yahoo.com with your cares or concerns.

Announcements:

Shalom Scholars Update: TODAY following worship, we’ll see a presentation updating us on the Shalom Scholars program. There will be photos, we’ll learn about what the fund is going towards, and hear more about the program!

Revised Mission/Vision/Values Statement Affirmed by the Congregation

Our Labor Together: A Mission Statement

We are a multi-racial, multi-ethnic community of Christ followers committed to the sacred work of anti-racism, social justice, and radical inclusion.

Our Belovedness: A Values Statement

We affirm that God celebrates the creative diversity of God's kin-dom, loving people of every color, faith, nationality, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, physical and cognitive ability, and economic status. It matters that people who have been historically marginalized by the Christian church in America see themselves listed here as God's beloved. In other words, **you** are our values statement.

- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people of faith to keep saying, and living, this truth.
- We believe no human being is "illegal," and as a Sanctuary Church, we fully welcome and support people of all immigration statuses.
- We believe LGBTQ+ lives are sacred, beautiful, and ought to be fully included and affirmed in all aspects of congregational life and leadership.
- We celebrate that our worshipping life is multi-lingual and multi-dimensional, especially shaped by Latin American, particularly Salvadoran, traditions, and the Historic Black Church tradition.
- We value interfaith inclusion and welcome people of any and all faith traditions to find a home here.
- We value people for who they are and not for their role in an economy where wealth accumulates and people struggle to live.
- We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional land of the Piscataway, Anacostan, and Nacotchtank Peoples past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We believe that the earth is sacred and that we must continue to learn how to be better caretakers of the land we inhabit.
- We value diverse theological voices which have long stood on the margins within the Christian tradition in America.

Our Holy Imagination: A Vision Statement

We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the clarion call to engage in the active and disruptive work of anti-racism and decolonization, both within ourselves and in the world. Ultimately, we commit to this labor as a *joyful* act of discipleship that leads us ever deeper into the Gospel of liberation and life.

Remember in Prayer

NEW THIS WEEK: Family and friends of Paul E. Kondy, Amy Dale's uncle. Family and friends of Osmin Pérez, Eugenia Reyes' cousin. *A special note: if you would like to support Eugenia's family with the funeral costs, you can give here directly:*

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/funeral-services-in-memory-of-our-beloved-father>.

Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; 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; 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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