

IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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How the Light Gets In Stewardship 2022



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Alabando | Worshipping

Música | Prelude

Chris Urquiaga

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

I Shall Not Be Moved | No Nos Moverán

I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
I shall not be, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the
water, I shall not be moved!

Glory, hallelujah, I shall not be moved,
Glory, hallelujah, I shall not be moved,
Just like a tree that's planted by the
water, I shall not be moved!

No, no, no nos moverán!
No, no, no nos moverán!
Como un arbol firme junto al rio
No nos moverán!

Unidos en la lucha, no nos moverán,
Unidos en la lucha, no nos moverán
Como un arbol firme junto al rio
No nos moverán!

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Victor Udoewa, Deacon

You, loving God, are the ground of our being and the river of life;
You steady our roots and draw them to seek the living waters.
You are like the sunlight enticing us taller
You are like the breeze rustling our leaves.
You are with us through hard seasons of summer heat,
and you are with us in the nights when winter's frost ices the landscape,
Your love warms and sustains us.
Let our praise be plentiful,
Let our worship be wonder-full! Amen!

-by Bruce Prewer

*La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

Victor Udoewa, Deacon

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 and Shiowei Chen

**Congregation stands. La congregación se pone de pie.
Para traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.*

La Ofrenda | Giving to Calvary

Please visit <http://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.



Medicación Musical | Musical Meditation

Que Esta Iglesia Sea un Arbol

May this church be like a tree behind your house, there in your garden,
Meeting place for joy, and feast, and simple prayer beneath its branches,
With its roots so fertile and its arms raised high to heaven,
May this church bear fruits of justice, acts of loving compassion

**Tree ever growing by living water,
Running eternal, flowing from God.**

Una Lectura | Scripture Lesson

Lucas | Luke 8:4-15
Rev. Mahogany Thomas

⁴When a large crowd was gathering, as people were coming to him from town after town, he said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed, and as he sowed some fell on a path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on rock, and as it grew up it withered for lack of moisture. ⁷Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. ⁸Some fell into good soil, and when it grew it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “If you have ears to hear, then hear!”

⁹Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but to others I speak in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive and hearing they may not understand.’”

¹¹“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart and bear fruit with endurance.

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⁴Juntándose una gran multitud, y los que de cada ciudad venían a él, les dijo por parábola: ⁵El sembrador salió a sembrar su semilla; y mientras sembraba, una parte cayó junto al camino, y fue hollada, y las aves del cielo la comieron. ⁶Otra parte cayó sobre la piedra; y nacida, se secó, porque no tenía humedad. ⁷Otra parte cayó entre espinos, y los espinos que nacieron

juntamente con ella, la ahogaron. ⁸Y otra parte cayó en buena tierra, y nació y llevó fruto a ciento por uno. Hablando estas cosas, decía a gran voz: El que tiene oídos para oír, oiga. ⁹Y sus discípulos le preguntaron, diciendo: ¿Qué significa esta parábola? ¹⁰Y él dijo: A vosotros os es dado conocer los misterios del reino de Dios; pero a los otros por parábolas, para que viendo no vean, y oyendo no entiendan. ¹¹Esta es, pues, la parábola: La semilla es la palabra de Dios. ¹²Y los de junto al camino son los que oyen, y luego viene el diablo y quita de su corazón la palabra, para que no crean y se salven. ¹³Los de sobre la piedra son los que habiendo oído, reciben la palabra con gozo; pero estos no tienen raíces; creen por algún tiempo, y en el tiempo de la prueba se apartan. ¹⁴La que cayó entre espinos, estos son los que oyen, pero yéndose, son ahogados por los afanes y las riquezas y los placeres de la vida, y no llevan fruto. ¹⁵Mas la que cayó en buena tierra, estos son los que con corazón bueno y recto retienen la palabra oída, y dan fruto con perseverancia.

Medicación Musical | Musical Meditation

Que Esta Iglesia Sea un Arbol

Que esta iglesia sea un árbol en el fondo de tu casa,
que haya fiesta y alegría y oración bajo sus ramas.
Con raíces bien profundas y sus brazos hacia el cielo,
que esta iglesia sea fecunda dando frutos de consuelo.

**Arbol plantado junto a las aguas,
De vida eterna de nuestro Dios.**

Reflección de Mayordomía | Stewardship Reflection

Victor Udoewa

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

Cuan Grande es El | How Great Thou Art
Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga

Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Maria

*Himno | Departing Hymn

As Trees from Tiny Seeds Can Grow
O WALY WALY
lyrics, Jane Parker Huber

**1. As trees from tiny seeds can grow,
As yeast expands the lifeless dough,
As light unhampered shines around,
So does God's gracious love abound.**

**2. As hidden treasure is reclaimed,
We, God's new people, are renamed.
For us, the pearl long sought is found.
Christ is our treasure, sure and sound.**

**3. We are not promised weedless fields,
Nor are we given equal yields,
But God's true faithfulness shall stay,
With us, supporting all the way.**

**4. As coins, once lost, are found again,
As Jesus loves both "us" and "them,"
So we now found by God rejoice,
Lifting in praise one heart and voice.**

**Special Time of Blessing for
Mahogany Thomas, Shiwei Chen, Jojo Angdisen, and Zack Eccleston**

Pastor: This morning, we pause to give thanks for all that God is doing among us.

