

SERVICIO DE RECUERDO | SERVICE OF RE-MEMBERING
ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS ANNUAL GATHERING 2019
APRIL 28, 2019



MÚSICA ESPECIAL | PIANO AND TRUMPET PRELUDE

Improvisation of Psalm 136

BIENVENIDA | WELCOME

Rev. Sally Sarratt

DECLARACIÓN PARA LA TIERRA | LAND STATEMENT

We acknowledge and give reverence to the Pamunkey, Haudenosaunee and Piscataway.

These are the communities that lived here, hunted here and fished here.

These are the First People of America who farmed here and buried their dead here.

They are the people who had a society and fully lived their lives here, long before Christopher Columbus got lost at sea.

These are the communities that were ethnically cleansed and removed from this geographical area so that the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia could be founded.

We gather in Calvary Baptist Church on what is sacred ground.

We also acknowledge the violent history of enslavement.

We lift up the sacred memory of African descendent people stolen from their sacred lands and first brought here to the thirteen original English colonies four hundred years ago, this year.

We lament their gruesome journey through the middle passage and the dehumanizing status of lifelong bondage conferred to them upon arrival at port cities like Charleston, Richmond, Baltimore, and Providence. We recognize that through their unpaid labor, brutalized bodies, inferior status, and terrorized lives, enslaved people built the society that is the United States of America.

We gather at the 2019 Alliance of Baptist Annual Meeting in Repentance for our sins against them and their descendants. We invoke their spirits today as guide who offer us wisdom and vision as we try to walk into a future that repairs the breaches caused by the original sin of anti-Black systematic racism.

ALABAMOS JUNTOS | GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

⊕ ALABANZAS A DIOS | SINGING PRAISE

Chalice 29 – “Alabaré”

We will sing the Spanish verses together.

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying “

Words and Music: Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.**

⊕ LLAMADA A LA ALABANZA | CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes

LA PAZ DE CRISTO | PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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”
Music and Words: Carol Cymbala

**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.**

THEME INTERPRETATION

Judge Wendell Griffen
Pastor, New Millennium Church, Little Rock, Ark.

⊕ CANCIONES DE JUSTICIA | SONGS OF JUSTICE

“Come Ruah, Breath of Life”

Words: Jan Aldredge-Clanton

- 1. Come Ruah, Breath of Life, fill us with strength anew,
That we persist in peaceful acts, and show Your widest view.**
- 2. Come Ruah, Breath of Life, free us from all our fear,
That we resist oppressive acts, and bring Your justice here.**
- 3. Come Ruah, Breath of Life, flow through our weary souls,
Tha we may keep our hope alive, and reach our largest goals.**
- 4. Come Ruah, Breath of Life, stir us to dream and dare,
Working with You to change the world, so all are kind and fair.**

“She’s Got the Whole World in Her Hands”

1. She’s got the whole world in Her hands.
2. She’s got the wind and the rain in Her hands...
3. She’s got the itty bitty baby in Her hands...
4. She’s got all God’s family in Her hands...
5. She’s got the whole world in Her hands...

TIEMPO CON LOS NIÑOS | TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Brent Newberry
Rev. Michael-Ray Matthews

LA PALABRA DE DIOS | LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD

LA LECCIÓN DEL EVANGELIO | GOSPEL LESSON

Juan | John 20:19-31

Rachel Alcazar, Alison Sorto Reyes, Cristian Durán, and Brayan Gonzalez

¹⁹ Cuando llegó la noche de aquel mismo día, el primero de la semana, estando las puertas cerradas en el lugar donde los discípulos estaban reunidos por miedo de los judíos, vino Jesús, y puesto en medio, les dijo: Paz a vosotros. ²⁰ Y cuando les hubo dicho esto, les mostró las manos y el costado. Y los discípulos se regocijaron viendo al Señor. ²¹ Entonces Jesús les dijo otra vez: Paz a vosotros. Como me envió el Padre, así también yo os envío. ²² Y habiendo dicho esto, sopló, y les dijo: Recibid el Espíritu Santo. ²³ A quienes remitiereis los pecados, les son remitidos; y a quienes se los retuviereis, les son retenidos. ²⁴ Pero Tomás, uno de los doce, llamado Dídimo, no estaba con ellos cuando Jesús vino. ²⁵ Le dijeron, pues, los otros discípulos: Al Señor hemos visto. El les dijo: Si no viere en sus manos la señal de los clavos, y metiere mi dedo en el lugar de los clavos, y metiere mi mano en su costado, no creeré.

