

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

19 de febrero / February 19, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

O Freedom
sung by Desmond Thompson

**O freedom, O freedom, O freedom over me,
And before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave,
And go home to my Lord and be free.**

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Brooke Young, Deacon

Our practice is love.
We can get free together.

Our path is not solitary.
We can look toward the collective.

Our path is the Spirit.
The beautiful black, deep, incredible Spirit.

**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

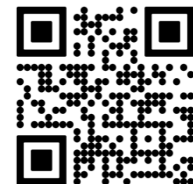
**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.
Haznos uno, uno en ti. Haznos uno, Señor, en ti.
Y que el mundo vea en nuestro amor que somos uno en ti.**

Tiempos con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Sally

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.



Escuchando | Listening

Lectura | Special Reading

Brooke Young, Deacon

Womanist Reading: "john" by Lucille Clifton

*somebody coming in blackness
like a star
and the world be a great bush
on his head
and his eyes be fire
in the city
and his mouth be true as time
he be calling the people brother
even in the prison
even in the jail
i'm just only a baptist preacher
somebody bigger than me coming
in blackness like a star*

Música | Scripture Refrain

How Great Thou Art | Cuan Grande es El
sung by Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Mi corazón entona la canción;
Cuán grande es Él, cuán grande es Él!
Mi corazón entona la canción;
Cuán grande es Él, cuán grande es Él!**

Lectura | Scripture

I Samuel 2:1-10
Brooke Young

Hannah prayed and she said,

“My heart exults in the HOLY ONE OF OLD;
my horn is lifted up in my God.
My mouth [opens] wide against my enemies,
for I will rejoice in my victory.

“There is none holy like the MOST HIGH,
none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.

Speak proudly no more, multiplying pride,
nor let arrogance come from your mouth;
for the AGELESS GOD is a God of knowledge,
and by God deeds are accounted.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
yet the feeble gird on warrior-strength.

Those who were full have themselves out for bread,
yet those who were hungry are fat.

She who was barren has birthed seven children,
yet she who has many children languishes.

The CREATOR OF ALL kills and gives life;
brings down to Sheol and raises us,

The GRACIOUS ONE makes poor and makes rich;
bring low and also lifts up.

God raises the poor from the dust,
and lifts the needy from heaps of human waste,
to seat them with nobles and inherit a seat of honor.

For to the CREATOR belong the pillars of the earth,
and on them God has set the world.

God will guard the feet of the faithful who belong to God,
while the wicked perish in shadow;
for it is not by might that one prevails.

THE HOLY ONE OF SINAI!
Those who strive against God shall be shattered;
God thunders against them from heaven.

The FOUNT OF JUSTICE will judge the ends of the earth;
God will give strength to God's ruler,
and exalt the power of the anointed of God.

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Ana oró y dijo:

“Mi corazón se regocija en el SANTO DE ANTIGUO;
mi cuerno está alzado en mi Dios.
Mi boca [se abre] de par en par contra mis enemigos,
porque me regocijaré en mi victoria.

“No hay santo como el Altísimo,
nadie fuera de ti;
no hay roca como nuestro Dios.

No hables más con orgullo, multiplicando el orgullo,
ni dejes que la arrogancia salga de tu boca;
porque el DIOS SIN EDAD es un Dios de conocimiento,
y por Dios se cuentan las obras.

Los arcos de los valientes están rotos,
sin embargo, los débiles se ciñen con la fuerza del guerrero.

Los que estaban saciados se han quedado sin pan,
pero los que tenían hambre están gordos.

La que era estéril ha dado a luz siete hijos,
pero la que tiene muchos hijos languidece.

El CREADOR DE TODO mata y da vida;
hace descender al Seol y nos resucita,

El GRACIOSO empobrece y enriquece;
abaja y también levanta.

Dios levanta del polvo al pobre,
y levanta a los necesitados de los montones de desechos humanos,
para sentarlos con nobles y heredar un asiento de honor.

Porque al CREADOR pertenecen los pilares de la tierra,
y sobre ellos ha puesto Dios el mundo.

Dios guardará los pies de los fieles que son de Dios,
mientras los impíos perecen en la sombra;
porque no es por el poder que uno prevalece.

¡EL SANTO DEL SINAI!
Los que luchan contra Dios serán quebrantados;
Dios truena contra ellos desde el cielo.

La FUENTE DE LA JUSTICIA juzgará los confines de la tierra;
Dios dará fuerza al gobernante de Dios,
y exalte el poder del ungido de Dios.

