

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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# Alabando | Worshipping

## Música | Prelude

Chris Urquiaga

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

## \*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

## Paz Como Un Río | Peace Like a River

1. I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

2. Tengo paz como un río  
Tengo paz como un río  
Tengo paz como un río en mi ser  
Tengo paz como un río  
Tengo paz como un río  
Tengo paz como un río en mi ser

3. *The third time through, please sing with hand motions only.*

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Bren Elliott, Deacon

When we rest our eyes, we meet the ancestors.  
**They meet us as time itself blurs between us.**

They tell us to sit back.  
**They tell us to breathe.**

They tell us to walk away like they couldn't.  
**Because there is beauty in the stillness.**

So, we do not wait to be restored.  
**We enter rest without an apology,  
where we are free, and where we dwell with God and creation.**

*\*Adapted from *This Here Flesh* and *Black Liturgies*, Cole Arthur Riley*

## \*La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

Bren Elliott, 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.**

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

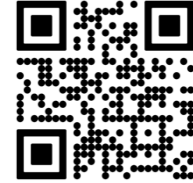
# Escuchando | Listening

## Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Maria

## Ofrendas | Offertory

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

**Just Be Still**

*by Bil Mooney-McCoy*

1. Just be still and know that I am God.  
Just be still and know that I am God.  
There are many burdens and worries in your heart; Just be still, and know that I am God.

2. Open up and let My Peace come in.  
Open up and let My Peace come in.  
There are many burdens and worries in your heart; Open up and let My Peace come in.

3. Wait on Me, and you will know My strength.  
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## Una Lectura | A Special Reading

**The Creation by James Weldon Johnson**

*Bren Elliott, Deacon*

And God stepped out on space,  
And he looked around and said:  
I'm lonely—  
I'll make me a world.  
And far as the eye of God could see  
Darkness covered everything,  
Blacker than a hundred midnights  
Down in a cypress swamp.  
Then God smiled,  
And the light broke,  
And the darkness rolled up on one side,  
And the light stood shining on the other,  
And God said: That's good!  
Then God reached out and took the light in  
his hands,  
And God rolled the light around in his hands  
Until he made the sun;  
And he set that sun a-blazing in the heavens.

And the light that was left from making the  
sun  
God gathered it up in a shining ball  
And flung it against the darkness,  
Spangling the night with the moon and stars.  
Then down between  
The darkness and the light  
He hurled the world;  
And God said: That's good!  
Then God himself stepped down—  
And the sun was on his right hand,  
And the moon was on his left;  
The stars were clustered about his head,  
And the earth was under his feet.  
And God walked, and where he trod  
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out  
And bulged the mountains up.

Then he stopped and looked and saw  
That the earth was hot and barren.  
So God stepped over to the edge of the  
world  
And he spat out the seven seas—  
He batted his eyes, and the lightnings  
flashed—  
He clapped his hands, and the thunders  
rolled—  
And the waters above the earth came down,  
The cooling waters came down.  
Then the green grass sprouted,  
And the little red flowers blossomed,  
The pine tree pointed his finger to the sky,  
And the oak spread out his arms,  
The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the  
ground,  
And the rivers ran down to the sea;  
And God smiled again,  
And the rainbow appeared,  
And curled itself around his shoulder.  
Then God raised his arm and he waved his  
hand  
Over the sea and over the land,  
And he said: Bring forth! Bring forth!  
And quicker than God could drop his hand,  
Fishes and fowls  
And beasts and birds  
Swam the rivers and the seas,  
Roamed the forests and the woods,  
And split the air with their wings.  
And God said: That's good!

Then God walked around,  
And God looked around  
On all that he had made.  
He looked at his sun,  
And he looked at his moon,  
And he looked at his little stars;  
He looked on his world  
With all its living things,  
And God said: I'm lonely still.  
Then God sat down—  
On the side of a hill where he could think;  
By a deep, wide river he sat down;  
With his head in his hands,  
God thought and thought,  
Till he thought: I'll make me a man!  
Up from the bed of the river  
God scooped the clay;  
And by the bank of the river  
He kneeled him down;  
And there the great God Almighty  
Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,  
Who flung the stars to the most far corner of  
the night,  
Who rounded the earth in the middle of his  
hand;  
This great God,  
Like a mammy bending over her baby,  
Kneeled down in the dust  
Toiling over a lump of clay  
Till he shaped it in his own image;  
Then into it he blew the breath of life,  
And man became a living soul.  
Amen. Amen.

