

IN-PERSON SUNDAY

19 de noviembre / November 19, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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Der einsame Baum (trans. "The Lonely Tree")
Caspar David Friedrich, 1822

Alabando | Worshipping

Música | Prelude

Who Is My Mother, Who is My Brother? #486

KINDRED

Chris Urquiaga, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Sally

*Cántico de Alabanza | Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth, #56

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

Por los lazos del amor
compartido en amistad
nos acercan hoy aquí
nuestra gran comunidad,
Gratitud y gran amor
Te rendimos, Oh Señor.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Jess Lynd, Deacon

God says to us, "I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Will you be with us when we feel alone and unseen?

"Yes," God says to us, "I will be with you always."

Will you be with us when our grief lingers and our sadness endures?

"Yes," God says to us, "My promise endures."

Will you be with us when friendships fade and relationships end?

"Yes," God says to us, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Oh God, we give thanks today for your boundless love.

Teach us to trust you and to trust our sacred community.

Remind us that we are never alone.

*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.**

Tiempo con los Niños | Time with Children

Pastor Sally

Ofrendas | Offertory

The Servant Song, #490
Chris Urquiaga, 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

Meditación Musical | Scripture Refrain

Abide With Me

**Abide with me:
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail
And comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
O abide with me.**

**Señor Jesús,
La luz de sol se fue,
La noche cierra
Ya, conmigo sé;
Tu nuestro amparo,
Ten, pues, compasión,
Al desvalido
Da consolación.**

Lectura | Scripture

Juan | John 15:9-17
Samantha Rayborn

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the

servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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⁹ Como el Padre me ha amado, así también yo os he amado; permaneced en mi amor. ¹⁰ Si guardareis mis mandamientos, permaneceréis en mi amor; así como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre, y permanezco en su amor. ¹¹ Estas cosas os he hablado, para que mi gozo esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea cumplido. ¹² Este es mi mandamiento: Que os améis unos a otros, como yo os he amado. ¹³ Nadie tiene mayor amor que este, que uno ponga su vida por sus amigos. ¹⁴ Vosotros sois mis amigos, si hacéis lo que yo os mando. ¹⁵ Ya no os llamaré siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su señor; pero os he llamado amigos, porque todas las cosas que oí de mi Padre, os las he dado a conocer. ¹⁶ No me elegisteis vosotros a mí, sino que yo os elegí a vosotros, y os he puesto para que vayáis y llevéis fruto, y vuestro fruto permanezca; para que todo lo que pidieréis al Padre en mi nombre, él os lo dé. ¹⁷ Esto os mando: Que os améis unos a otros.

Música Especial | Special Music

God's Eye is on the Sparrow
Desmond Thompson and Chris Urquiaga

Sermón | Sermon

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper is an essayist, minister, and chaplain. Lynn serves as the Minister of Older Adults at The Riverside Church in New York City. Before joining Riverside's staff, Lynn was a nursing home chaplain at a continuing care retirement community, where her passion for dementia and aging justice began. Lynn's writing and interviews on spirituality, dementia, and aging have appeared with outlets such as NPR's *Think, Salon, LA Review of Books*, and *Kaiser Health News*. Her debut book, *On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What It Means to Disappear* (Catapult, 2020), was named a *New York Times Book Review* Editors' Choice and a Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle selection. Originally from southeastern Missouri, Lynn lives with her husband Ryan Harper in Manhattan.

*Himno | Departing Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus, #585

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our pain and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Oh, qué amigo nos es Cristo,
Él llevó nuestro dolor
Y nos manda que llevemos
Todo a Dios en oración.

¿Vives triste y desprovisto
de paz, de gozo y de amor?
Cristo es un Amigo eterno;
sólo en él confío yo.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

*Bendición | Benediction

Pastor Maria

Música | Postlude

The Bond of Love *with* Blest be the Tie That Binds

arr. Jeff Bennett

Chris Urquiaga, piano

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with your cares and concerns.



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UPCOMING VIRTUAL SUNDAYS— Sunday, November 26 (Thanksgiving weekend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR PLEDGING! Thank you for all the ways you have chosen to give and serve here at Calvary. If you'd still like to pledge your contributions for 2024, there's still time. Visit the link via the adjacent QR code.



Calling all Ushers! We would love to add more ushers/greeters to our team! If you are interested in joining, contact Carrie Zimmerman, carrizimm@gmail.com.

Group Trip to NMWA— The National Museum of Women in the Arts has recently reopened after two years of renovations. Admission is free on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like to join Becky Vaughn on a fun excursion on **December 3rd** after church, let her know by emailing her at becky@beckyvaughn.org. (It's a .4 mi, mostly flat, walk from church and easily made to feel shorter with a stop for lunch on the way!) Please acquire your own free ticket here— <https://secure.nmwa.org/352/389>.

Curso Bíblico Teológico Salvacion y Vida con el Compañerismo Latino, domingos despues del culto— El propósito del estudio bíblico teológico es fortalecernos con el testimonio bíblico sobre Jesucristo, para que por su medio avancemos en el conocimiento del Dios de la vida, y así vivir con la presencia del Espíritu la transformación de nuestra existencia, avanzando en la liberación de las esclavitudes internas y externas. Serán 8 clases durante los meses de septiembre y octubre.

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.

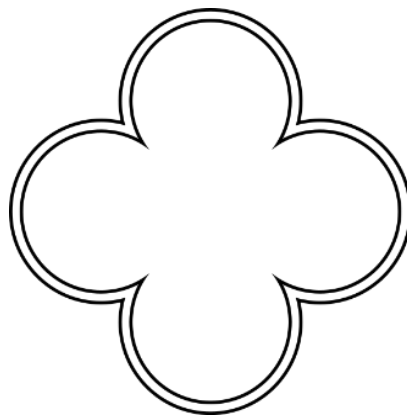
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; 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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