

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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# Alabando | Worshipping

## Prelude

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**  
arr. Deanna Witkowski  
*Shiowei Chen, piano*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Pastor Maria*

## \*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

**Wade in the Water, #371**

**Refrain—Wade in the water,  
Wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water,  
God's a-going to trouble the water.**

See that host all dressed in white  
**God's a-going to trouble the water,**  
The leader looks like the Israelite,  
**God a-going to trouble the water. Refrain.**

See that band all dressed in red,  
**God's a-going to trouble the water,**  
Looks like the band that Moses led,  
**God's a-going to trouble the water. Refrain.**

If you don't think believe I've been redeemed,  
**God's a-going to trouble the water,**  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
**God's a-going to trouble the water. Refrain.**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Victor Udoewa, Deacon*

The world may feel dim.  
**But glory grows in the dark.**

We know God's presence shines in the glory.  
**The glory of black, brown, dark, and dim.**

We celebrate the glory.  
**We sing with freedom.**

We rejoice with in the Spirit.  
**We dwell with God.**

*\*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.**

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

**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.**

**Tiempos con los Niños | Time with Children**

*Pastor Sally*

**Ofrendas | Offertory**

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

arr. Greg Howlett  
*Shiowei Chen, 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**

*Victor Udoewa, Deacon*

Womanist Reading: “Dark Testament: Verse 8” by Pauli Murray

Hope is a crushed stalk  
Between clenched fingers  
Hope is a bird’s wing  
Broken by a stone.  
Hope is a word in a tuneless ditty —  
A word whispered with the wind,  
A dream of forty acres and a mule,  
A cabin of one’s own and a moment to rest,  
A name and place for one’s children  
And children’s children at last . . .  
Hope is a song in a weary throat.  
    Give me a song of hope  
    And a world where I can sing it.  
    Give me a song of faith  
    And a people to believe in it.  
    Give me a song of kindness  
    And a country where I can live it.  
    Give me a song of hope and love  
    And a brown girl’s heart to hear it.



## Música | Scripture Refrain

Go Down, Moses, #663

Go down, Moses  
Way down in Egypt's land,  
Tell old Pharaoh,  
"Let my people go!"

## Lectura | Scripture

Exodó | Exodus 15:19-21

*Victor Udoewa, Deacon*

Los caballos de Faraón y sus carros y sus aurigas entraron en el mar, y el DIOS PODEROSO hizo volver sobre ellos las aguas del mar; pero las hijas y los hijos de Israel atravesaron el mar en seco.

Entonces la profeta Miriam, hermana de Aarón, tomó un tambor en su mano, y todas las mujeres salieron tras ella con tambores y danzas. Y Miriam les cantó, a mujeres y hombres:

"Cantadle al DIOS INDOMINABLE que ha triunfado triunfalmente; caballo y jinete ha arrojado Dios al mar."

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The horse of Pharaoh and his chariots and charioteers went into the sea, and the MIGHTY GOD turned the waters of the sea back upon them; but the daughters and sons of Israel walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a hand-drum in her hand, and all the women went out after her with hand-drums and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them, women and men:

"Sing to the INDOMITABLE GOD who has triumphed triumphantly; horse and rider God has thrown into the sea."

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

## Música Especial | Special Music

**Deep River**

arr. Roland Hayes

*Desmond Thompson, soloist*

*Shiowei chen, piano*

## Sermón | Sermon

*Rev. Dawn Jefferson*

## \*Himno Final | Departing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness, #86

## Bendición | Benediction

*Pastor Maria*

## Música | Postlude

**My Tribute**

arr. Dawayne Stamper

*Shiowei Chen, 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 4)”  
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.”*

**Ashon T. Crawley** is an American scholar of religion and author. He is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and African American and African Studies at the University of Virginia and author of *Blackpentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility* on aesthetics and performance as modes of social imagination, and *The Lonely Letters*, an epistolary, semi-autobiographical work on love, blackness, mysticism, and quantum theory.

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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 pm. For more info contact Shiwei: [schen@calvarydc.org](mailto:schen@calvarydc.org).

**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.*"

**February 22 at 7:00 a.m., VIRTUAL Ash Wednesday Gathering**— 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. 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!

# THIS WEEK'S PROCLAIMER

Rev. Dawn Jefferson presently serves as the Minister for Mission and Justice at Hope UCC in Alexandria, VA. Her work this year will focus on mental health justice in Northern Virginia and local congregations. Rev. Jefferson nurtured a 20-year career as an educator, focusing on building community, promoting diversity and equity, and cultivating leadership.

Pastor Dawn earned her Master of Religion and Education at Columbia University's Teachers College, where she worked in hospital and school settings. She also holds a master's degree in English from Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English. Pastor Dawn earned her Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School (YDS) in May 2021, with multiple prizes for her excellence in leadership, faith, and intellect. Dawn was ordained in the United Church of Christ last October.

Pastor Dawn spent her last year in seminary researching the practical theology of dementia and considering the intentional ministry we offer to older adults. She enjoys singing and worship, poetry, drama, and film. In her spare time, she is passionate about exploring technologies that connect communities, researching electric vehicles, and visiting national parks with her wife, Marquita.

## 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.

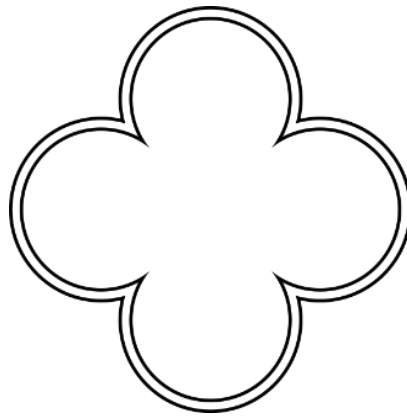
## OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

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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

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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