

Alabando | Worshipping

Prelude

This Little Light of Mine
Chris Urquiaga, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

This Joy That I Have
lyrics & music by Shirley Caesar

**This joy that I have,
The world didn't give it to me,
This joy that I have,
The world didn't give it to me,
This joy that I have,
The world didn't give it to me,
The world didn't give and the world can't take it away!**

This love that I have...

This peace that I have...

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

John Appiah-Duffell, Deacon

Today, we resist the demand for certainty in the dark.
Instead, together, we reach for mystery in the dark.

There is beauty all around us, even when we do not know the way.
God, go before us in the darkness, because we know it sounds like dignity.

Together we will prophesy:
**Our doubt is a portal. Our celebration is a portal. Our love is a portal.
Blackness is Divine.**

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.**

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

Ofrendas | Offertory

Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Greg Howlett

Chris Urquiaga, piano

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

Lectura | Special Reading

Jackie Wright

Our Womanist Reading today highlights Old Elizabeth.

"I exclaimed, "Yes Lord, in thy own way." Immediately a light fell upon my head, and I was filled with light, and I was shown the world lying in wickedness, and was told I must go there, and call the people to repentance, for the day of the Lord was at hand; and this message was as a heavy yoke upon me, so that I wept bitterly at the thought of what I should have to pass through. While I wept, I heard a voice say, "weep not, some will laugh at thee, some will scoff at thee, and the dogs will bark at thee, but while thou doest my will, I will be with thee to the ends of the earth.["]

I was at this time not yet thirteen years old. The next day, when I had come to myself, I felt like a new creature in Christ, and all my desire was to see the Saviour.

I lived in a place where there was no preaching, and no religious instruction; but every day I went out amongst the hay-stacks, where the presence of the Lord overshadowed me, and I was filled with sweetness and joy, and was as a vessel filled with holy oil. In this way I continued for about a year; many times while my hands were at my work, my spirit was carried away to spiritual things."

**"Elizabeth, A Colored Minister of the Gospel, Born in Slavery", Elizabeth (Philadelphia 1889)*

Música | Scripture Refrain

Spirit of the Living God, #259

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.**

“But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech. For these persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour [nine o’clock] in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour my Spirit upon all flesh,
and **your daughters** and your sons shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both **women** and men,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.’”*

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

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“Pero Pedro, estando en pie con los once, alzó la voz y les dijo: Judíos y todos los que habitáis en Jerusalén, esto os sea notorio a todos vosotros, y prestad atención a mi discurso. Porque estas personas no están borrachas como vosotros suponéis, es sólo la hora tercera [las nueve] de la mañana. No, esto es lo dicho por medio del profeta Joel:

‘En los últimos días será, declara Dios,
que derramaré mi Espíritu sobre toda carne,
y vuestras hijas y vuestros hijos profetizarán,
y vuestros jóvenes verán visiones,
y tus mayores soñarán sueños.
Incluso sobre mis esclavos, tanto mujeres como hombres,
en aquellos días derramaré mi Espíritu;
y profetizarán.’”

Música Especial | Special Music

How Great Thou Art

arr. Lloyd Larson

Desmond Thompson & Chris Urquiaga

Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

*Himno Final | Departing Hymn

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit, #261

**There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s Spirit of the Lord,
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet Heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love,
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

Música | Postlude

Everytime I Feel the Spirit

arr. David Howland
Chris Urquiaga, piano

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

THIS WEEK'S COVER IMAGE

"i did not know i could be beautiful (number 2)"
by Ashon Crawley

From the artist— "it wasn't until i really began trying to think with blackpentecostalism that i recognized and sensed the beauty that was always there. of course i was moved by it always but i didn't know it could be beautiful. and it meant i didn't know i could be beautiful. but there are worlds, our interior life is full of matter and stars and movement and verve. trying to capture that, sense it more."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents Connect Re-starting Thursday evenings— If you are seeking community in the valuable and sacred work of parenting, join us Thursday evenings on Zoom where we will gather to share and support one another through listening. We will be making space for one another on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9 p.m. For more info contact Shiowei: schen@calvarydc.org.

February and Theology on Draft— If you'd like to join in the conversation, email Rev. Mahogany at mthomas@calvarydc.org. As Black History Month begins, this upcoming gathering will be focused on "Black Joy!" The next in-person gathering is this Wednesday, February 8 at 7 p.m. in the church library.

February and Black History Month at Calvary— Rev. Mahogany Thomas has curated a beautiful experience for us this coming month where we will celebrate Blackness in an array of ways! All are invited to celebrate Black bodies as we *"return to a posture of praise, surrender, the yes, the bloom."*

With the help of black preachers, testimonies, artists, and stories, we will journey through the scriptures as we celebrate prophets of Color exploring freedom. Our readings in worship this month highlight Black women preachers, Black poets, and women prophets throughout the Bible. The bulletin art explores the "i didn't know i could be beautiful" series. The artist ashon crawley created this series as *"an attempt to think about where beauty hides itself, where delight and joy and pleasure are. a return to the posture of praise, surrender, the yes, the bloom. there are worlds there. more to come."*

Each week we will integrate these voices into our worship elements! Some of these names and Black stories may be familiar to us, and others may be brand new, yet they all remind us of Blackness's beauty and explore the Black body's prophetic nature. Come, and celebrate the sacredness of Black life as we honor Black History!

February 22 at 7:00 a.m., VIRTUAL Ash Wednesday Gathering— Later this month, we'll gather briefly on Zoom the morning of Ash Wednesday to bless our Black History Month series and the beginning of the Lenten season. This morning as you go, we'll be handing out small containers with palm ashes in preparation for this sacred gathering. We'll also hand them out next Sunday during in-person worship. If you're unavailable both Sundays, you're also welcome to stop by the church office during office hours. One per family, please. The morning of our gathering, you can mix the palm ashes with a very small drop of olive oil. It only takes a little! A reminder to NOT mix ashes with water as that can be harsh on the skin. We'll use the same Zoom link as Sunday morning's worship. Join us!

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.

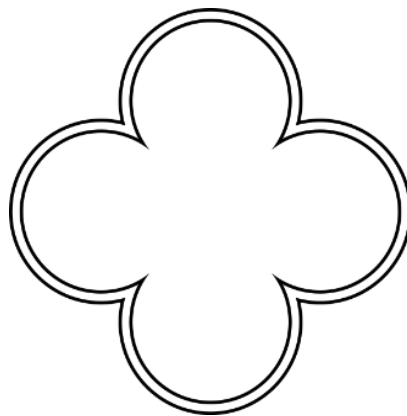
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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