Congregation: God is a faithful guide, and today we celebrate what God has led us to together.

Mahogany: As I enter this new role as Womanist Theologian in Residence, I commit to teaching from my deepest wellspring of wisdom, trusting that together we will learn, grow, and thrive under God's soulful care.

Congregation: Mahogany, we commit to listening deeply, responding faithfully, supporting your flourishing, and growing in the wisdom and freedom offered to us in the liberating gospel of life.

Shiwei: As I deepen my work on behalf of Calvary's children and youth, I commit to taking their formation seriously and their thriving joyfully and to paying close attention to the wisdom offered us in a God who says, "Let the little children come."

Congregation: Shiwei, we commit to supporting you as you shape the theological imagination of our children and youth, ensuring that they have healthy space to ask big questions and deepen their trust in this community, their circle of care.

Jojo: As I manage day-to-day operations at Calvary, I commit to supporting the movement and rhythms of this place in ways that are caring and respectful of all who enter this place.

Congregation: Jojo, we give thanks to God for the many years you have faithfully served this community, and we commit to supporting your thriving as you take on more leadership and care for this sacred place.

Zack: As I prepare for a new phase in my life and journey, I know that I go with the blessing, affirmation, and love of this community.

Congregation: Zack, we give thanks for the care and attention you've given to this place, and we celebrate your thriving and growth as you pursue a growing passion.

Pastor: Today, we share this blessing as a sign of our shared commitment to each other as we journey together in faith.

Congregation: God is a faithful guide, and today we celebrate what God has led us to together. We pray that in the giving of your gifts to us, and the giving of our gifts to you, our work and service will fulfill God's purposes in our congregation, our community, and our world.

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Contact the Deacon of the Week, Victor Udoewa, udoewa@gmail.com with your cares and concerns.

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Join us from home on Zoom for Holiday Virtual Sundays—
bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC or watch the livestream at link above. Our next VIRTUAL Sunday is November 27— Thanksgiving weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fill out your Stewardship Pledge Form— The month of October is Stewardship Month, a time when you are invited to reflect on how you might give and serve at Calvary in 2023. As our Stewardship Chair, Jodi Smith said, “I invite you to reflect on ‘where the light gets in’ at Calvary even in the midst of brokenness and frailties. How can each of us contribute time, talent, and financial resources to give life to our church, to the surrounding communities, and beyond?” You can fill out this year’s pledge form on Realm at the adjacent QR code.



TODAY: Special Coffee Hour Celebration — Over these last couple of weeks, we’ve been sharing some exciting personnel updates which we are blessing together today. If you want to read through the detailed update, you can link to the adjacent QR code. Join us today as we celebrate and offer gratitude for all that has been and all that is to come!



Get to know Mahogany!—On **Wednesday, November 2 at 7 pm** join us at Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria’s house for a chance to get to know Mahogany. This time is geared toward those of you who’ve either been part of Theology on Draft in the past or are curious about it now, but of course, all are welcome! If you would, do RSVP by emailing me directly at mwearingen@calvarydc.org just so we can make sure we have enough room in our house!!

Nominations Slate 2023—In preparation for our **Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, October 30**, please find a link to the nominations slate at the adjacent QR code. We’re so grateful to all those who are continuing to serve, who are newly serving, and who are rolling off after their time of service.



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.

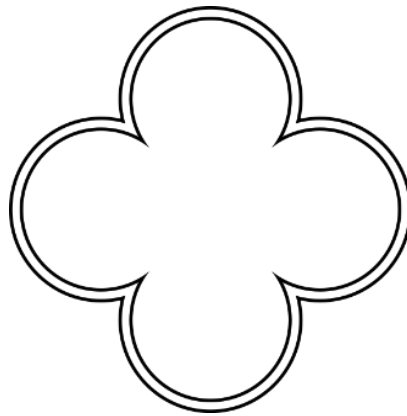
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people 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

Family and loved Ones of David Lee, father of Laura Lee; Members of Olivia Baptist Church in Cuba who are suffering from recent floods; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; For peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Brian Cook, friend of the Kosmidis family; Shalom scholar, Karla Giron, and members of the Baptist Association of El Salvador; Javier Dario Galindo, Nathalie Galindo-Lee's brother; Paul Lansing; Joe Taylor, Jessica Taylor's father; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together; Luis Campos; Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Rena Jirack; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Ruby Shepherd; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; 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.



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