

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 de febrero/february 21, 2021 | 9:45 a.m.

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#DontGiveUp

#Lent 2021



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“Don’t Give Up” and engage a digital
version of this year’s booklet here:*

<http://bit.ly/calvarydcdontgiveup>

All artwork for the series by Rachel and Ruthie Alcazar.

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Himno de Alabanza | Hymn of Praise

“Woke Up This Morning”
sung by Tim Shaw

I woke up this morning with my mind...
Stayed on freedom (x 3)
Halelu, Halelu, Hallelujah.

I'm walking and talking with my mind...
Stayed on freedom (x 3)
Halelu, Halelu, Hallelujah.

I'm singing and praying with my mind...
Stayed on freedom (x 3)
Halelu, Halelu, Hallelujah.

It ain't no harm to keep your mind...
Stayed on freedom (x3)
Halelu, Halelu, Hallelujah.

I woke up this morning with my mind...
Stayed on freedom (x 3)
Halelu, Halelu, Hallelujah.

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Eugenia Reyes, Deacon
Rachel Alcazar, Liturgist

O God, this morning as we gather to worship you, we hear you say to us, through your Word and through the courage and wisdom of those who've gone before us:

“Don't give up, Beloved.”

We hear the Apostle Paul, likely imprisoned by State Power, say to us in Galatians, “Do not grow weary in doing good for at the proper time, you will a reap a harvest if you do not give up.”

“Don't give up, Beloved.”

During these days of confession and reflection, we will commit to not giving up on the things that matter most.

We will not give up on joy.

We will not give up on each other.

We will not give up on ourselves.

We will not give up justice.

We will not give up on today.

And will not give up on tomorrow.

Thank for you teaching us to not give up.

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

Tiempo Con Los Niños | Time With Children

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.

Una Reflección | A Musical Reflection on Joy

“don’t have to wait”
composed by Rhea Williams

take some time, it’s alright
to kick off your shoes while we
continue fighting to survive
feel the warm concrete beneath your feet
take a beat

one moment, remember
all you need right now is to breathe
pull back the curtains let the light enter
see the carpet lit up by moonbeams
take a seat

just press pause, it's right here and now
joy in the midst of it all somehow
sunrise sunset we're gonna keep going
pockets of laughter even in our mourning

Beloved, we've suffered
long enough, it's been an endless day
stop in your tracks,
push the coffee table back
play tunes in the living room and just sway
i'm out of spoons so I'll stay in
and say it's okay to

if you make breakfast for dinner
this evening
i'll tell you i don't care
we don't have to wait
until morning



Learn more about this photo of James Baldwin and read Salima Appiah Duffell's Lenten reflection on why she won't give up on joy here: <http://bit.ly/calvarydcdontgiveup>.

Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Romanos | Romans 12:1-2
Rachel Alcazar, Liturgist

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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Así que, hermanos, os ruego por las misericordias de Dios, que presentéis vuestros cuerpos en sacrificio vivo, santo, agradable a Dios, que es vuestro culto racional. No os conforméis a este siglo, sino transformaos por medio de la renovación de vuestro entendimiento, para que comprobéis cuál sea la buena voluntad de Dios, agradable y perfecta.

Una Lectura | A Sacred Reading

read by Pastor Elijah

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”
*sung by Desmond Thompson
and the Calvary Virtual Choir*

Sermón | Sermon

Reverend Alfonso Campbell III



Reverend Alfonso Campbell III is the current Minister of Community Engagement and Ministry Development at Zion Baptist Church in Washington, DC where the Rev. Dr Keith W. Byrd Sr. is Pastor. Additionally, he is also the Campus Minister at the University of District of Columbia.

Reverend Campbell graduated from Howard University with his Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology and holds a Master of Divinity from the The Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology At

Virginia Union. Furthermore, he has an unwavering commitment to justice and creating spaces that are inclusive for all voices, which he believes is the true definition of church and always eyeing what's around the corner, Reverend Campbell, is an unapologetic dreamer and innovator that hopes to bring a breath of fresh air to the life of the Christian Church.

Himno | A Hymn-Postlude on Joy

Reflection on "How Great Thou Art"

*Setting by Aaron David Miller and J. Bert Carlson
David Simmons, organ*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what **joy** shall fill my heart.*

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Elijah

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Contact the Deacon of the Week Eugenia Reyes, eugenia1170@gmail.com with your cares or concerns.

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 Victor Tupitza; Family and friends of Elizabeth Lott Thomas, Celia Thomas' mother

Paul Lansing; Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's 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; 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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