



**THE PEOPLE OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH GATHER**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

**CALVARY UNPLUGGED**

**11:00 A.M.**

**PALACIOS CHAPEL**

## GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

### PREPARING

*Shall We Gather at the River*  
By Robert Lowry  
Unplugged Music Team

### WELCOMING

Elijah Zehyoue

### ⊕ SINGING OUR PRAISE

*Gather Us In*  
*Únenos Hoy*

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken. Gather us in, our spirits inflame  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken. We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Jóvenes somos, todo es euforia; somos ancianos tras de tu faz  
Nos han cantado siempre en la historia, somos llamados a ser luz y paz  
Únenos hoy: soberbios y ricos. Haznos humildes de corazón  
Únenos hoy: al fuerte y al chico. Haznos cantar y vivir tu canción.

Hoy te traemos agua y vino; pan tú nos das del nuevo nacer  
Hijos e hijas, nuestro destino, sal de la tierra nos llamas a ser  
Das a beber el vino piadoso, das bajo pan tu cuerpo, Señor  
Nútrenos bien, oh Dios poderoso, que nuestras vidas sean luz y fulgor.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining. Now is God present, and now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### ⊕ CENTERING

Abbey Ammerman, Deacon of the Week

Even as we turn to the parables, familiar stories that we thought we loved,  
we find troubling stories offering even more questions.

**Lord have mercy on us.**

Still we read the parables of Jesus, which fly in the face of social convention and  
offend those who dare to listen.

**Christ have mercy on us.**

Believing that we are insignificant, and at the same time fearful that we might  
become so, we are timid to use our voices to speak truth to power.

**Lord have mercy on us.**

Now the parables of Jesus offer us a new vision. Now the servant dines, and  
the master serves. Now the last becomes first, and the first becomes last.

**Christ have mercy on us.**

Hear the good news of the Story: no sheep is unworthy of rescue, no coin too small  
to be missed. Hear the good news that love is stronger than hate, and this power  
is alive within you, now and forever.

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

### ⊕ PRAYING

Abbey Ammerman

- ⊕ Congregation standing. La congregación se pone de pie.  
Congregational responses in **bold**. Respuestas congregacionales en **negrita**.

✚ **PASSING PEACE**

Abbey Ammerman

La paz del Señor sea contigo. **Y contigo también.**  
The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✚ **SINGING OUR UNITY**

*We Are One in Christ Jesus*  
*Somos Uno en Cristo*

**We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together**  
**Somos uno en Cristo, somos uno, somos uno, uno solo.**

**We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love**  
**One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit uniting all.**

**Un solo Dios, un solo Señor, una sola fe, un sola amor**  
**Un solo bautismo, un solo Espíritu, y ese es el Consolador.**

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

**HEBREW LESSON**

Eclesiastés/Ecclesiastes 11:1-6  
David Pereira

<sup>1</sup>Echa tu pan sobre las aguas; porque después de muchos días lo hallarás. <sup>2</sup>Reparte a siete, y aun a ocho; porque no sabes el mal que vendrá sobre la tierra. <sup>3</sup>Si las nubes fueren llenas de agua, sobre la tierra la derramarán; y si el árbol cayere al sur, o al norte, en el lugar que el árbol cayere, allí quedará. <sup>4</sup>El que al viento observa, no sembrará; y el que mira a las nubes, no segará. <sup>5</sup>Como tú no sabes cuál es el camino del viento, o cómo crecen los huesos en el vientre de la mujer encinta, así ignoras la obra de Dios, el cual hace todas las cosas. <sup>6</sup>Por la mañana siembra tu semilla, y a la tarde no dejes reposar tu mano; porque no sabes cuál es lo mejor, si esto o aquello, o si lo uno y lo otro es igualmente bueno.

