

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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*Grace Boone*

# Culto | Worship

## Preludio | Prelude

**Prelude on Deep River**  
arr. Adolphus Hailstork  
*Laura Henderson, organ*

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

*Pastor Maria*

## \*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

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

**I shall not be, I shall not be moved.  
I shall not be, I shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
I shall not be moved.**

**No, no, no, no nos moveran.  
No, no, no nos moveran.  
Como un árbol firme junto al río,  
No nos moveran.**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Carolyn Lamere, Deacon*

En un mundo de incertidumbre, venimos a sembrar.  
**In a world of uncertainty, we come as gardeners ready to plant life into the earth.**  
We scatter seeds on ground we cannot control.  
**Sembramos semillas de esperanza en tierra desconocida.**  
We do not know how they will grow,  
**But even in life's wastelands, green shoots appear.**  
So we bring what we have: our dollars, our time, our weary hope,  
**And we plant them in faith.**  
¡Sembramos juntos!  
**Let us plant together!**

## \*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 Maria*

*\*Congregation stands in body and/or in spirit. La congregación se pone de pie en persona o en espíritu.*

## Ofrendas | Offertory

**Now Thank We All Our God**

GF Kaufmann

Laura Henderson, organ

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

Carolyn Lamere

## Respuesta Musical | Sung Response

**Sois La Semilla, #478**

Sois la semilla que ha de crecer,  
Sois la estrella que ha de brillar;  
Sois levadura, sois grano de sal,  
Antorcha que debe alumbrar.

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;  
you're a star that will shine in the night;  
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,  
A beacon to glow in the dark.

Id, amigos, por el mundo,  
anunciando el amor.  
Mensajeros de la vida  
de la paz y el perdón.  
Sed, amigos, los testigos  
de mi resurrección.  
Id llevando mi presencia  
con vosotros estoy.

Go, my friends, go to the world,  
proclaiming love to all,  
Messengers of my forgiving peace,  
eternal love.  
Be, my friends, a loyal witness,  
from the dead I arose;  
"Lo, I'll be with you forever,  
till the end of the world."

## Lectura | Scripture and Stewardship Reflection

**Marcos | Mark 4:26-29**

Julie Kurtz

<sup>26</sup> Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

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<sup>26</sup> Decía además: Así es el reino de Dios, como cuando un hombre echa semilla en la tierra; <sup>27</sup> y duerme y se levanta, de noche y de día, y la semilla brota y crece sin que él sepa cómo. <sup>28</sup> Porque de suyo lleva fruto la tierra, primero hierba, luego espiga, después grano lleno en la espiga; <sup>29</sup> y cuando el fruto está maduro, en seguida se mete la hoz, porque la siega ha llegado.

## Música Especial | Special Music

**The Seed**

Glynn Lehmann

Desmond Thompson, soloist

## Sermón | Sermon

Pastor Maria

## Comunión | Communion

Pastor Sally

### \*Himno | Departing Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation, #714

*Please sing all three stanzas.*

### \*Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

### Postludio | Postlude

**Dios Es Nuestro Amparo**

arr. Charles Callahan

Laura Henderson, organ

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**Next Virtual Sunday— Sunday, October 12** (Indigenous People's Day weekend)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Stewardship Month at Calvary—** Every year, we set aside the month of October to consider how we tend and care for our life together at Calvary. That goes for everything from the brick repointing to our nursery volunteer list. This year, we'll gather around the image that begins Scripture—the image of us in a garden. In the heart of our bustling city, where concrete meets sky and politics shape daily life, we are called to be gardeners. Based on Genesis 2:15, where God places humanity "to work and take care of" the garden, this October series explores what it means to be faithful stewards of our congregation in Washington, DC. We'll discover how our gifts of money, time, talent, and presence become seeds of justice and hope in urban soil. Como jardineros de Dios, we cultivate not just beautiful spaces, but beloved community.



**Theology on Draft: This Wednesday, October 8—** Join us at Pastor Sally and Pastor Maria's house at 7 pm. Please RSVP Rev. Mahogany, [mthomas@calvarydc.org](mailto:mthomas@calvarydc.org).

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, October 12—** As we honor Indigenous People's Day weekend, we will gather virtually on Zoom and/or Facebook Live. *A reminder that Calvary gathers virtually and not in the sanctuary on federal holiday weekends.*

**Sunday, November 2: Quarterly Business Meeting—** Please join us immediately following worship for a special QBM in which will vote on the nominations slate and budget. See adjacent QR code for the nominations slate brought to us by the nominations committee. We are grateful to the committee and to all who have agreed to serve as a board member or deacon this coming year!





## 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

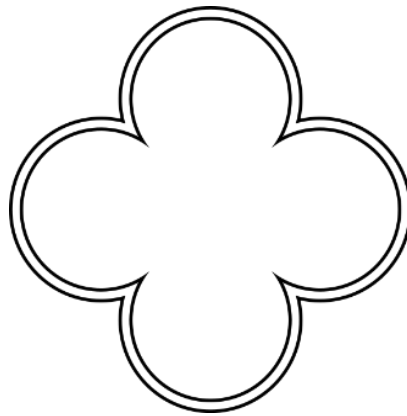
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We believe that Jesus identifies particularly with oppressed and marginalized people and invites us into radically inclusive community. As a historically white church with the sacred gift of now being a multiracial Christian community, we hear the 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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Family and friends of Aaron Stevenson, Salima Appiah-Duffell's cousin and Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's nephew; Family and friends of Gene Mayhew, Hart Clements grandfather; Rev. Karl M. Thomas, Rev. Mahogany Thomas' father; Maria Ciciliano, Doris Evangelista's friend; Ms. Rose, Tim Shaw's friend; Barbara Rice, Courtney Miller's mom; Nik Andonov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Dan Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's father; 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.



### **CHURCH STAFF**

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