

IN-PERSON SUNDAY

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Música | Prelude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Shiowei Cheng, piano

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Pastor Sally

*Canción | Song of Praise

She's Got the Whole World

She's got the whole world in Her hands...

She's got the wind and the rain in Her hands...

She's got the itty bitty baby in Her hands...

She's got all God's family in Her hands...

*Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Nancy Renfrow, Deacon

Today, we resist the demand for certainty,
instead, we reach for mystery as we embrace the dark.

There is beauty all around us,
even when we are searching in the dark.

God, go before us in the darkness,
because we know it sounds like freedom.

Together, we celebrate that freedom,
cherishing the divine dark.

**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.**

*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 Maria

**Congregation stands. La congregación se pone de pie.
Para traducción del servicio en español, por favor hablar con un ujier.*

Ofrendas | Offertory

We've Come this Far By Faith
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.



Oraciones del Pueblo | Prayers of the People

Nancy Renfrow, Deacon

Canción | 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.**

Lectura | Reading

Excerpt from Parable of the Sower

by Octavia Butler

read by Madison Mayhew

The child in each of us
Knows paradise.
Paradise is home.
Home as it was
Or home as it should have been.

Paradise is one's own place,
One's own people,
One's own world,
Knowing and known,
Perhaps even
Loving and loved.

Yet every child
Is cast from paradise-
Into growth and new community,
Into vast, ongoing
Change.

Música Especial | Special Music

Come Sunday
Desmond Thompson, soloist

¹⁷ Vino, pues, Jesús, y halló que hacía ya cuatro días que Lázaro estaba en el sepulcro. ¹⁸ Betania estaba cerca de Jerusalén, como a quince estadios; ¹⁹ y muchos de los judíos habían venido a Marta y a María, para consolarlas por su hermano. ²⁰ Entonces Marta, cuando oyó que Jesús venía, salió a encontrarle; pero María se quedó en casa. ²¹ Y Marta dijo a Jesús: Señor, si hubieses estado aquí, mi hermano no habría muerto. ²² Mas también sé ahora que todo lo que pidas a Dios, Dios te lo dará. ²³ Jesús le dijo: Tu hermano resucitará. ²⁴ Marta le dijo: Yo sé que resucitará en la resurrección, en el día postrero. ²⁵ Le dijo Jesús: Yo soy la resurrección y la vida; el que cree en mí, aunque esté muerto, vivirá. ²⁶ Y todo aquel que vive y cree en mí, no morirá eternamente. ¿Crees esto? ²⁷ Le dijo: Sí, Señor; yo he creído que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, que has venido al mundo.

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When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that for four days Lazarus had already been in the tomb. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. So many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met him; however Mary remained at the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Rabbi, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, they shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Rabbi, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who comes into the world."

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

Sermón | Sermon

Victor Udoewa

*Himno | Departing Hymn

Your Justice Marches On

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are turning over tables, you are laying down the sword
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured
Your justice marches on.**

**Refrain: Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah
Glory, glory hallelujah,
Your justice marches on.**

**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 steady love is fervent, you will never fade or tire.
Your justice marches on. Refrain.**

***Bendición | Benediction**

Pastor Sally

Música | Postlude

Soon and Very Soon

Shiwei Cheng, *piano*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY: Black History Month at Calvary— Below is our a schedule of events centered around the theme ***Past, Present, Future: Celebrating Intergenerational Blackness***

February 25th: Afro Futurism & Intergenerational Blackness

Centering Intergenerational Futurism

IN-PERSON: Victor Udoewa preaching

Save the Date: Apartheid-Free Faith Pledge— On March 3, 2024, after the worship service, we will have a wide-ranging conversation about the [Apartheid-Free Faith pledge](#). We will spend some time reviewing the actual pledge and discussing what it would mean for Calvary to adopt this. Please be sure to mark your calendars and join us after worship on March 3rd.

Estudio Bíblico con el Compañerismo Latino— Este domingo a las 9:30 a.m. en la biblioteca, comienza un estudio sobre el libro de Ester. Todos están invitados!

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.

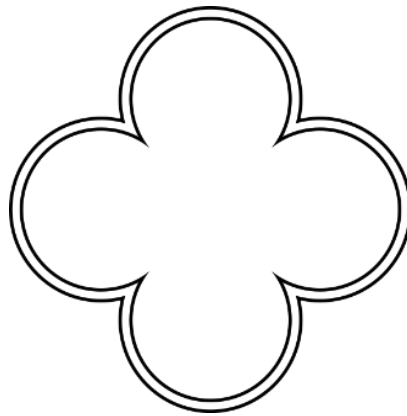
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

Gwen Canfield, Laura Canfield's mother; Family and friends of Marjorie DeLozier, Becky Vaughn's mother and Carter Vaughn's grandmother; Family and friends of Joe Taylor, Jessica Taylor's father; Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Bradley Sims, friend of Carter Vaughn; Kathie and Paul Lansing; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; Rena Jirack; 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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