<sup>1</sup>Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back. <sup>2</sup>Divide your means seven ways, or even eight, for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth. <sup>3</sup>When clouds are full, they empty rain on the earth; whether a tree falls to the south or to the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie. <sup>4</sup>Whoever observes the wind will not sow; and whoever regards the clouds will not reap. <sup>5</sup>Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who makes everything. <sup>6</sup>In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

✚ **SINGING OUR ALLELUIAS**

*Celtic Alleluia*

✚ **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew/Mateo 25:1-13  
Elijah Zehyoue

<sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

<sup>1</sup>Entonces el reino de los cielos será semejante a diez vírgenes que tomando sus lámparas, salieron a recibir al esposo. <sup>2</sup>Cinco de ellas eran prudentes y cinco insensatas. <sup>3</sup>Las insensatas, tomando sus lámparas, no tomaron consigo aceite; <sup>4</sup>mas las prudentes tomaron aceite en sus vasijas, juntamente con sus lámparas. <sup>5</sup>Y tardándose el esposo, cabecearon todas y se durmieron. <sup>6</sup>Y a la medianoche se oyó un clamor: ¡Aquí viene el esposo; salid a recibirle! <sup>7</sup>Entonces todas aquellas vírgenes se levantaron, y arreglaron sus lámparas. <sup>8</sup>Y las insensatas dijeron a las prudentes: Dadnos de vuestro aceite; porque nuestras lámparas se apagan. <sup>9</sup>Mas las prudentes respondieron diciendo: Para que no nos falte a nosotras y a vosotras, id más bien a los que venden, y comprad para vosotras mismas. <sup>10</sup>Pero mientras ellas iban a comprar, vino el esposo; y las que estaban preparadas entraron con él a las bodas; y se cerró la puerta. <sup>11</sup>Después vinieron también las otras vírgenes, diciendo: ¡Señor, señor, ábrenos! <sup>12</sup>Mas él, respondiendo, dijo: De cierto os digo, que no os conozco. <sup>13</sup>Velad, pues, porque no sabéis el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del Hombre ha de venir.

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PARABLES ON THE PORCH

The Durán Family and Jess Lynd

#### SINGING OUR PARABLES

*For One Great Peace*

**This thread I weave, this step I dance, this stone I carve, this ball I bounce  
This nail I drive, this pearl I string, this flag I wave, this note I sing**

**This pot I shape, this fire I light, this fence I leap, this bone I knit  
This seed I nurse, this rift I mend, this child I raise, this earth I tend**

**This check I write, this march I join, this faith I state, this truth I sign  
This is small part, in one small place, of one heart's beat for one great Peace.**

#### THE PARABLE OF ...

... *Groomzilla*  
Erica Lea

#### LISTENING IN SILENCE

### SHARING COMMUNION

#### REMEMBERING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Elijah Zehyoue

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and cup to offer, which has come forth from the earth and which human hands have made.

**May we know your presence in the sharing, so that we may know your touch and presence in all things.**

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and the life he shares with us now.

**Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves as a single, living act of praise. Amen.**

#### ✦ SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*

*We sing together as we participate in communion.*

**Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia to the Lord!**

**In Christ the world has been redeemed. In Christ the world has been redeemed.  
In Christ the world, in Christ the world, in Christ the world has been redeemed.**

**His resurrection sets us free. His resurrection sets us free.**

**His resurrection, His resurrection, His resurrection sets us free. (Continues next page)**

Therefore we celebrate the feast. Therefore we celebrate the feast.  
Therefore we celebrate, therefore we celebrate, therefore we celebrate the feast.  
Sing alleluia to the Lord!

## GIVING AND SERVING

### OFFERING OUR PRAYERS FOR CALVARY AND LORD'S PRAYER

Yolanda Appiah-Kubi

*We invite everyone to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native language.*

**Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal; porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria, por todos los siglos. Amén.**

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*I'll Fly Away*  
By Albert E. Brumley  
Unplugged Music Team

### ⊕ SINGING OUR DEDICATION PRAYER

*Santo, Santo, Santo*  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora.  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: Santo eres Señor.**

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord. Amen.**

## BECOMING DISCIPLES

### STEPPING OUT

Erica Lea

### ⊕ SINGING OUR INVITATION

*Loaves and Fishes*  
VBS Students and Everyone

**A long time ago there was a boy who went to hear Jesus speak  
But before he left, his mother fixed a basket of food to eat. She fixed him ...**

***Refrain.* Loaves and fishes, loaves and fishes, loaves and fishes to eat that day  
Five loaves of bread and two little fishes, loaves and fishes to eat!**

**Jesus talked for hours and hours and nobody wanted to leave  
The apostles found that only the boy had anything to eat. He had the ... (*Refrain*).**

