

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP

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# CALVARY DC

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# Alabando | Worshipping

## Música | Prelude

**Balm in Gilead**  
arr. Hall Johnson  
Chris Urquiaga, piano

## La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Sally

## \*Cántico de Alabanza | Song of Praise

**This Joy That I Have**  
lyrics and music by Shirley Caesar

**This joy that I have,  
The world didn't give it to me,  
This joy that I have,  
The world didn't give it to me,  
This joy that I have,  
The world didn't give it to me,  
The world didn't give and the world can't take it away!**

**This love that I have...**

**This peace that I have...**

## \*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Bren Elliott, Deacon

**God who is coming, when you come, come in blackness.**

When the oppressor wants a face that looks like them,  
show them Your face in the flesh of those, they have most diminished and excluded.

**We are tired of portraits of you that are more about domination than love.**

We are tired of a society that demands we remake ourselves,  
in the image of the powerful in order to survive.

**We want more than power; we want belonging, justice,  
and the freedom to lie down in the dark and rest without being destroyed.**

This is the glory we are waiting for.

**Not a God who delights in conquering the earth,  
but who came in tenderness to bring healing 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.**

*\*Congregation stands. La congregación se pone de pie.*

*Para traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.*

## \*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.**

## Tiempos con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Maria

## Ofrendas | Offertory

**Joyful is the Dark, #333**  
Chris Urquiaga, piano

*As the music plays, you are welcome to meditate on the beautiful lyrics found in your hymnal.*

*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.*



## Escuchando | Listening

### Lectura | Special Reading

Bren Elliott, Deacon

Womanist Reading: “My Call to Preach the Gospel”

Between four and five years after my sanctification, on a certain time, an impressive silence fell upon me, and I stood as if someone was about to speak to me, yet I had no such thought in my heart.—But to my utter surprise there seemed to sound a voice which I thought I distinctly heard, and most certainly understood, which said to me, “Go preach the Gospel!” I immediately replied aloud “No one will believe me.” Again, I listened, and again the same voice seemed re-say—“Preach the Gospel; I will put words in your mouth, and will turn your enemies to become your friends.”

At first, I supposed that Satan had spoken to me, for I had read that he could transform himself into an angel of light for the purpose of deception. Immediately I went into a secret place, and called upon the Lord to know if he had called me to preach, and whether I was deceived or not; when there appeared to my view the form and figure of a pulpit, with a Bible lying thereon, the back of which was presented to me as plainly as if it had been a literal fact.

...For as unseemly as it may appear now-a-days for a woman to preach, it should be remembered that nothing is impossible with God. And why should it be thought impossible, heterodox, or improper for a woman to preach I seeing the Saviour died for the woman as well as for the man.

If the man may preach, because the Saviour died for him, why not the woman seeing he died for her also. Is he not a whole Saviour, instead of a half one, as those who hold it wrong for a woman to preach, would seem to make it appear.

Did not Mary first preach the risen Saviour, and is not the doctrine of the resurrection the very climax of Christianity—hangs not all our hope on this, as argued by St. Paul? Then did not Mary, a woman, preach the gospel? for she preached the resurrection of the crucified Son of God.

“My Call to Preach the Gospel” Jarena Lee, Religious Experience (Philadelphia: 1849)

## Música | Scripture Refrain

**Lead Me, Guide Me, #583**

**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 vagare.  
Dios, déjame contigo andar,  
Guíame, mi Señor.**

## Lectura | Scripture

**Marcos | Mark 19:9-15**  
*Amparo Palacios, Liturgist*

Después que resucitó por la mañana, el primer día de la semana, Jesús se apareció primero a María Magdalena, de quien había echado siete demonios. Ella salió y contó a los que estaban de luto y de llanto quiénes habían estado con él. Pero cuando oyeron que vive y fue visto por ella, no creyeron. Después de esto, Jesús se dio a conocer en otra forma a dos de [los discípulos] cuando iban caminando por el campo. Y volvieron y contaron el resto, pero no les creyeron. Más tarde, mientras estaban sentados a la mesa, Jesús se apareció a los mismos once y les reprendió la incredulidad y la obstinación de ellos, porque no habían creído a los que habían visto a Jesús resucitado. Entonces Jesús les dijo: “Id por todo el mundo y proclamad las buenas nuevas a toda creación”.

