

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

14 de marzo/March 14, 2021 | 9:45 a.m.

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#DontGiveUp

#Lent 2021



*Learn more about our Lenten Series
“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

“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 (2X)**

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

I'm gonna walk with that Prince of Peace...

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Eva Powell, Deacon
Brayan Gonzalez, 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

Un Momento de Silencio | A Moment of Silence for the Year

Dando en Línea | 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.

Scripture Refrain

**Never give up,
Never give up,
Never give up to thy sorrows,
Jesus will bid them depart;
Trust in the Lord,
Trust in the Lord,
Sing when your trials are greatest,
Trust in the Lord and take heart.**

**Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas, amigo,
Cristo lo tiene en control;
Nunca te rindas,
Nunca te rindas,
Canta al pesar de la lucha,
Cristo a tu lado está.**

Cuán hermosos son sobre los montes los pies del que trae alegres nuevas, del que anuncia la paz, del que trae nuevas del bien, del que publica salvación, del que dice a Sion: Tu Dios reina!

Voz de tus atalayas! Alzarán la voz, juntamente darán voces de júbilo; porque ojo a ojo verán que Jehová vuelve a traer a Sion.

Cantad alabanzas, alegraos juntamente, soledades de Jerusalén; porque Jehová ha consolado a su pueblo, a Jerusalén ha redimido. Jehová desnudó su santo brazo ante los ojos de todas las naciones, y todos los confines de la tierra verán la salvación del Dios nuestro.

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How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Creciendo | Growing

Una Reflexión | A Musical Reflection on Justice

"Long Haul"
composed by Rhea Williams

When I was young I thought that heaven was an endpoint
And nothing mattered in this life until your death but
Now that I've tasted and seen great imagination
I think that heaven looks more like our liberation

Now I'm no longer enticed by the get rich quick schemes
I won't be satisfied by cheap justice so easily
Neither a rat race nor aesthetic it's ongoing,
I pray let it roll down, we're grounded and we're growing

So hold on, we're in it for the long haul

I'm often tired by the cycles of oppression
I find myself asking 'will the suffering ever end?'
Then I look back at saints — my ancestors and their pain
Refusing to believe that their labor was in vain

So hold on, we're in it for the long haul

Read Diana Pliego Padilla's Lenten reflection on why we must not don't give up on Justice: <http://bit.ly/calvarydcdontgiveup>.

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Maria

Himno | A Hymn-Postlude Piano variation on the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
lyrics by Julia Ward Howe
David Simmons, piano

About 100 years after Julia Ward Howe wrote the lyrics of "Battle Hymn of the Republic," those same lyrics often appeared in the sermons and speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, most notably in his "How Long, Not Long" speech from the steps of the Alabama State Capitol building on March 25, 1965, after the Selma to Montgomery march, and in his final sermon, "I've Been To The Mountaintop" delivered in Memphis, Tennessee on the evening of April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. In that sermon, King's last public words, end with the first lyrics of the "Battle Hymn": "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

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Contact the Deacon of the Week Eva Powell, empow819W@gmail.com
with your cares or concerns.

Announcements:

This Sunday, March 14, join us after worship for a virtual memorial service for Rev. Victor Tupitza. (Same Zoom link as worship.)

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 John Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's brother; Isaac Wright; Patricia Servat, grandmother of Zack Ecclestons

Family and friends of Royce Rice, Courtney Miller's father; Celebrating the birth of Eleanor Mae Shaw to parents Amy and Tim Shaw; Family and friends of Victor Tupitza; Family and friends of Elizabeth Lott Thomas; Paul Lansing; Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; 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; 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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