

# IN-PERSON SUNDAY

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# CALVARY DC



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# FIRST SUNDAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Música | Prelude

**Swing Low, Sweet Chariot**  
arr. Anthony Giamanco  
*Chris Urquiaga, piano*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Pastor Maria*

## \*Canción | Song of Praise

**Siyahamba, #442**

**We are walking in the light of God...**

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'...**

**Caminando en la luz de Dios...**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Jackie Wright, Deacon*

**God who is coming, when you come, come in blackness.**

When the oppressor wants a face that looks like them,  
show them Your face in the flesh of those they have diminished most.

**We are tired of portraits of you that are more about white supremacy than love.**

We are tired of a society that demands we remake ourselves in the image of the powerful  
in order to survive.

**We want more than power; we want belonging, justice, and freedom.**

This is the glory we are waiting for; not a God who delights in conquering the earth,  
but a God who came in tenderness to bring healing, hope, and liberation.

*\*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.**

## Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

*Pastor Sally*

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

## Ofrendas | Offertory

## Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. Christopher Alexander

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.



## Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Jackie Wright, Deacon

## Canción | Refrain

## Follow the Drinking Gourd



Am Em Am Em  
Fol-low the drin-king gourd, Fol-low the drin-king gourd, For the

5 G Am Em Bm Em Bm Em  
old man is a wait-ing for to car-ry you to free-dom, if you fol-low the drin-king gourd.

9 Em Am Em  
When the sun comes back and the first quail calls, Fol-low the drin-king gourd. The

14 G Am Em Bm Em Bm Em  
old man is a wait-ing for to car-ry you to free-dom, Fol-low the drin-king gourd.

2. Now the river bank makes a mighty good road,  
The dead trees will show you the way.  
Left foot, peg foot, traveling on,  
Follow the drinking gourd.

3. Now the river ends between two hills,  
Follow the drinking gourd.  
There's another river on the other side,  
Follow the drinking gourd.

## Lectura | Reading

### An Excerpt from "The Hypocrisy of American Slavery"

by Frederick Douglass  
Rev. Mahogany Thomas

Whether we turn to the declarations of the past, or to the professions of the present, the conduct of the nation seems equally hideous and revolting. America is false to the past, false to the present, and solemnly binds herself to be false to the future. Standing with God and the crushed and bleeding slave on this occasion, I will, in the name of humanity, which is outraged, in the name of liberty, which is fettered, in the name of the Constitution and the Bible, which are disregarded and trampled upon, dare to call in question and to denounce, with all the emphasis I can command, everything that serves to perpetuate slavery -- the great sin and shame of America! "I will not equivocate - I will not excuse." I will use the severest language I can command, and yet not one word shall escape me that any man, whose judgment is not blinded by prejudice, or who is not at heart a slave-holder, shall not confess to be right and just.

## Música Especial | Special Music

### Rise Up, Frederick Douglass!

composed by Steve Schalchlin  
Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga

## Lectura | Scripture

### Amos 5:14-15

Ed Wyatt

<sup>14</sup> Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live,  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
<sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

<sup>14</sup> Pero así dice Jehová a la casa de Israel:  
Buscadme, y viviréis; <sup>5</sup> y no busquéis a  
Bet-el, ni entréis en Gilgal,  
<sup>14</sup> Buscad lo bueno, y no lo malo,  
para que viváis; porque así Jehová Dios  
de los ejércitos estará con vosotros,  
como decís. <sup>15</sup> Aborreced el mal, y amad  
el bien, y estableced la justicia en juicio;  
quizá Jehová Dios de los ejércitos  
tendrá piedad del remanente de José.

## Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

## \*Himno | Departing Hymn

### Remember the Slave

REMEMBER THE SLAVE.

*Auld Lang Syne.*

Shall suff'ring bondmen be forgot,  
Their sorrows and their tears?  
The mis'ry of their wretched lot,  
Their griefs and many fears?

O, shall their want, and wo and pain  
Be never brought to mind?  
The horror of the galling chain,  
The aching limbs confined?

O no, we'll often think of them,  
When life is fair and bright;  
Their wrongs and wo shall be our theme  
In sorrow's gath'ring night.

We'll make their grief and pain our own,  
And all their suffering share ;  
And often at our Father's throne  
We'll plead their cause in pray'r.

M. J.

From *Anti-Slavery Hymns: Designed to Aid in the Cause of Human Rights, 1844.*

*"Let me make the ballads for a nation,  
I care not who makes its Laws."*

## \*Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

## Música | Postlude

**Go Down, Moses**  
arr. Bradley Sowash  
Chris Urquiaga, piano

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS—

Sunday, February 18 (President's Day weekend)

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## Afirmando la Llamada de Dios | Affirming God's Call

**We give thanks that you have been guided by God to this moment. As a community of faith, we welcome you into the membership of this church. We pledge to love each other and to work together to grow into the fullness of Christ.**

**Damos gracias que haya sido guiado por Dios a este momento. Como una comunidad de fe, te damos la bienvenida a la membresía de esta iglesia. Nos comprometemos a amarnos unos a otros y a trabajar juntos para crecer en la plenitud de Cristo.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY: Black History Month Begins at Calvary**—After a brief coffee hour today, we'll plan to walk over together to the *One Life: Frederick Douglass* exhibit across the street at the National Portrait Gallery.

Below is our a schedule of events centered around the theme ***Past, Present, Future: Celebrating Intergenerational Blackness***

**February 4th: Slavery to Freedom**

*Centering Intergenerational Black Storytelling*

IN-PERSON: Rev. Mahogany preaching. Following the service, we'll visit the *One Life: Frederick Douglass* exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery.

**February 11th: Songs of Blackness**

*Centering Intergenerational Black Liberation*

IN-PERSON: Special service of music with SongRise, a DC-based women's social justice a cappella group

**February 18th: Pausing to Embrace the Present**

*Centering Intergenerational Black Struggle, Wilderness, and Survival*

VIRTUAL Prayer Service on Zoom/Facebook Live

**February 25th: Afro Futurism & Intergenerational Blackness**

*Centering Intergenerational Futurism*

IN-PERSON: Victor Udoewa preaching

**Group trips to NMAAHC**— Sign up for a small group trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture throughout the month of February. Use adjacent QR code to sign up. (Note: times/dates are not set in stone and you are welcome to gather a group for another time!) *Please visit [nmaahc.si.edu](http://nmaahc.si.edu) to acquire your own free ticket.*



**New Members: Get your parking passes!** If you are a new member and need a parking pass for the garage, please see Jojo during Coffee Hour this Sunday so he can set you up with one.

**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](mailto:karla.j.fahey@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:duffell@gmail.com)) for more information.

## 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

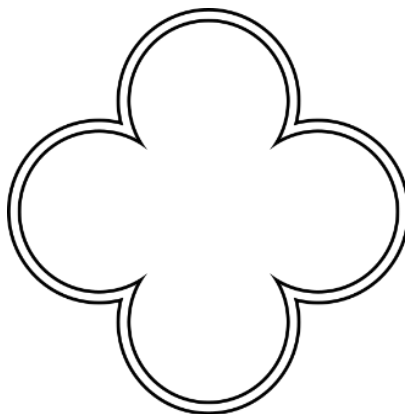
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We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the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

New this week: Gwen Canfield, Laura Canfield's mother

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; Kathie and Paul Lansing; 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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