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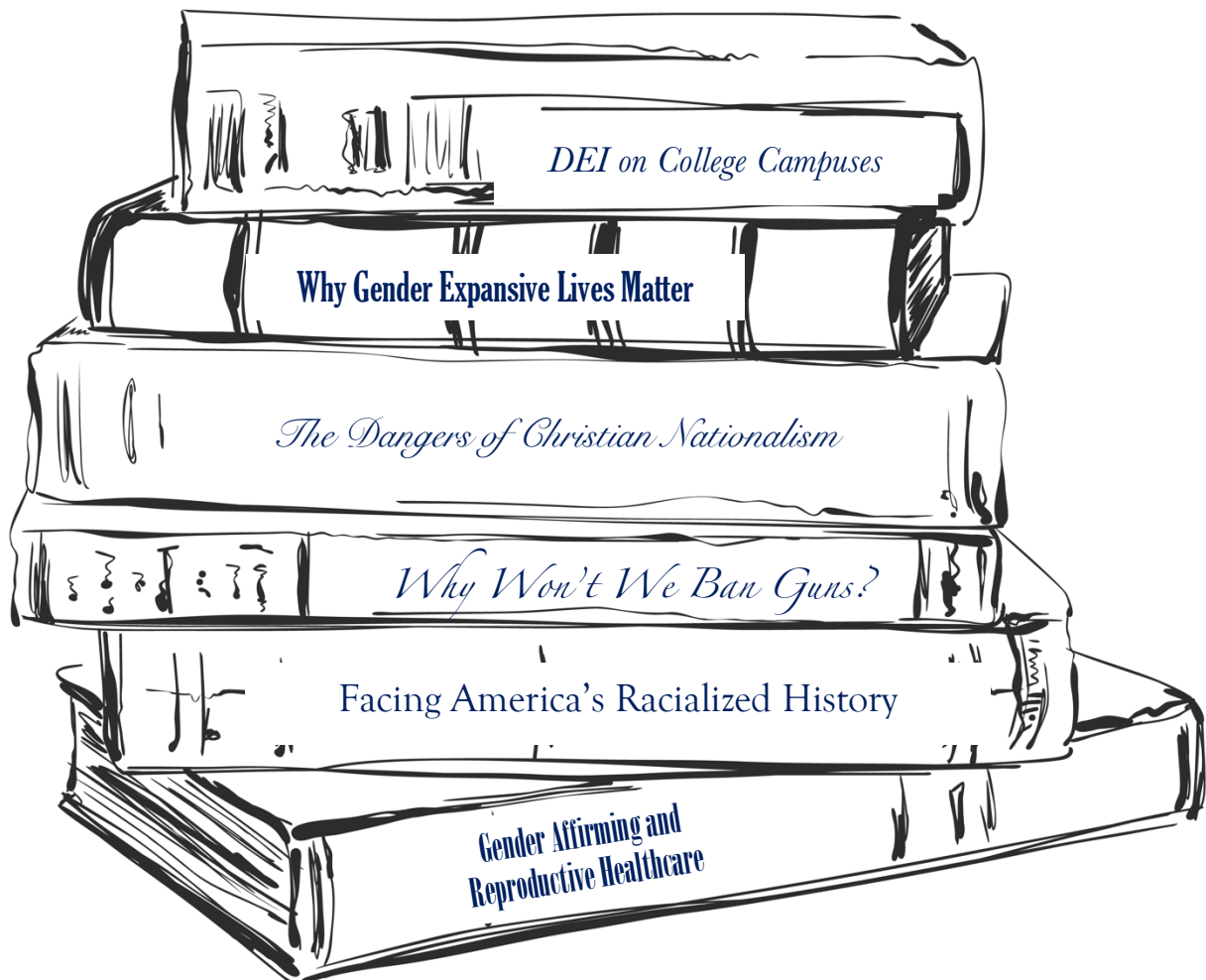
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Unbanned

A Series on What (and Who) is at Stake
And Why People of Faith Should Care



Alabando | Worshipping

Música | Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful (#61)
Shiowei Cheng, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Sally

*Cántico de Alabanza | Opening Hymn

Weave Us Together (#495)

**Weave, weave, weave us together.
Weave us together in unity and love.
Weave, weave, weave us together,
Weave us together, together in love.**

**Une, une tu pueblo,
Une to pueblo en paz y amor.
Une, une tu pueblo,
Une te pueblo en paz y amor.**

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Jess Lynd, Deacon

Holy Creating One, You are the God who calls us by new names.
You are the One who sends dreams of unimagined futures.
You are the Word that became flesh and lived among us, beside us, and for us.
We give thanks for a diverse creation constantly giving us glimpses of who You are.

We give you thanks for all that we learn about You through Your beloved ones who are transgender and gender-nonconforming,
those who dance with your Spirit beyond the binary of gender.

Thank you for those who have claimed new names,
those who have dreamed new futures,
those for whom word and flesh have taken on new life, among us, beside us,
and for a truer picture of all that you have called us to be as your people.

May we seek out such stories of faith,
hear their words of challenge,
echo these lives of transformation,
and love as you love,
both our neighbours and ourselves,
as you call us and dream for us
and make your Word alive in us.
Amen.

