

VIRTUAL SUNDAY

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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Bren Elliott, Deacon

Today we resist the white urge to reduce Coretta Scott King, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., to tokens or badges.

**They were defiant, funny, tender, angry.
They were complicated and they were ours.**

Today we remember them as whole,
blessing the legacy, they share within us.

**Remembering the words of Martin,
“...that power without love is reckless and abusive,
and that love without power is sentimental and anemic.”**

**Adapted from A Litany for the New Year, 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.**

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Sally

Ofrendas | Offertory

Pastor Sally

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.



Reflecciones | Setting Intention

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

Canción | Song

Woke Up This Morning
sung by Tim Shaw

Lectura | A Reading

read by Rev. Mahogany

An Excerpt from "Loving Your Enemies" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr:

Our whole world is facing a revolution. Our nation is facing a revolution, our nation. One of the things that concerns me most is that in the midst of the revolution of the world and the midst of the revolution of this nation, that we will discover the meaning of Jesus' words. History unfortunately leaves some people oppressed and some people oppressors. And there are three ways that individuals who are oppressed can deal with their oppression. One of them is to rise up against their oppressors with physical violence and corroding hatred. But oh this isn't the way. For the danger and the weakness of this method is its futility. Violence creates many more social problems than it solves. And I've said, in so many instances, that as the Negro, in particular, and colored peoples all over the world struggle for freedom, if they succumb to the temptation of using violence in their struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and our chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos. Violence isn't the way.

Another way is to acquiesce and to give in, to resign yourself to the oppression. Some people do that. They discover the difficulties of the wilderness moving into the promised land, and they would rather go back to the despots of Egypt because it's difficult to get in the promised land. And so they resign themselves to the fate of oppression; they somehow acquiesce to this thing. But that too isn't the way because non-cooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good.

But there is another way. And that is to organize mass non-violent resistance based on the principle of love. It seems to me that this is the only way as our eyes look to the future. As we look out across the years and across the generations, let us develop and move right here. We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that we will be able to make of this old world a new world. We will be able to make men better. Love is the only way. Jesus discovered that.

**Sermon Delivered at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Nov. 1967*

Lectura | Scripture

Psalm 139:7-14
read by Pastor Maria

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Or where from your presence can I flee?
If I ascend to the heavens, there you are;
if I recline in Sheol, see, it is you!
If I take up dawn's wings
if I settle at the farthest reaches of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely darkness shall cover me,
and night will become light behind me,"
even darkness is not dark to you;
night is as daylight,
for dark is the same as light.
For it is you who crafted my inward parts;
You wove me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am awesomely and marvelously made.
Wonderous are your works;
that my soul knows full well.

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

Oración del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Bren Elliott, Deacon

Canción | Song

If I Can Help Somebody
sung by Chris Urquiaga

Lectura | A Reading

read by Rev. Mahogany

An Excerpt from "We May Yet Not Only Survive, We May Triumph" by Coretta Scott King:

FOR ME, as for millions of black Americans, there is a special dimension to our national crisis. We are not only caught up in all the evils of contemporary society, we are its lowest and most deprived component. For most of us this is not a society of abundance but a society of want. We are not newly victimized by the loss of identity and alienation. We have suffered an imposed heritage of exclusion and frustration for generations. Our future is doubly bleak as we face the unabated racism and deepened deprivation reserved for black Americans.

It is extraordinary how well poverty has been concealed in the United States. For 25 years or more, government leaders have boasted of economic progress and the miracles of production the nation accomplished. Yet few people have heard the groans of 35 million poor, black and white. Black youth are commonly depicted today as dangerous, carrying firebombs in their hands and hatred in their hearts. Who noticed before the fact that their hands were idle, their pockets empty, their hopes frustrated and their hearts broken by indifference and contempt?

...To be Negro in the United States is to be the victim of a system of deprivation in a context of personal humiliation. I do not speak impersonally. I was reared in second-class citizenship and have known the sting of humiliation in countless days of my life.

*July 1, 1968: "[We May Yet Not Only Survive, We May Triumph](#)" Speech, Harvard University

Lectura | Scripture

John 1:43-46
read by Pastor Sally

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Canción | Song

Lift Every Voice and Sing
sung by Desmond Thompson

Lectura | A Reading

read by Rev. Mahogany

An Excerpt from "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr:

Let me close by saying that we have difficult days ahead in the struggle for justice and peace, but I will not yield to a politic of despair. ...I say to you that our goal is freedom, and I believe we are going to get there because however much she strays away from it, the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be as a people, our destiny is tied up in the destiny of America. Before the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth, we were here. Before Jefferson etched across the pages of history the majestic words of the Declaration of Independence, we were here. Before the beautiful words of the "Star Spangled Banner" were written, we were here. For more than two centuries our forebearers labored here without wages. They made cotton king, and they built the homes of their masters in the midst of the most humiliating and oppressive conditions. And yet out of a bottomless vitality they continued to grow and develop. If the inexpressible cruelties of slavery couldn't stop us, the opposition that we now face will surely fail. We're going to win our freedom because both the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of the almighty God are embodied in our echoing demands. And so, however dark it is, however deep the angry feelings are, and however violent explosions are, I can still sing "We Shall Overcome."

*Sermon by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

Canción | Song

We Shall Overcome | Nosotros Venceremos
sung by Chris Urquiaga

Bendición | Benediction

Rev. Mahogany

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS—

Sunday, January 14 (MLK weekend)

Sunday, February 18 (President's Day weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Program on Palestine— Following VIRTUAL worship on Zoom, we will have a second presentation as part of Calvary's discernment about adopting the [Apartheid Free Faith Community Pledge](#). The [Alliance of Baptists](#) adopted this [pledge](#) and is encouraging congregational members to consider adopting it as well. Speakers include Evie Frankl, a member of Jewish Voice for Peace, DC Metro and Jamal Najjab, a Palestinian American who will share information about his father's village in the West Bank. You can join by using the same Zoom link at Sunday worship—bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC.

Help Tackle Hunger!— Support the WMS Souper Bowl with donations of canned soup. They will be collecting cans at the Welcome table, outside the sanctuary, and in coffee hour through February 11th to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank. Questions? Contact Karla Fahey at karla.j.fahey@gmail.com

Annual Business Meeting— Our Annual Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28th** in the sanctuary, immediately following worship. Childcare will be provided until 12:15pm.

CALVARY CONNECTIONS

Board Games and Pizza!— Join us in Shallenberger Hall after coffee hour on Sunday, February 11 for an afternoon of board games and pizza! We'll have classic games, party games, cooperative games, card games -- and children's games & puzzles as well. Feel free to bring your own favorite game from home. All are welcome! Contact John Appiah-Duffell (duffell@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

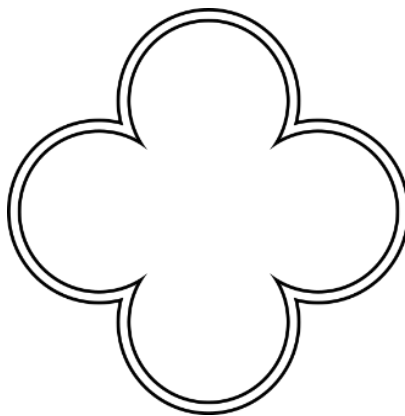
OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

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

NEW THIS WEEK: Family and friends of Marjorie DeLozier, Becky Vaughn's mother and Carter Vaughn's grandmother; Family and friends of Joe Taylor, Jessica Taylor's father

Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Paul Lansing; Joe Taylor, Jessica Taylor's father; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Rena Jirack; Ruby Shepherd; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; For peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; 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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