

VIRTUAL SUNDAY

13 de febrero / February 13, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

CALVARY DC

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH | Britany Riley



Worship at Calvary

Current COVID Plan

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

COVID UPDATE: February 2022 will be entirely **VIRTUAL** as we continue monitoring the omicron variant. We hope to return to our In-Person/Virtual rotation below in March.

In-Person Worship at Calvary will take place on the **First and Third Sundays** of the month. **Virtual Worship** will take place on the **Second and Fourth Sundays** of the month. *Fifth Sundays will be Virtual with a special afternoon Outdoor Gathering.*

In-Person Sundays, we will also livestream at facebook.com/CalvaryDC.

Virtual Sundays, you can join us on Zoom at bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC
or watch us at facebook.com/CalvaryDC.

The best way to stay connected and receive any updates or changes to this schedule is to visit www.calvarydc.org and sign up for our weekly newsletter.



Please read detailed COVID Entry and Exit protocols for In-Person Sundays which can be found at the end of the bulletin. While inside the building, we ask that you remain masked at all times. Restrooms are located below the sanctuary or near the registration table where you first entered.

Alabando | Worshipping

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Maria

Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

“The Little Light of Mine”

sung by Tim Shaw

Esta lucecita, la dejaré brillar
Esta lucecita, la dejaré brillar
Esta lucecita, la dejaré brillar
Brillará, Brillará, Brillará!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

*Eugenia Reyes, Deacon
Andrea Powell, Liturgist*

Call to Worship for Black History Month

**Ase (or àṣẹ or ashe; pronounced ah-shay) is a West African philosophical concept through which the Yoruba of Nigeria conceive the power to make things happen and produce change.*

In a beginning before humans were formed and nature knew God's great presence, the Spirit moved over the universe.

Ashe!* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. *Psalm 24:1-2*

In quiet peace God created humans, women and men, colorful, balanced and creatively diverse and the beauty of God's love filled the earth.

Ashe! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

In honor of Black History Month we remember names because of the ancestors who made a way out of no way with God before them, beside them, and lovingly guiding succeeding generations:

Ashe! Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, Gabriele Prosser, Nate Turner and Denmark Vesey, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and Jerena Lee, WEB DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, and Martin Luther King, Jr., Ida B. Wells, Fannie Lou Hamer, and Ella Baker.

These and more represent the great cloud of witnesses. Their spirits linger with us creating new generations of warriors, preachers, prophets, teachers, activists, organizers, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters of the African Diaspora.

Ashe! After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed with palm branches in their hands. Rev. 7:9

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

Ashe and Amen!

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La Paz de Cristo | Passing the Peace

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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.**

Escuchando | Listening

Communion | Comunción

Dando en Línea | Giving Online

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.



Oración | Prayers with the People

Eugenia Reyes, Deacon

Música | Scripture Refrain

You Reached Down
sung by Rhea Naomi Williams

**You reached down and pulled me up,
You reached down and pulled me up,
You reached down and pulled me up,
You pulled me up out of the water and into your arms.**

THE ROCK WHO GAVE US BIRTH is my rock,
and my fortress, and my deliverer,
my God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the HOLY ONE, may she be praised,

and from my enemies I shall be saved.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the rivers of wickedness assailed me.

The snares of Sheol encircled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon SHE WHO HEARS;

to my God I cried for help.

From her temple she heard my voice,
and my cry came before her, to her ears.

Then the earth shuddered and quaked;
the foundations also of the mountains trembled

and were shaken because of her anger.

Smoke went up from her nostrils,
and consuming fire from her mouth;
burning coals blazed forth from her.

She spread out the heavens, and descended;

thick darkness was under her feet.

She mounted up on a cherub, and flew;
she soared upon the wings of the wind.

She made darkness her veil around her,
her canopy dark waters and thick clouds.

