

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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# CALVARY DC

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## Celebrating APIDA Heritage Month



# Alabando | Worshipping

## Música | Prelude

**Be Thou My Vision, #595**  
*Laura Henderson, organ*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Will Brummett*

## \*Cántico de Alabanza | Opening Hymn

**Thank You, Lord, #531**

**Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

**Been so good, been so good, been so good,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

**Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Celia Thomas, Deacon*

Is there greater joy than finding something that's been lost?  
**A day's wages desperately needed to pay the bills, a family member crossing an unsafe border, a love that has been lost but is now found.**  
Is there greater joy than trusting a God who never gives up?  
**A God who searches and searches and searches until we are safe and whole.**  
Is there greater joy than celebrating after a long and difficult search?  
**The "Alleluia!" rings out among us! What's been lost is now found!**

## \*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.**

## Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

*Shiowei Cheng*

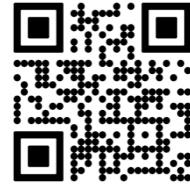
## Ofrendas | Offertory

**A Woman and a Coin, #74**  
*Laura Henderson, organ*

You are welcome to turn to the hymn book to meditate on the lyrics of this hymn.

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

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

### Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

*Celia Thomas, Deacon*

### Poema | Poetic Reading

*Rev. Mahogany Thomas*

Even The Gods  
*Nicole Sealey*

Even the gods misuse the unfolding blue. Even the gods misread the windflower's nod toward sunlight as consent to consume. Still, you envy the horse that draws their chariot. Bone of their bone. The wilting mash of air alone keeps you from scaling Olympus with gifts of dead or dying things dangling from your mouth—your breath, like the sea, inching away. It is rumored gods grow where the blood of a hanged man drips. You insist on being this man. The gods abuse your grace. Still, you'd rather live among the clear, cloudless white, enjoying what is left of their ambrosia. Who should be happy this time? Who brings cake to whom? Pray the gods do not misquote your covetous pulse for chaos, the black from which they were conceived. Even the eyes of gods must adjust to light. Even gods have gods.

### Música | Scripture Refrain

**Ask Your God, #302**

### Lectura | Scripture

**Lucas | Luke 15:11-32**  
*Esmeralda Rodriguez, Liturgist*

¿Qué mujer que tiene diez dracmas, si pierde una dracma, no enciende la lámpara, y barre la casa, y busca con diligencia hasta encontrarla? <sup>9</sup>Y cuando la encuentra, reúne a sus amigas y vecinas, diciendo: Gozaos conmigo, porque he encontrado la dracma que había perdido. <sup>10</sup>Así os digo que hay gozo delante de los ángeles de Dios por un pecador que se arrepiente.

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What woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Música Especial | Special Music**

**Amazing Grace, #546**

**Sermón | Sermon**

*Rev. Mahogany Thomas*

**\*Himno | Departing Hymn**

**Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth, #83**

**Bendición | Benediction**

*Will Brummett*

**Música | Postlude**

**Great is Thy Faithfulness, #86**

*Laura Henderson, organ*

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Contact the **Deacon of the Week**, Celia Thomas,  
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**Please note that our next VIRTUAL Sunday is Sunday, May 28.**  
**(Memorial Day Weekend)**

About the Poet— Nicole Sealey was born in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, and raised in Apopka, Florida. She earned an MLA in Africana studies from the University of South Florida and an MFA in creative writing from New York University. Sealey is the author of the collections *Ordinary Beast* (2017), a finalist for the PEN Open Book and Hurston/Wright Legacy Awards, and *The Animal After Whom Other Animals Are Named* (2016), winner of the Drinking Gourd Chapbook Poetry Prize. Her other honors and awards include a 2019 Rome Prize, an Elizabeth George Foundation Grant, a Stanley Kunitz Memorial Prize, a Daniel Varoujan Award, and a Poetry International Prize. She has been a fellow at Cave Canem, the Poetry Project, the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, CantoMundo, and the MacDowell Colony. She is currently the executive director at Cave Canem, the 2018-2019 Doris Lippman Visiting Poet at The City College of New York, a visiting professor at Boston University, and a 2019-2020 Hodder Fellow at Princeton University.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PASTORS SALLY AND MARIA ON SABBATICAL LEAVE**— The pastors will be away from May 8-25 to renew, reflect, and prepare for the year ahead.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS—**

**May 21** — Celebrating APIDA Heritage; Rev. Mahogany Thomas preaching

**May 28** — VIRTUAL Service on Zoom/Facebook Live

**June 4** — Calvary's Anniversary Sunday and High School Graduate Sunday  
*Picnic lunch at Rock Creek Park (Picnic Grove #7) to follow*

**VIRTUAL Theology on Draft**— On **Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.**, we will gather virtually to continue discussing the foundations and principles of Womanist Theology! We will look at how Womanist Theology emerged and explore the scholars who brought it into formation. Join us on Zoom.

Link here — [bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC](https://bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC).

## 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

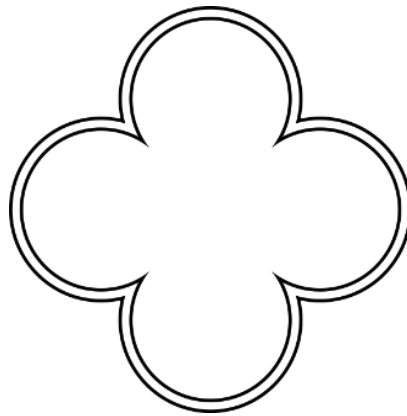
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We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the 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

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Samuel Escamilla Evangelista, Doris Evangelista's nephew; Family and friends of Charlene Christensen; Friends and family of Chris Cook, friend of Eva Powell; 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; sPaul 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; 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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