Alissa Bender (Canada), 2022.

*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.*

**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.**

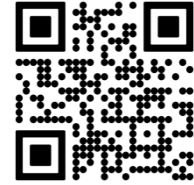
Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Maria

Ofrendas | Offertory

On Eagle's Wings (#77)
Shiowei Cheng, piano

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

Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Jess Lynd, Deacon

Respuesta Musical | Sung Response

Thy Word (#326)

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**Tu Palabra es lampara a mis pies,
y una luz al caminar.**

Lectura | Scripture

Lucas | Luke 2:1-7
Will Brummett, Liturgist

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

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Aconteció en aquellos días, que se promulgó un edicto de parte de Augusto César, que todo el mundo fuese empadronado. ²Este primer censo se hizo siendo Cirenio gobernador de Siria. ³E iban todos para ser empadronados, cada uno a su ciudad. ⁴Y José subió de Galilea, de la ciudad de Nazaret, a Judea, a la ciudad de David, que se llama Belén, por cuanto era de la casa y familia de David; ⁵para ser empadronado con María su mujer, desposada con él, la cual estaba encinta. ⁶Y aconteció que estando ellos allí, se cumplieron los días de su alumbramiento. ⁷Y dio a luz a su hijo primogénito, y lo envolvió en pañales, y lo acostó en un pesebre, porque no había lugar para ellos en el mesón.

Música Especial | Special Music

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth (#83)

Desmond Thompson, soloist

Conversación | Sacred Conversation

Amanda Hunt + Pastor Sally

Amanda Hunt is a transgender mom and queer woman. While a native Washingtonian, she is relatively new to the Calvary community. While her professional background is in nonprofit management, data, and organizational development, her passion is supporting other queer and trans people navigate the emotional, physical, and procedural challenges in receiving gender-affirming care and finding joy in who they are. In particular, she is interested in cultivating communities and spaces of solidarity and support, and she is a part of a variety of grassroots efforts to do so.

*Himno | Departing Hymn

Womb of Life, and Source of Being (#14)

Please sing all four stanzas.

*Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Sally

Música | Postlude

Creator God, Creating Still (#62)

Shiwei Cheng, piano

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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.

Damos gracias que haya sido guiado por Dios a este momento. Como una comunidad de fe, te damos la bienvenida a la membresía de esta iglesia. Nos comprometemos a amarnos unos a otros y a trabajar juntos para crecer en la plenitud de Cristo.

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Contact the **Deacon of the Week**, Jess Lynd, jesslynd@gmail.com with your cares and concerns.



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Sundays— bit.ly/ZoomCalvaryDC or watch the livestream at link above.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS—

VIRTUAL Sunday, September 3 (Labor Day weekend)

VIRTUAL Sunday, October 8 (Indigenous People's Day weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIRTUAL CHURCH: Sunday, September 3—Join us on Zoom or Facebook Live for special Labor Day prayer service. *A reminder that on federal holiday weekends, we meet virtually on Zoom and not in our our sanctuary.*

“Unbanned” Summer Series— As public spaces like schools, libraries, and statehouses across the country continue to experience the “tightening grip of censorship,” as performing artist and writer Bryce McClendon describes it, the negative effects and outcomes are vast and merit our attention. This summer, we’ll gather in worship for sacred conversations with congregants and special guests as they help us unpack this social, political, and religious moment. Series info below—

- July 16: Librarian and author Salima Appiah-Duffell on book banning
- July 23: Artist and writer Bryce McClendon on gender expansive lives
- July 30: Consultant Carrie Zimmerman on DEI and college campuses
- August 6: BJC intern Devin Withrow on the role of Christian nationalism
- August 13: Educator Bren Elliott on America’s racialized history
- August 20: Policy specialist Elizabeth Beavers on gun control
- August 27: Congregant Amanda Hunt on gender affirming and reproductive healthcare

Annual Congregational Retreat: Sunday, October 1— As we kick off Stewardship month at Calvary in October, join us for a special time of congregational renewal and connection. Instead of gathering for worship in the sanctuary that morning, we’ll make our way to Camp Fraser for the day. We’ll have updates in the coming weeks on rides, dietary needs, and so on, but for now, save the date!

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.

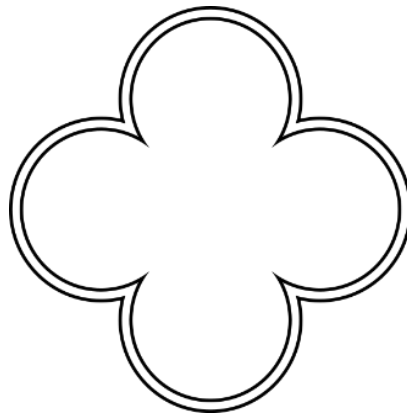
OUR HOLY IMAGINATION | A Vision Statement

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

New this week: Hugh R. White, brother of Gretchen White

Eleonora Settels; Mariame Touré Sylla, teacher at Dora Kennedy French Immersion school in Greenbelt, MD; Samuel Escamilla Evangelista, Doris Evangelista's nephew; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; 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; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Rena Jirack; Brian Scott, Yolanda Appiah-Kubi's brother and Salima Appiah-Duffell's uncle; Ruby Shepherd; 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.



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