*\*Please note that while gendered language is used for God by the author for poetic interpretation, this language is not to be understood as ultimate or exclusive language for God.*

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## Una Lectura | Scripture Lesson

**Genesis | Genesis 2:1-3**

*Pastor Sally*

“And the heavens and the earth were complete, along with their multitude. Then God finished on the seventh day the work that God had done and rested on the seventh day from all the work that they had done. So, God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because on it, God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.”

“Y los cielos y la tierra fueron completos, junto con su multitud. Entonces Dios terminó en el séptimo día la obra que Dios había hecho y descansó en el séptimo día de toda la obra que habían hecho. Entonces Dios bendijo el séptimo día y lo santificó porque en él Dios reposó de toda la obra que Dios había hecho en la creación”.

*\*Translation by Wilda C. Gafney A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*

## **Creciendo | Growing**

### **Música Especial | Special Music**

**Sit Down and Rest Awhile**  
*Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga*

### **Sermón | Sermon**

**A God Who Rests**  
*Rev. Mahogany Thomas*

### **\*Himno | Departing Hymn**

**Come and Find the Quiet Center, #575**

1. Come and find the quiet center  
In the crowded life we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter  
Find the frame where we are freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter  
Clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter  
Be at peace and simply be
2. Silence is a friend who claims us  
Cools the heat and slows the pace  
God it is who speaks and names us  
Knows our being touches base  
Making space within our thinking  
Lifting shades to show the sun  
Raising courage when we're shrinking  
Finding scope for faith begun
3. In the Spirit let us travel  
Open to each other's pain  
Let our lives and fears unravel  
Celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming  
There's a time for heart to care  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare

### **\*La Bendición | The Benediction**

*Pastor Sally*

### **\*Música | Postlude**

*Chris Urquiaga*

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VIRTUAL Sunday is November 27— Thanksgiving weekend.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Theology on Draft Returns!**— Join Rev. Mahogany Thomas as she begins a conversation on Tricia Hershey’s book, *Rest is Resistance: A Manifesto*. Learn more and purchase the book at [thenapministry.com](http://thenapministry.com). Our next gathering is **Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm** at Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria’s house. You can RSVP to [mthomas@calvarydc.org](mailto:mthomas@calvarydc.org).

From the website— "This book is rooted in spiritual energy and centered in Black liberation, womanism, somatics, and Afrofuturism. With captivating storytelling and practical advice, all delivered in Hersey’s lyrical voice and informed by her deep experience in theology, activism, and performance art, *Rest Is Resistance* is a call to action and manifesto for those who are sleep deprived, searching for justice, and longing to be liberated from the oppressive grip of Grind Culture."

**Hoy despues del Estudio Bíblico en español (After the Spanish-Speaking Bible Study)**— Video: "Análisis y perspectiva sobre la situación del país." Es un actividad de la Universidad Católica, UCA, en El Salvador en ocasión del 33 aniversario del asesinato de 6 sacerdotes jesuitas y 2 colaboradoras. Invitamos a toda nuestra comunidad de fe.

### **Advent and Christmas Schedule—**

November 27: VIRTUAL Service on Zoom; BPFNA Director, Jason Smith proclaiming  
December 4: IN-PERSON Service  
December 11: IN-PERSON Service with Children’s Nativity + Calvary Christmas Party  
December 18: IN-PERSON Service  
December 24: VIRTUAL Christmas Eve Service on Zoom at 4:30 p.m.  
December 25: VIRTUAL Christmas Morning Reflections **only** on Facebook Live

## OUR LABOR TOGETHER | A Mission Statement

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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

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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.

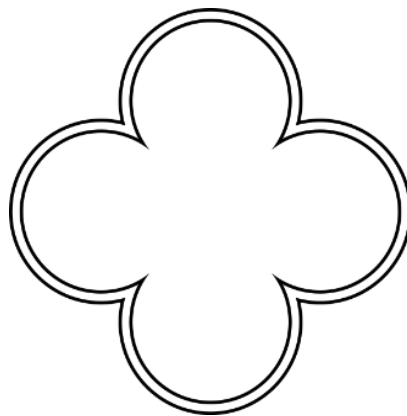
## OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

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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 Linda Anderson Green, Lauren Green's mother; Family and loved ones of Juanita "Tee" Golden Geren, Jay Mayfield's grandmother; 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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