**Jesus said: Please bring me the boy to feed this hungry crowd  
We'll fill the baskets full of his food, there'll be plenty to go around. We'll feed them ... (*Refrain*).**

**The loaves and fishes multiplied and everyone was full  
And the boy was proud that he could help with this wonderful miracle. They ate the ... (*Refrain*).**

## ✦ WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**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.**

## ✦ HEARING WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Erica Lea

## ✦ SINGING OUR BENEDICTION

*Make Us One*

**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. (Repeat)**

## DEPARTING

*Join us in singing the Refrain.*

*Detectives of Divinity  
VBS Students and Everyone*

**We are Detectives of Divinity, we're looking all around  
For signs of God's activity wherever they are found  
God is up to something, of that you can be sure  
So start the investigation, the clues are everywhere!**

***Following worship join us in Butler Hall, upstairs on level G3, for refreshments and a time of fellowship during Coffee Hour. Check out all the art projects and room décor from VBS this weekend!  
Visitors, we look forward to meeting you there.***

*Families with babies and young children: for your convenience, there are changing tables in the Parents' Room, upstairs on level G3 near the Sanctuary, or downstairs in the nursery.*

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Lectionary Passages for September 11, Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost, are  
Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**NEW THIS WEEK:** Paula Harrison, Claudia Moore's cousin.

Carmen Angdisen; Demy Angdisen; Theresa Beaton; Maria Bensussen, Ryan Harvey's grandmother; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Cristina Chacón; Roberta Clyburn, Janice Glover's sister; Dick Glandt, former CBC member; Jenny Goon; Janet Grove; Berniece and Bill Harward; Sabrina Jawed's father; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Donna Judd, Katy, Mike, and Genevieve Denkenberger, family of Nathan Rider; Jessica Long, Beverly Fahey's daughter-in-law; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Al Nielsen; Kyin Oo; Mary Pat, Isaac Wright's friend; Amelia Powell, Andrea Powell's mother; Paul Rice; Harold Ritchie; Esteem dos Santos, father of Elia Barreto, wife of Raimundo Barreto; Ruby Shepherd; Elijah Simpson-Sundell, Cheryl Branham's student; Jennifer Snowden, Cheryl Branham's niece; Sunny Soto's mother; Joe Stout, Holly Miller's brother-in-law; Bob Tiller; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents. Those impacted by extreme weather. Peace in El Salvador. Refugees, asylum seekers, and immigration reform. Victims of gun violence. Racial reconciliation and justice everywhere. Everyone who is moving and transitioning this summer. Pray also for Calvary's Ministerial Search Committee.

A Special Gift has been made to the Shalom Scholarship Fund in honor of Edgar Palacios by Eric and Elizabeth Bebbber.

## WORSHIP

**STEPPING OUT: PARABLES ON THE PORCH.** Today is the final Sunday of our Unplugged summer worship series. In many cultures the porch is a primary meeting place for all things family, social, religious and fun. Some probably remember learning life lessons or stories from the Bible on our Grandmother's porch, or about Breh Rabbit and Anansi the Spider fables on our Grandfather's porch. This summer for Calvary Unplugged, we gather around God's porch and hear parables from Jesus as told through the lives and stories of our friends, family, neighbors and loved ones. Thanks to everyone who participated in worship leadership and in music this summer—and thanks to everyone in the Calvary Community for joining us this summer on the porch! We'll see you next Sunday, **September 11**, in the Sanctuary—Rev. Allyson Robinson is our guest preacher as we kick-off the 2016-17 church season.

## TODAY

**UNPLUGGED MUSIC TEAM.** Thanks to Chuck Andreatta on banjo, Karen Rice and Tim Shaw on guitars, and everyone in Unplugged Singers, for great music and leadership today!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016** took place this weekend, **September 2–4**, here in the Calvary buildings. This year's theme: *Detectives of Divinity*. Thanks to all our VBS students, families, teachers and leaders for a great weekend of activities, learning and fun! Mission accomplished! The Detectives of Divinity followed the clues, examined the evidence and solved the case. **Come to Butler Hall during Coffee Hour and check out their work!**

## COMING UP

**THEOLOGY ON DRAFT** meets **each Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. in Butler Hall. Contact Pastor Elijah.

