

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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A New Year's Service in the Watch Night Tradition



Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Rev. Mahogany

Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

Woke Up This Morning

Tim Shaw, guitar

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, Hallejah.

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

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

Palabras de Alabanza | A Centering Litany

Celia Thomas, Deacon

Bren Elliott, Liturgist

As we look toward the new year, may we hold in holy tension,
the God who begs us toward practices of remembrance,
and also says, *Behold, I am doing a new thing.*

We can honor the past *and* not be in bondage to it.
As it ends, we will hold memory.
As we go, we will hold hope.

Today we pause for the good, knowing there is beauty here too.
And today we honor every feeling, knowing our joy can contain our sorrow.

Even still, God was born.
So, we can rest in the beauty.

**Adapted from A Litany for the New Year, Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley*

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

Celia Thomas, Deacon

Bren Elliott, Liturgist

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.**

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Sally

Dando a Calvary | 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.



Escuchando | Listening

Reflecciones | Words of Reflection

Rev. Mahogany

Lectura | Scripture

Carrie Zimmerman

And it happened when the angels had departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to be, which the Sovereign God has made known to us." So they came hurrying and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Now seeing this, they made known what had been spoken to them about this child. And all who heard marveled at what was spoken by the shepherds to them. But Mary preserved all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, it was just as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, his name was the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

On Being Brought from Africa to America – Phillis Wheatley

'Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan land,
Taught my benighted soul to understand
That there's a God, that there's a Saviour too:
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
"Their colour is a diabolic die."
Remember, *Christians, Negros*, black as *Cain*,
May be refin'd, and join th' angelic train.

Musical Meditation

Amazing Grace
Shiowei Chen, piano

Lectura | Scripture

Carrie Zimmerman

Now when the days of their purification were fulfilled according to the teaching of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Holy One. As it is written in the teachings of the Sovereign God, *"Every male who opens the womb [as firstborn] shall be called holy to the Sovereign One."* So they offered a sacrifice according to the teaching of the Holy One, *"a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons."*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, waiting to welcome the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit, she rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Most High God. Led by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple. When the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under that which was taught, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"You release now your slave in peace, Master,
According to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's mother and father were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is set for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign provoking contention; also, your own soul a sword will pierce so that the true hearts of many will be revealed."

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We Are Rising – Francis Ellen Watkins Harper

We are rising, as a people,
 We are rising, to the light;
For our God has changed the shadows
 Of our dark and dreary night.
In the prison house of bondage,
 When we bent beneath the rod,
And our hearts were faint and wary,
 We first learned to trust in God.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 The hand that broke our fetters was powerful strong.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 We are rising as a people, and we're marching along.

...Unto God, be *all* the glory,
 That our eyes behold the sight,
Of a people, peeled and scattered,
 Rising into freedom's light.
Though the morning seemed to linger,
 O'er the hill tops far away
And the night was long and gloomy,
 Yet he was our shield and stay.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 The hand that broke our fetters was powerful strong.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 We are rising as a people, and we're marching along.

Help us, Oh! great Deliverer,
 To be faithful to thy Word,
Till the nation's former bondmen,
 Be the freemen of the Lord.
Teach, Oh, Lord, our hands to battle
 'Gainst the host of vice, and sin,
And with Jesus, for our Captain,
 The victory we shall win.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 The hand that broke our fetters was powerful strong.
 We are marching along, we are marching along,
 We are rising as a people, and we're marching along.

**We Are Rising: Christian Recorder, November 9, 1876. A prefatory note explains that this poem was written "for the unveiling of the Allen Monument." The poem was reprinted in Arnett, Benjamin. Centennial Thanksgiving Sermon at St. Paul A.M.E. Church. Urbana, Ohio: n.p., 1876*

Musical Meditation

Black National Anthem
Desmond Thompson, soloist

Lectura | Scripture

Carrie Zimmerman

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God, and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Poema | Poem

Bren Elliott

Prophecy – Pauli Murray

I sing of a new American
Separate from all others,
Yet enlarged and diminished by all others.
I am the child of kings and serfs, freemen and slaves,
Having neither superiors nor inferiors,
Progeny of all colors, all cultures, all systems, all beliefs.
I have been enslaved, yet my spirit is unbound.
I have been cast aside, but I sparkle in the darkness.
I have been slain but live on in the river of history.
I seek no conquest, no wealth, no power, no revenge:
I seek only discovery
Of the illimitable heights and depths of my own being.

Musical Meditation

This Joy That I Have
Resistance Revival Chorus

Watch here— <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TbDPwA09Bc>

Bendición | Words of Departure and Benediction

Rev. Mahogany

Hope is tethered to our remembrance.
We do not move forward by forgetting.

So, we will hold space for every joy,
and every sorrow of this year and the next.
Proclaiming together:

We have known loss, yet we steady our bodies.
We remember their stories, and we know our healing.
Today, we begin the year honoring our becoming.

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VIRTUAL Sunday is January 15 — MLK Sunday.

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.

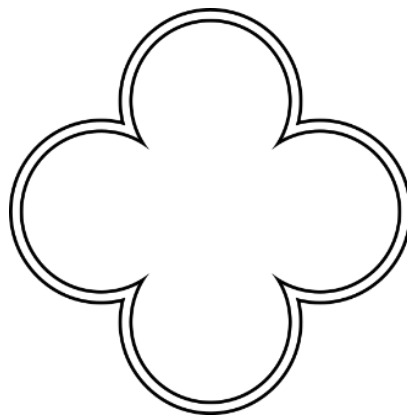
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

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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