She reached down from on high, she took me;

she drew me out of the multitude of water,
She delivered me from my strong enemy,
and from those who hate me;

for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity;

yet the SHELTERING GOD was my support.

She brought me out into a broad place;
she delivered me, because she delights in me.

LA ROCA QUE NOS DIO A LUZ es mi roca,
y mi fortaleza, y mi libertador,
mi Dios, mi roca en quien me refugio,
mi escudo, y el cuerno de mi salvación, mi fortaleza.

Invoco a la SANTA, alabada sea ella,
y de mis enemigos seré salvo.

Los lazos de la muerte me rodearon;
los ríos de maldad me asaltaron.

Los lazos del Seol me rodearon;
los lazos de la muerte me hicieron frente.

En mi angustia llamé a LA QUE ESCUCHA;
a mi Dios clamé por ayuda.

Desde su templo escuchó mi voz,
y mi clamor llegó delante de ella, a sus oídos.

Entonces la tierra se estremeció y tembló;
también se estremecieron los cimientos de los montes

y fueron estremecidos a causa de su ira.

Humo subió de sus narices,
y fuego consumidor de su boca;
brasas ardientes ardían de ella.

Ella extendió los cielos y descendió;
densa oscuridad estaba bajo sus pies.

Se subió a un querubín y voló;

ella voló sobre las alas del viento.

Ella hizo de la oscuridad su velo a su alrededor,

su dosel aguas oscuras y nubes espesas.

Ella se agachó desde lo alto, me tomó;
me sacó de la multitud de las aguas,

Ella me libró de mi fuerte enemigo,
y de los que me odian;

porque eran demasiado poderosos para mí.
Ellos me confrontaron en el día de mi calamidad;

sin embargo, el DIOS PROTECTOR fue mi apoyo.

Ella me sacó a un lugar espacioso;
me libró, porque en mí se deleita.

Creciendo | Growing

Música Especial | Special Music

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga

Sermón | Sermon

Britany Riley-Swanbeck

Britany Riley-Swanbeck is a lawyer, advocate, and amateur historian, who has been a member of the Calvary Baptist Church community since 2014. She hails from Kansas City, Kansas and is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Britany credits Allen Chapel A.M.E. in Kansas City, Kansas, and her grandmothers Ruth Riley and Eugenia Turner-McBride with providing the foundations of her faith. In many ways, Britany is a product of the Black church and the women who make it.

Britany received her undergraduate degree from William Jewell College in Kansas City, Missouri, where she took classes such as “What Was Jesus Doing?”--a question she is still working to figure out. After earning a degree in organizational communication and history, Britany moved to D.C. to work at the United States Supreme Court and for Justice Anthony Kennedy. The experience of working for the Court as the Justices decided major cases concerning issues of voting rights, tribal sovereignty, affirmative action, and gay marriage eventually led Britany to law school.

Britany is a graduate of Stanford Law School, where she focused her studies on issues of civil rights, indigent criminal defense, and policing. While at Stanford she earned awards for exceptional academic performance and graduated with highest pro bono distinction. Britany now practices law at the law firm of WilmerHale, where she maintains a robust pro bono practice focusing on various civil rights matters. Her heroes in the faith and the profession include Pauli Murray and Michelle Alexander, both of whose work wrestles with issues at the intersection of God’s and the legal system’s differing visions of justice, freedom, and meaning.

Britany lives in the Brookland neighborhood of Washington, D.C. with her wife Sonja and their dog Lyra.

Himno | Departing Hymn

Stand by Me
sung by Chris Urquiaga

**When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me like a ship out on the sea,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.**

**In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.**

In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in battle undertake to stop my way,

Thou who saveth Paul and Silas...
Thou who knowest all about me...
Thou who rulest wind and water...

Stand by me.

La Bendición | Special Blessing for Refugee Family Support Group

Sign up for our weekly newsletter, **Latest Happenings**.
Visit calvarydc.org and select "Sign up for Updates."