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Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and she told the ones mourning and weeping who had been with him. But when they heard that he lives and was seen by her, they did not believe. After this Jesus was made known in another form to two of [the disciples] as they were walking into the countryside. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Now later on, while they were sitting at a table, Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves and he rebuked their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they did not believe those [the women] who saw Jesus after he had risen. Then Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to all creation.”

\*Translation from *A Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Wilda C. Gafney

## Música Especial | Special Music

**Jesus Loves Me | Cristo Me Ama**  
*Desmond Thompson, soloist*

## Sermón | Sermon

*Rev. DeAnna Evans*

**Himno Final | Departing Hymn**

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

**Bendición | Benediction**

*Pastor Sally*

**Música | Postlude**

**Total Praise**  
arr. Richard Smallwood  
*Chris Urquiaga, piano*

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Our next VIRTUAL Sunday is April 16. (*While this is not a federal holiday, it's an opportunity to provide the staff and congregation rest the Sunday following Easter.*)

## **THIS WEEK'S COVER IMAGE**

“i did not know i could be beautiful (number 6)”  
by Ashon Crawley

*“years ago i was at a conference and then princeton theological seminary (now dean of howard university divinity school) professor yolanda pierce talked about touch and blackpentecostalism: how for many parishioners, especially women, church was one of the places that they could and would receive touch that affirms, that celebrates, that joys in one another as a sacred practice. it was the first time i'd heard the idea crystallized and made available to think about.”*

**Ashon T. Crawley** is an American scholar of religion and author. He is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and African American and African Studies at the University of Virginia and author of *Blackpentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility* on aesthetics and performance as modes of social imagination, and *The Lonely Letters*, an epistolary, semi-autobiographical work on love, blackness, mysticism, and quantum theory.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Lenten Coffee Hour Convos**— The spiritual texts guiding us through the Lenten season are a series of conversations Jesus had with specific individuals. As we delve deeper into these personal encounters, we have imagined opening similar spaces among us to encounter one another in a deeper way. At Calvary, we are honored to be a home for your spiritual community. Our hope is that we can strengthen this community this Lent so we can know, honor, and uphold one another.

With that, we are introducing Coffee Hour Convos for three weeks in March. During Coffee Hour, we will give you all an opportunity to pair up with a fellow Calvary goer and engage in conversation that will draw us deeper into connection. We will provide you with prompts to get the ball rolling, and space for you to gather.

We will be holding these Coffee Hour Convos on March 5, 12, and 19th. We will begin at about 11:45 a.m., giving everyone a chance to grab a coffee and touch base with others. Childcare will be provided until 12:30 each Sunday. The hope is that after these 3 weeks, you will have had the chance to connect with 3 other members of our community. Of course, this is a completely optional activity, but our invitation to each of you is to see the light of the Divine in one another as you courageously let others see you.

More details will follow, but for now, make note.

## THIS WEEK'S PROCLAIMER

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Rev. DeAnna Evans accepted her call to preach at age eight and has maintained an unwavering desire to preach the Word of God to communities in need of hope. She is an Itinerant Elder in the A.M.E. Church, and currently serves on the ministerial staff of St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Queens, New York.

Rev. Evans received her B.A. in political science and peace and justice studies from Wellesley College. In 2014, she completed a joint degree at Duke Divinity School and Duke Law School. She currently serves as a Senior Counsel at the Department of Justice.

## 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.

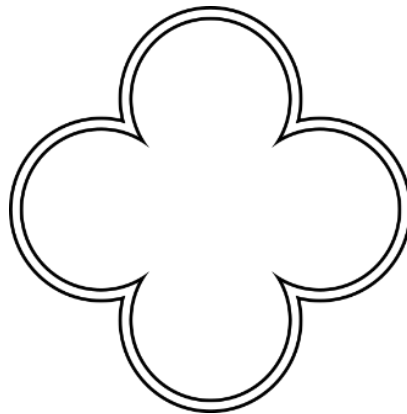
## OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

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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

Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; For peace to prevail in Ukraine, Palestine, Afghanistan, and Yemen; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Brian Cook, friend of the Kosmidis family; Shalom scholar, Karla Giron, and members of the Baptist Association of El Salvador; Javier Dario Galindo, Nathalie Galindo-Lee's brother; Paul Lansing; Joe Taylor, Jessica Taylor's father; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Each and every one of us, particularly the most vulnerable among us as we face the effects of COVID-19 together; Luis Campos; Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Rena Jirack; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Ruby Shepherd; Olive Tiller; Desmond Tio, friend of Karla Fahey; Harold Walker, Jackie Wright's stepfather; 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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