²⁶ Ocho días después, estaban otra vez sus discípulos dentro, y con ellos Tomás. Llegó Jesús, estando las puertas cerradas, y se puso en medio y les dijo: Paz a vosotros. ²⁷ Luego dijo a Tomás: Pon aquí tu dedo, y mira mis manos; y acerca tu mano, y métela en mi costado; y no seas incrédulo, sino creyente. ²⁸ Entonces Tomás respondió y le dijo: ¡Señor mío, y Dios mío! ²⁹ Jesús le dijo: Porque me has visto, Tomás, creíste; bienaventurados los que no vieron, y creyeron. ³⁰ Hizo además Jesús muchas otras señales en presencia de sus discípulos, las cuales no están escritas en este libro. ³¹ Pero éstas se han escrito para que creáis que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, y para que creyendo, tengáis vida en su nombre.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

ESTRIBILLO | OUR SACRED REFRAIN

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

**Lead me, guide me along the way
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.**

**Guíame, guíame, en tu verdad,
Si me conduces, no vagaré.
Dios, déjame contigo andar,
Guíame, mi Señor.**

ORACIÓN PARA LA OFRENDA | OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jessica Lynd
Calvary Deacon and Alliance Board Member

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. Today's offering is received in support of Calvary Baptist Church and her mission. Today's offering goes toward supporting the ministry of this year's host congregation, Calvary Baptist Church.

ACCLAMACIÓN | ACCLAMATION

"Great is Thy Faithfulness / O Tu Fidelidad"

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy Faithfulness Lord unto me.**

**¡Oh, tu fidelidad! ¡Oh, tu fidelidad! Cada momento la veo en mí.
Nada me falta, pues todo provees, ¡Grande, O Dios, es tu fidelidad!**

INTRODUCCIÓN | INTRODUCTION OF PROCLAIMERS

Tim Shaw
Board Moderator, Calvary Baptist Church

SELECCIÓN SERMÓNICO | SERMONIC SELECTION

"Freedom Come"
Alliance "All Come" Choir

SERMÓN | SERMON

Reverend Sally Sarratt
Reverend Maria Swearingen
Reverend Elijah Zehyoue

UN COMUNION DE RECUERDO | A COMMUNION OF RE-MEMBERING

Dirigido por | Led by Alliance Global Ministry Partners

BIENVENIDA | WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes

Líder: El Señor esté contigo.

Gente: y también contigo.

Líder: Levante tus corazones.

Gente: Los elevamos al Señor.

Líder: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Gente: Es correcto dar gracias y alabar al Señor.

CANCIÓN DE ALABANZA | SONG OF PRAISE

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

Say together: Cristo ha muerto. Cristo ha resucitado. Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

ORACIÓN DE CONSAGRACIÓN | PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor Flávio Conrado
Executive Director, Aliança de Batistas do Brasil

ORACIÓN DEL SEÑOR | THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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.

UNA LECTURA | A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Pastora Zaida Hernandez
Vice President, Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba

PARTIENDO EL PAN | BREAKING THE BREAD

Pastores Noel y Ormara Fernandez
Iglesia Bautista "Emmanuel," Cuba

COMPARTIENDO LA CENA | SHARING THE MEAL

To celebrate communion by intinction, approach stations using inside aisles. Return to your seat using outside aisles. A gluten-free option is available at the front, to your left. To receive communion where you are seated, raise your hand and we will be happy to serve you.

CHALICE 536

We will sing together in Spanish, then in English.

"Pues Si Vivimos"

ORACIÓN DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS | PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastora Dalia Juárez,
Director, Seminario Intercultural Mayanese

SER DISCÍPULOS | BECOMING DISCIPLES

INVITACIÓN A SER DISCÍPULO | INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes

⊕ HIMNO DE DISCIPULADO | HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Your Peace Will Make Us One”

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down the sword
Replanting every vineyard til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one.

Refrain: Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
Your peace will make us one.

2. I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient, you will never fade or tire.
Your peace will make us one. *Refrain.*

3. In the beauty of the lilies You were born across the sea
With a glory in Your bosom that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one. *Refrain.*

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.

⊕ BENDICIÓN | BENEDICTION

Calvary Pastors

⊕ MÚSICA | POSTLUDE

Improvisation of “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Sally Sarratt and Maria Swearingen share life, love and ministry together at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. Together, they serve a community of progressive Christian resisters, contemplatives and dreamers who keep responding to national and global diseases like white supremacy, war, racism, religious bigotry and homophobia with the good news of a liberating God who dares to call each of us “Beloved.”

Elijah Zehyoue is the Associate Pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. He is originally from Liberia, West Africa, but grew up in Baton Rouge, LA. Elijah's ministry is focused on racial justice activism, progressive theology and prophetic preaching. He is graduate of Morehouse College and The University of Chicago Divinity School. Currently he is pursuing a Ph.D. in African Diaspora History at Howard University.

Wendell Griffen is an Arkansas circuit judge, legal scholar, social commentator, activist and pastor of New Millennium Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Among other things, he was the first lawyer of color at a major Arkansas law firm and the first person of color named to chair the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission. In 2011 Griffen was elected to Arkansas's Sixth Circuit for Pulaski County. Griffen is the owner of Griffen Strategic Consulting, PLLC and he runs a blog called Justice is a Verb! He provided the inspiration for the 2019 Alliance Annual Gathering theme, “What is Liberty Without Liberation?”