Contact the Deacon of the Week Eugenia Reyes,
eugenia1170@gmail.com with your cares and concerns.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN ALL-VIRTUAL FEBRUARY. As we continue monitoring the omicron variant, we've decided to plan for an all-virtual February. We hope to return to our In-Person/Virtual rotation in March as we begin the season of Lent. We continue to be so thankful for your flexibility and presence.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE FORUM TODAY AFTER COFFEE HOUR. Join EJJ for a special session on worker owned cooperatives.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP. The Refugee Support Group has been assigned an Afghan family with two parents and eight children. They are learning English and welcome intentional conversations and tutoring while they are still located in a long-term hotel. We are working through a local affiliate of Lutheran Social Services in Maryland and they are in the process of finding an apartment for this family. We need to furnish the apartment and if you can provide any items, please enter them on this [google spreadsheet](#).

One of the procedures requires anyone from Calvary (including our expanded friendly community) to have a background check and training if you want to have encounters with the family. This applies if you want to help with a one-time grocery store shopping trip, applying for a library card or an intentional conversation (even by phone) to supplement ESL classes. If you are interested in being part of this service -- please send your name by email to Carol Blythe at blythecarol@gmail.com. The Background Check requirements do not apply for anyone meeting the family at a church event and it does not apply if you help set up the apartment before the family arrives.

PARENTING CONNECTION. This is an open invitation for any parent looking for support in their daily revolutionary work of parenting. It will center around the practice of Listening Partnerships, as developed by Hand in Hand Parenting. The goal is that with intentional, attentive, and generous listening with each other, we can provide the same for our children. Please reach out to Shiwei with any questions or interest! shiotheway@gmail.com

FREE AT-HOME COVID TESTS. The government has recently announced that they will be sending 4 free at-home COVID tests to any household that requests it. You can register online to receive these here: <https://www.covidtests.gov>

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.

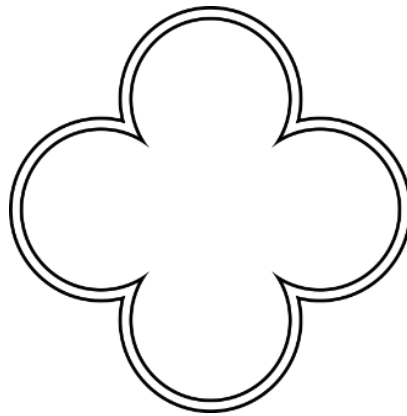
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

Rochelle Powell, Eva Powell's grandmother; Family and friends of Lee Jeter, Al Jeter's brother; Family and friends of Delois Mitchell Greene, Terry Greene's mother; Family and friends of Richard Alan Chen, Teresa Kosmidis' father; Family and friends of Lucy Leanna Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Family and friends of Catherine Ogidi, Godwin Orakwue's sister; The Pliego Family; Brian Cook, friend of the Kosmidis family; Shalom scholar, Karla Giron, and members of the Baptist Association of El Salvador; Liubov Russell; Javier Dario Galindo, Nathalie Galindo-Lee's brother; Paul Lansing; Joe and Shirley Taylor, Jessica Taylor's parents; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Loved ones of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and all who are unjustly taken from this life by the sin of white supremacy; Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together; Gilles Bikindou, of Greenwood Forest Baptist Church in Cary, NC; Sue Bollinger, Michelle Harris-Love's mother; Maria Isabel Bueso; Luis Campos; Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Dorothy Dale, Amy Dale's aunt; Argentina Jiguan; Rena Jirack; Lucy Johnson, Jackie Wright's grandmother; The Langford Family; Rich Madigan; Carmen Myers, Theresa Beaton's cousin; Alison Peebles; Roxana Rodezno, Lorena Pereira's sister-in-law; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Jackie Sellers, Janice Glover's sister; Farooq Shabazz, Sakeenah Shabazz's brother; Ruby Shepherd; Dr. Lilia Stoycheva, 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, 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.



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