

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Remembrance Sunday



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Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Cántico de Alabanza | Song 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.

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Bren Elliott, Deacon
Victor Udoewa

Liberation is ours.
God, teach us the sound of freedom.

Ours is the story of dignity.
God, help us to learn to reclaim it.

Hold us in the holy darkness,
that protected our ancestors on the journey.

May the God of Emmett, Harriet, and Martin,
make the sound of liberation clear as night to us.

**Adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley*

La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

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.

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 Thomas

“dear white america” by Danez Smith

i've left Earth in search of darker planets, a solar system revolving too near a black hole. i've left in search of a new God. i do not trust the God you have given us. my grandmother's hallelujah is only outdone by the fear she nurses every time the blood-fat summer swallows another child who used to sing in the choir. take your God back. though his songs are beautiful, his miracles are inconsistent. i want the fate of Lazarus for Renisha, want Chucky, Bo, Meech, Trayvon, Sean & Jonylah risen three days after their entombing, their ghost re-gifted flesh & blood, their flesh & blood re-gifted their children. i've left Earth, i am equal parts sick of your go back to Africa & i just don't see race. neither did the poplar tree. we did not build your boats (though we did leave a trail of kin to guide us home). we did not build your prisons (though we did & we fill them too). we did not ask to be part of your America (though are we not America? her joints brittle & dragging a ripped gown through Oakland?). i can't stand your ground. i'm sick of calling your recklessness the law. each night, i count my brothers. & in the morning, when some do not survive to be counted, i count the holes they leave. i reach for black folks & touch only air. your master magic trick, America. now he's breathing, now he don't. abra-cadaver. white bread voodoo. sorcery you claim not to practice, hand my cousin a pistol to do your work. i tried, white people. i tried to love you, but you spent my brother's funeral making plans for brunch, talking too loud next to his bones. you took one look at the river, plump with the body of boy after girl after sweet boi & ask why does it always have to be about race? because you made it that way! because you put an asterisk on my sister's gorgeous face! call her pretty (for a black girl)! because black girls go missing without so much as a whisper of where?! because there are no amber alerts for amber-skinned girls! because Jordan boomed. because Emmett whistled. because Huey P. spoke. because Martin preached. because black boys can always be too loud to live. because it's taken my papa's & my grandma's time, my father's time, my mother's time, my aunt's time, my uncle's time, my brother's & my sister's time . . . how much time do you want for your progress? i've left Earth to find a place where my kin can be safe, where black people ain't but people the same color as the good, wet earth, until that means something, until then i bid you well, i bid you war, i bid you our lives to gamble with no more. i've left Earth & i am touching everything you beg your telescopes to show you. i'm giving the stars their right names. & this life, this new story & history you cannot steal or sell or cast overboard or hang or beat or drown or own or redline or shackle or silence or cheat or choke or cover up or jail or shoot or jail or shoot or jail or shoot or ruin

this, if only this one, is ours.

Música | Scripture Refrain

Wade in the Water
sung by Rhea Naomi Williams

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the waters

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the waters

See, that host all dressed in white
God's gonna trouble the waters
The leader looks like the Israelite,
God's gonna trouble the waters

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the waters

See, that band all dressed in red,
God's gonna the trouble the waters
Looks the band that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the waters

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the waters

Lectura | Scripture

Juan | John 11:17-21
Becky Vaughn

When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that for four days Lazarus had already been in the tomb. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. So many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met him; however Mary remained at the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Rabbi, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, they shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Rabbi, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who comes into the world."

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

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Cuando Jesús llegó [a Betania], encontró que Lázaro ya hacía cuatro días que estaba en la tumba. Ahora Betania estaba cerca de Jerusalén, como a dos millas de distancia. Muchos de los judíos habían acudido a Marta y María para consolarlas por su hermano. Cuando Marta escuchó que Jesús venía, lo encontró; sin embargo, María se quedó en la casa. Marta le dijo a Jesús: "Rabí, si hubieras estado aquí, mi hermano nunca habría muerto. Sin embargo, incluso ahora sé que todo lo que pidas a Dios, Dios te lo dará". Jesús le dijo: "Tu hermano resucitará". Marta le dijo: "Yo sé que resucitará en la resurrección en el último día". Jesús le dijo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá, y todo el que vive y cree en mí, no morirá jamás. ¿Cree usted esto?" Ella le dijo: "Sí, rabino, creo que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que viene al mundo".

Música Especial | Special Music

Give Me Jesus

*Desmond Thompson, soloist
Chris Urquiaga, piano*

Oraciones | Prayers

An Invocation of Blessing for Black Life in America

Victor Udoewa

An Invocation of Challenge to White Christian America

Becky Vaughn

An Invocation of Resurrection for "This New Story"

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

Canción Final | Departing Song

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

sung by Tim Shaw

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Bendición | Benediction

*Rev. Mahogany Thomas
Bren Elliott, Deacon*

God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

In grief, in anger, in mourning, in hope, in healing, in becoming,
to remember the lives of those who have died
at the hands of those charged to protect and serve.

God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

We remember: Ahmaud, Breonna, Philando
Tamir, Eric, Trayvon, Sandra, George, Tony
and the litany of souls who have gone before us.

God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

We are tired of the senseless acts of violence,
the injustices, the oppression, the racism,
and the ignored laments of black and brown bodies.
God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

Open the hearts, minds, and ears of all your children
to hear and understand the cries of pain,
of sadness, of trauma, and of immense loss.
God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

Make us your disciples who speak truth to power,
as you invite us to seek transformation,
so, we may see healing in a weary world.
God of Mercy and Compassion, hear our prayers.

**Adapted from prayer offered by [Jo Cecilio](#), Rector of Cavanaugh Hall, University of Notre Dame*

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Our next VIRTUAL Sunday is February 19- President’s Day Weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Economic Justice Faith Forum— Following worship, Andy Loving, a long time member of the Alliance of Baptists and Baptist Peace Fellowship member, will give a presentation on economic justice and our personal finances. Andy is committed to taking practical action to live out the anti-racist vision of the Alliance and his presentation will deal with how individuals and organizations can take such action. Please join us right after church on Zoom.

Sunday, January 29: Annual Business Meeting— Join us immediately following IN-PERSON worship as we thank board members and deacons rolling off, celebrate new members rolling on, and prepare for the year ahead!

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.

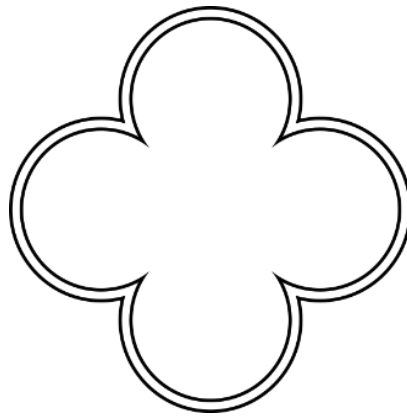
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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