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

Música Especial | Special Music

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
Rhea Naomi Williams, piano

Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Shaundra Cunningham

Himno Final | Departing Hymn

She's Got the Whole World In Her Hands
sung by Tim Shaw

**She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole word in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands**

She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got all God's family in Her hands
She's got the whole world in Her hands

Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

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Contact the **Deacon of the Week**, Brooke Young,
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Our next VIRTUAL Sunday is April 16. *(While this is not a federal holiday, it's an opportunity to provide the staff and congregation rest the Sunday following Easter.)*

THIS WEEK'S COVER IMAGE

"i did not know i could be beautiful (number 5)"
by Ashon Crawley

"the way to gesture praise, worship, the way to announce openness and vulnerability, the way to raise hands and produce a prayerful posture varies. there are various ways to say yes, to surrender, to bloom. and what if this variousness is the occasion to think relation, the difference a point of convergence for our living with one another in ways that pursue a more just,

equitable, kind, tender, thoughtful, loving world? young ashon, who was so doctrinaire and legalistic and thought there was only one path of righteousness, could not imagine bean pie and Ifars during Ramadan with friends that are family and laughter and love with difference had so much to learn, is still learning so much.

when encountering the original image, i was struck and moved by its simplicity. i felt color and verve and something familiar in it, her gentle head and hands, a lightness and love. and i desired, in general, to expand the series beyond blackpentecostalism but within blackness. there is so much room in blackness, so much variousness, so much difference. something to celebrate.

the foundation of this piece is another 'dancing in one spot' painting (the last image), it's used as a silhouette for the figure's face, hands, sleeve and part of the khimar. a coming together of traditions, gesture and posture as relation, rooted in blackness. this is the practice, the prayer, of black social life."

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.

Calling All Travelers— Woman's Mission Society (WMS) plans to prepare 60 Christmas Boxes for So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.), to be delivered close to the holiday. Included in these boxes in addition to the hand knit and crocheted scarves and hats for men, women and children are toiletries. We will also need this size for Welcome Kits for Sasha Bruce Youth that provides services for homeless youth. For Sasha Bruce we also need travel size tooth paste.

You can help by bringing to the church the hotel/sample size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and small soaps that you pick up while traveling. A collection box will be placed on the Sunday morning sign-in table. Drop any unopened bottles there. If you don't travel much, you might be able to find a similar size in bins at pharmacies and grocery stores. We can only use these small sizes.

Coffee Hour Convos— The spiritual texts guiding us through the Lenten season are a series of conversations Jesus had with specific individuals. As we delve deeper into these personal encounters, we have imagined opening similar spaces among us to encounter one another in a deeper way. At Calvary, we are honored to be a home for your spiritual community. Our hope is that we can strengthen this community this Lent so we can know, honor, and uphold one another.

With that, we are introducing Coffee Hour Convos for three weeks in March. During Coffee Hour, we will give you all an opportunity to pair up with a fellow Calvary goer and engage in conversation that will draw us deeper into connection. We will provide you with prompts to get the ball rolling, and space for you to gather.

We will be holding these Coffee Hour Convos on March 5, 12, and 19th. We will begin at about 11:45am, giving everyone a chance to grab a coffee and touch base with others. Childcare will be provided until 12:30 each Sunday. The hope is that after these 3 weeks, you will have had the chance to connect with 3 other members of our community. Of course, this is a completely optional activity, but our invitation to each of you is to see the light of the Divine in one another as you courageously let others see you.

More details will follow, but for now, make note.

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— This Wednesday morning, 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. The morning of our gathering, you can mix 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. Dr. Shaundra Cunningham serves as associate dean for community life at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago. She relocated often as a military kid while remaining steeped in her family's front porch sensibilities by way of Columbia, South Carolina. An ordained Baptist minister, Shaundra received her MDiv from Harvard Divinity School and recently completed her PhD in cultural geography from the University of Tennessee.

Celebrating 15 years in ministry, Shaundra has a decade of clinical experience, including as hospital chaplain for all the medical intensive care units at both the Cleveland Clinic and Swedish Hospital in Seattle. She also serves as chaplain to a global network of social entrepreneurs through Echoing Green and the J.M. Kaplan Fund Social Innovation Prize. Embracing the festivity and joy of religiosity, one of Shaundra's favorite quotes comes from Nietzsche: "I would believe only in a god who could dance." Similar to her mother and grandmothers, Shaundra's favorite color is yellow and guides her approach to life and ministry.

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.

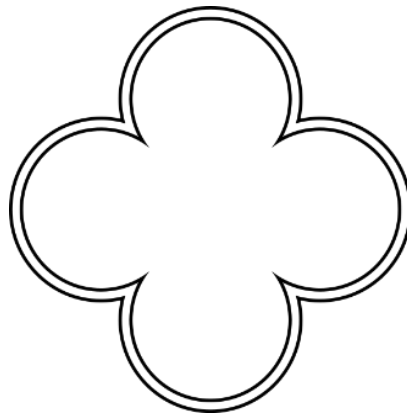
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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