**JOIN WMS** Tuesday, **September 6**, 10:30 a.m. as we prepare for Sunday's school kit project and tear sheets—the first step in making bandages for Africa. Bring your lunch; drink and dessert are provided.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION** is next Sunday, **September 11**, 9:45 a.m. in Palacios Chapel. Congratulations to our students who are being promoted!

**CHILDREN PROTECTION & SAFETY TRAINING**, Sunday **September 11**, 1:00 p.m. Volunteers who work with Calvary nursery, children, youth and vulnerable adults at any time during the year are expected to attend one training session each year. This is the final training session offered this year. Lunch and bilingual resources provided! Contact Pastor Erica or Daniel Alcazar-Roman to RSVP.

**ARISE: A QUEER THEOLOGY COLLABORATIVE** meets the **second Wednesday** of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the office suite beginning **September 14**. Arise is an ecumenical group for any LGBTQ identified people. Contact Pastor Erica for more information.

**REUNIÓN DEL COMPAÑERISMO LATINO.** El **18 de septiembre a las 9:45 a.m.** en la capilla se reunirán para planear la escuela dominical en español y los próximos eventos liderados por el grupo, incluyendo el desayuno latino, la gala de navidad y otros. Contamos con tu presencia para mantener un grupo fuerte y unido. Contact Jess Lynd for more info.

**LABYRINTH DAY**, Sunday afternoon, **September 25**, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Join Pastor Erica for brown bag lunch and a study of prayer labyrinths. Learn about this tool for interfaith dialogue, individual reflection, discernment, and ancient wisdom. Then we'll experience the indoor labyrinth nearby at Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street NW. Free and family friendly! Contact Pastor Erica for more information.

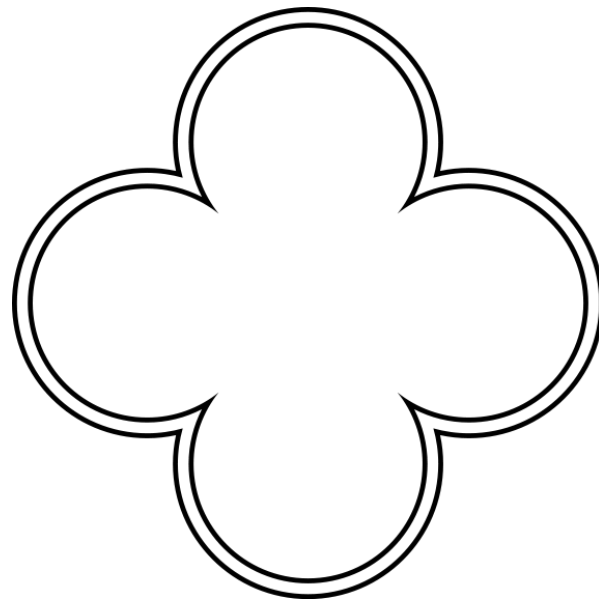
**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!** Are you available to serve in the nursery and care for Calvary's youngest, regularly or occasionally? If so, email Carol Blythe right away! Please note: all volunteers who work with Calvary nursery, children, youth and vulnerable adults at any time during the year are expected to attend one Children Protection and Training session each year. Next session is Sunday, September 11.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION.** WMS is collecting Box Tops for Education to support Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School in DC. Drop off your Box Tops each Sunday at the Welcome Table in Woodward Hall.

**CALL FOR USHERS.** Are you looking for ways to get involved at Calvary? We are seeking a few willing people to join our team. As an usher you'll help to set up the altar table, welcome members and visitors to worship, and collect the offering. Contact Abbey for more information, [abbey.ammerman@gmail.com](mailto:abbey.ammerman@gmail.com).

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CALVARY?** Sign up on the Calvary website for *Latest Happenings*, *Calvary Caller*, and pastoral emails by clicking "sign up for updates" at the bottom of the home page.

**CALVARY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS.** Visit [www.calvarydc.org/events/](http://www.calvarydc.org/events/) for a current listing, or stop by the church office to pick up a complete listing of Sunday School classes and Small Group programs.



**We are an ecumenical, multi-racial, multi-ethnic Christian body that reaches out to the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. To that end we strive to be welcoming, responsive, trusting and prayerful in everything we do.**

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