

VIRTUAL SUNDAY

29 de diciembre / December 29, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

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PRIMER DOMINGO DESPUÉS DE NAVIDAD | FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Canción | Opening Hymn

A Calvary Christmas

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Jackie Wright, Deacon

Hope is tethered to remembrance.
We don't move forward by forgetting.

**We will hold space for every joy,
and every sorrow in our becoming.**

Hope is tethered to our ancestors.
We don't move forward by forgetting.

**We hold space for every joy,
and every sorrow in our new beginnings.**

**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

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

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child
there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Lectura | Poetic Reading

“My Ancestors are Calling”

by Qiniso Mogale
Rev. Mahogany

My ancestors are calling
My ancestors are calling
They call to remind me who I am
They call to remind me what I am
They call to remind what I should be
They call to remind me not to pull their
good name through the mud
They call to remind me not to dishonor
their name.
My ancestors are calling
They call to remind me to continue
their legacy
They call to remind that someday
I shall join them where they are
They call to remind me
to teach my children well
My ancestors are calling
My ancestors are calling.

Lectura | Scripture

Lucas | Luke 2:41-52

Pastor Maria

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. **After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.** And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "*Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.*" He said to them, "*Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

⁴¹ Iban sus padres todos los años a Jerusalén en la fiesta de la pascua; ⁴² y cuando tuvo doce años, subieron a Jerusalén conforme a la costumbre de la fiesta. ⁴³ Al regresar ellos, acabada la fiesta, se quedó el niño Jesús en Jerusalén, sin que lo supiesen José y su madre. ⁴⁴ Y pensando que estaba entre la compañía, anduvieron camino de un día; y le buscaban entre los parientes y los conocidos; ⁴⁵ pero como no le hallaron, volvieron a Jerusalén buscándolo. ⁴⁶ Y aconteció que tres días después le hallaron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores de la ley, oyéndoles y preguntándoles. ⁴⁷ Y todos los que le oían, se maravillaban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. ⁴⁸ Cuando le vieron, se sorprendieron; y le dijo su madre: Hijo, ¿por qué nos has hecho así? He aquí, tu padre y yo te hemos buscado con angustia. ⁴⁹ Entonces él les dijo: ¿Por qué me buscabais? ¿No sabíais que en los negocios de mi Padre me es necesario estar? ⁵⁰ Mas ellos no entendieron las palabras que les habló. ⁵¹ Y descendió con ellos, y volvió a Nazaret, y estaba sujeto a ellos. Y su madre guardaba todas estas cosas en su corazón. ⁵² Y Jesús crecía en sabiduría y en estatura, y en gracia para con Dios y los hombres.

Lectura | Poetic Reading

“At the Mountain Top”

by Qiniso Mogale

Rev. Mahogany

At the Mountain top I look down
and I reflect on my past
At the mountain top I look down
and I realize how far I've come
At the mountain top I see all the
obstacles I've surmounted
At the mountain I see all
the tests I've passed
At the Mountain top I'm grateful to
God for upholding me with His righteous right hand....
At the Mountain top I pay tribute
to my parents especially my mother...

Música Especial | Special Music

Grandma's Hands

Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Mahogany

***Himno | Departing Hymn**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***Bendición | Benediction**

Pastor Sally

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UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS—

- Sunday, December 29 at 10:30 a.m. (Christmas/New Year)
- Sunday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m. (MLK weekend)
- Sunday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m. (President’s Day weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL WORSHIP: Sunday, December 29— Join us for **VIRTUAL** worship at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom and/or Facebook Live for a time of reflection in the Watchnight tradition.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Sunday, January 5— Join us in the sanctuary for Epiphany Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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.

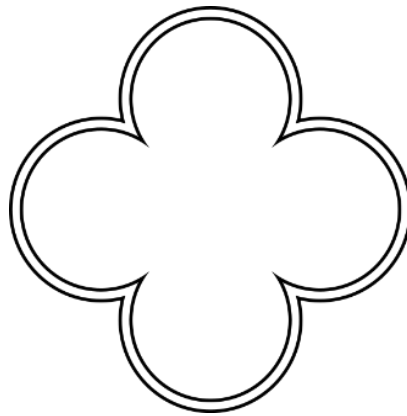
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

Nik Andonov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Michelle Nikolov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Dan Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's father; All those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton; George Brummett-Wudel, Will Brummett and Grace Boone's niece; Diego Torres-Siclait, Manuel Torres Anjel's grandson; Ed Renfrow, Phil Renfrow's brother; Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; 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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