Cláudio Carvalhaes is a renowned worship leader who currently serves as Associate Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He is a theologian, liturgist and artist who stays on the cutting edge of cross-cultural worship. Previously he taught at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Carvalhaes is an ordained pastor within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Christian McIvor serves as the Music & Worship Minister at College Park Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC, and he is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Wake Forest University School of Divinity (Class of 2020). He holds D.M.A. and M.M. degrees in Trumpet Performance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a B.A. in Music from the State University of New York at Potsdam. He has actively performed across the Southeast as a trumpet player and singer/songwriter for many years and he enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife, Chrissy, and their daughters, Juliette and River.

Moshe Adams has studied and performed domestically and internationally and earned 2 degrees in music. After working 10 years in Chicago as a musical theater actor, he spent 7 years as an arts administrator here in the District of Columbia. Moshereceived a 2018 Artist Fellowship grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. He now works for the federal government as a grant manager and studies voice with Samuel L.E. Bonds.

Chris Urquiaga is a singer-songwriter, pianist, composer, music director, and producer from Silver Spring, Maryland. Chris has released two albums 2018's Latin pop "I'm Here" and 2017's, "Complete." Chris has performed throughout the U.S. and internationally, such as the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Library of Congress, the U.S. Capitol, and Strathmore. In 2017 Chris received the Montgomery County Hispanic Heritage Month Award (MD) for his achievements in the performing arts and for his help in shaping his community. Chris graduated from The Eastman School of Music in 2014, where he majored in Music Composition. In 2008, he received the Kennedy Center Award for Excellence in the Performing Arts. Chirs is also a featured pianist and worship leader at Calvary.

"What is Liberty Without Liberation?" *Liberty* is a cherished theme in both our Baptist and American identity. The founding documents and principles of the country and of our beloved denomination emphasize the *liberty* of citizens to chart their own paths and the *freedom* of persons to govern their own souls. Yet despite this language of liberty and our lip service to freedom, much of the history of Baptists and the history of the United States of America tells a different story.

While the banner of liberty hung over our churches and in our halls of power, blacks were forced into slavery on the fields and plantations of the American South. Their exploited labor fueled the wealth of the entire country, including the industries that would develop in the American North. As they sought respite from their hard labor, many were forced to worship in segregated white Baptist churches where they heard messages intended to justify their condition of enslavement. They listened to scripture from the slave bible which removed all mention of freedom; they heard sermons from slave preachers who told them to obey their masters.

While the banner of liberty hung over our churches and in our halls of powers native peoples were terrorized, murdered, and exiled from their own land. While the banner of liberty hung over churches and from the halls of power, a new system of racial control and terror emerged—Jim Crow segregation in the South and racial redlining in the North. Today, even as the banner of liberty still hangs over our churches and from the halls of power other systems of oppression like mass incarceration, police brutality, voter disenfranchisement, gentrification, unjust immigration policies, xenophobic rhetoric from the highest offices of power, gender based violence, harmful theologies, and discrimination against LGBTQ+ persons remind us that our ideal of liberty has fallen flat in our reality. The truth of our history and this present moment is that liberty is hollow without liberation. This weekend, we continue pressing toward the sacred act of memory and the challenge and gift of being shaped by an Imagination that we cannot easily claim as our own, as an organization that is predominantly composed of white Americans and

Baptists. This weekend, we seek to be shaped by the power and witness of Lives who have forged a story of liberation.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NEW THIS WEEK: Jessica Taylor; Lois Ma Cheung, Teresa Kosmidis's grandmother, diagnosed this week with late stage cancer; loved ones of Wendell Hagan, Kevin Hagan's father, who died Tuesday, April 23.

Baby Sophia, daughter of Jaclyn, Teresa Kosmidis's good friend; Sara Bermúdez, Lorena Pereira's mother; Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dylan Canfield, Laura Canfield's nephew; Gale Davis, Kia Davis's mother; Brenda Fahey, relative of Karla Fahey; Rosa Gutierrez, guest in sanctuary at Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethesda MD; Antionette Huff, Janice Glover's sister; Berniece and Bill Harward; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Edna Jorgensen, Eric Jorgensen's mother; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Stan Pakela, Victor Tupitza's brother in law; Melo dos Santos, Raimundo Barreto's mother-in-law; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Ruby Shepherd; Sultana, friend of Liubov Russell; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; Earl and Jenna Wright, Isaac Wright's parents

In light of the effect of the policy decisions that continue to be made by the current administration to challenge the dignity and worth of immigrant lives, we lift up prayer of lament-and-hope on behalf of Holy Families who seek justice, reunification, and basic human rights. We also lift up prayers of anger-and-hope that the hearts of elected and appointed officials would turn from stone to flesh for the sake of their souls and the soul of this nation.

Peace in El Salvador, particularly after the presidential election, 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. Our Nicaraguan, Honduran, Haitian and Salvadoran brothers and sisters impacted by the decimation of Temporary Protected Status. Our elected officials, entrusted with the power to make decisions in the best interest of us all, as DACA legislation impacts our friends and neighbors. Liberation and full affirmation of queer lives. All victims of sexual assault. That the US would pause sending military assistance to the government of Israel and work instead for a peaceful and just resolution.

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