

# IN-PERSON SUNDAY

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH SERVICE OF BLESSING

## Música | Prelude

**My Lord, What a Morning, #708**  
*Shiowei Cheng, piano*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Pastor Maria*

## \*Canción | Opening Hymn

**We Shall Not Be Moved, #615**

**We shall not, we shall not be moved.  
We shall not, we shall not be moved;  
Like a tree planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.**

- 1. We're on the road to freedom...**
- 2. Voices raised together...**
- 3. We walk this road together...**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Victor Udoewa, Deacon*

God who has come, we have witnessed you in blackness.  
When the oppressor wanted a face that looked like them,  
You showed them Your face in the flesh of those they most diminished.

**We will not remake ourselves  
in the image of the powerful in order to survive.**

Instead, we want more than power;  
we want belonging, justice, and the freedom  
to lie down in the dark and rest in glory.

**This is the glory we are waiting for,  
a God who came in tenderness 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.**

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

**Ofrendas | Offertory**

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, #305**

*Shiowei Cheng, 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.



**Canción | Scripture Refrain**

**Amen, Amen, #317**

**Lectura | Scripture**

**Salmo | Psalm 116:1-14**

*Pastor Sally*

I love the Lord because God hears  
my requests for mercy.  
I'll call out to God as long as I live,  
because God listens closely to me.  
Death's ropes bound me;  
the distress of the grave found me—  
I came face-to-face with trouble and  
grief.  
So I called on the Lord's name:  
"Lord, please save me!"  
The Lord is merciful and righteous;  
our God is compassionate.  
The Lord protects simple folk;  
God saves me whenever I am brought  
down.  
I tell myself, You can be at peace again,  
because the Lord has been good to you.  
You, God, have delivered me from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
and my foot from stumbling,  
so I'll walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
I have remained faithful, even when I said,  
"I am suffering so badly!"  
even when I said, out of fear,  
"Everyone is a liar!"  
What can I give back to the Lord  
for all the good things he has done for  
me?  
I'll lift up the cup of salvation.  
I'll call on the Lord's name.  
I'll keep the promises I made to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people.

Amo a Jehová, pues ha oído  
Mi voz y mis súplicas;  
Porque ha inclinado a mí su oído;  
Por tanto, le invocaré en todos mis días.  
Me rodearon ligaduras de muerte,  
Me encontraron las angustias del Seol;  
Angustia y dolor había yo hallado.  
Entonces invoqué el nombre de Jehová,  
diciendo:  
Oh Jehová, libra ahora mi alma.  
Clemente es Jehová, y justo;  
Sí, misericordioso es nuestro Dios.  
Jehová guarda a los sencillos;  
Estaba yo postrado, y me salvó.  
Vuelve, oh alma mía, a tu reposo,  
Porque Jehová te ha hecho bien.  
Pues tú has librado mi alma de la muerte,  
Mis ojos de lágrimas,  
Y mis pies de resbalar.  
Andaré delante de Jehová  
En la tierra de los vivientes.  
Creí; por tanto hablé,  
Estando afligido en gran manera.  
Y dije en mi apresuramiento:  
Todo hombre es mentiroso.  
¿Qué pagaré a Jehová  
Por todos sus beneficios para conmigo?  
Tomaré la copa de la salvación,  
E invocaré el nombre de Jehová.  
Ahora pagaré mis votos a Jehová  
Delante de todo su pueblo.

## Special Music

**I Love the Lord**  
*Desmond Thompson, soloist*

## Prayers of the People

*Before each blessing, please sing "Amen, Amen," #317.*

Blessing for Black Ancestors  
Blessing for the Music and Art Created by Black Lives  
Blessing for the Public Contributions of Black Lives  
Blessing for the Safety, Security, and Thriving of Black Lives  
Blessing for Black Children

Jackie Wright  
Victor Udoewa  
Andrea Powell  
Sakeenah Shabazz  
Bren Elliott

## Comunión | Communion

*Pastor Maria*

**Let us Break Bread Together, #425**  
*Shiowei Cheng, piano*

## \*Himno | Departing Hymn

**Lift Every Voice and Sing, #631**

*Please sing all three stanzas.*

## \*Bendición | Benediction

*Pastor Sally*

## Música | Postlude

**Great is Thy Faithfulness, #86**  
*Shiowei Cheng, piano*

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS—

Sunday, April 27 (the Sunday after Easter)  
Sunday, May 25 (Memorial Day weekend)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Black History Month at Calvary—** Join us this month as we seek to honor the preservation and celebration of Black Life through music, proclamation, poetry, and prayer.

**February 2:** IN-PERSON Service of Special Music

**February 9:** IN-PERSON Service of Proclamation

**February 16:** VIRTUAL Service of Poetry and Prose

**February 23:** IN-PERSON Service of Prayer

**Bible Study on Sunday Mornings—** Join the Latino Fellowship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the library as Rev. Edgar Palacios continues a study on the book of Revelation, its vast imagery, and the story it tells about justice and perseverance in the face of empire.

**Theology on Draft—** Join us at Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria's house at 7 pm. You can RSVP Rev. Mahogany, [mthomas@calvarydc.org](mailto:mthomas@calvarydc.org). Upcoming dates —March 5 (Ash Wednesday), April 2, May 7.

**Soup Drive—** These months after the holidays are slow times for the Capital Area Food Bank, so WMS focuses on collecting soup in January and February. Sadly, this year, such collections are even more important as so many people are losing their jobs and the ripple effects of the draconian cuts are hitting many people in our metro area. However, if you have forgotten to bring in cans of soup, you can still participate in helping to feed hungry people in our DC metro area. All donations made to the Hunger Offering (use the drop down menu at [calvarydc.org/give](http://calvarydc.org/give)) in January and February will also go to the Capital Area Food Bank. Please add a gift to the Hunger Fund to your regular gifts to Calvary's ministry!

## 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

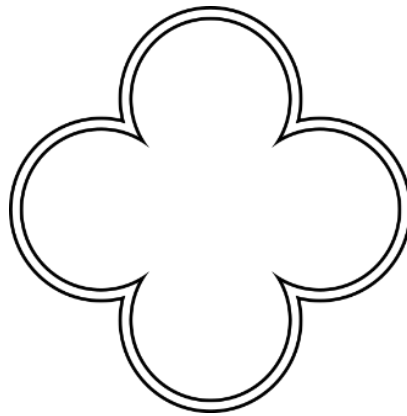
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We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the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