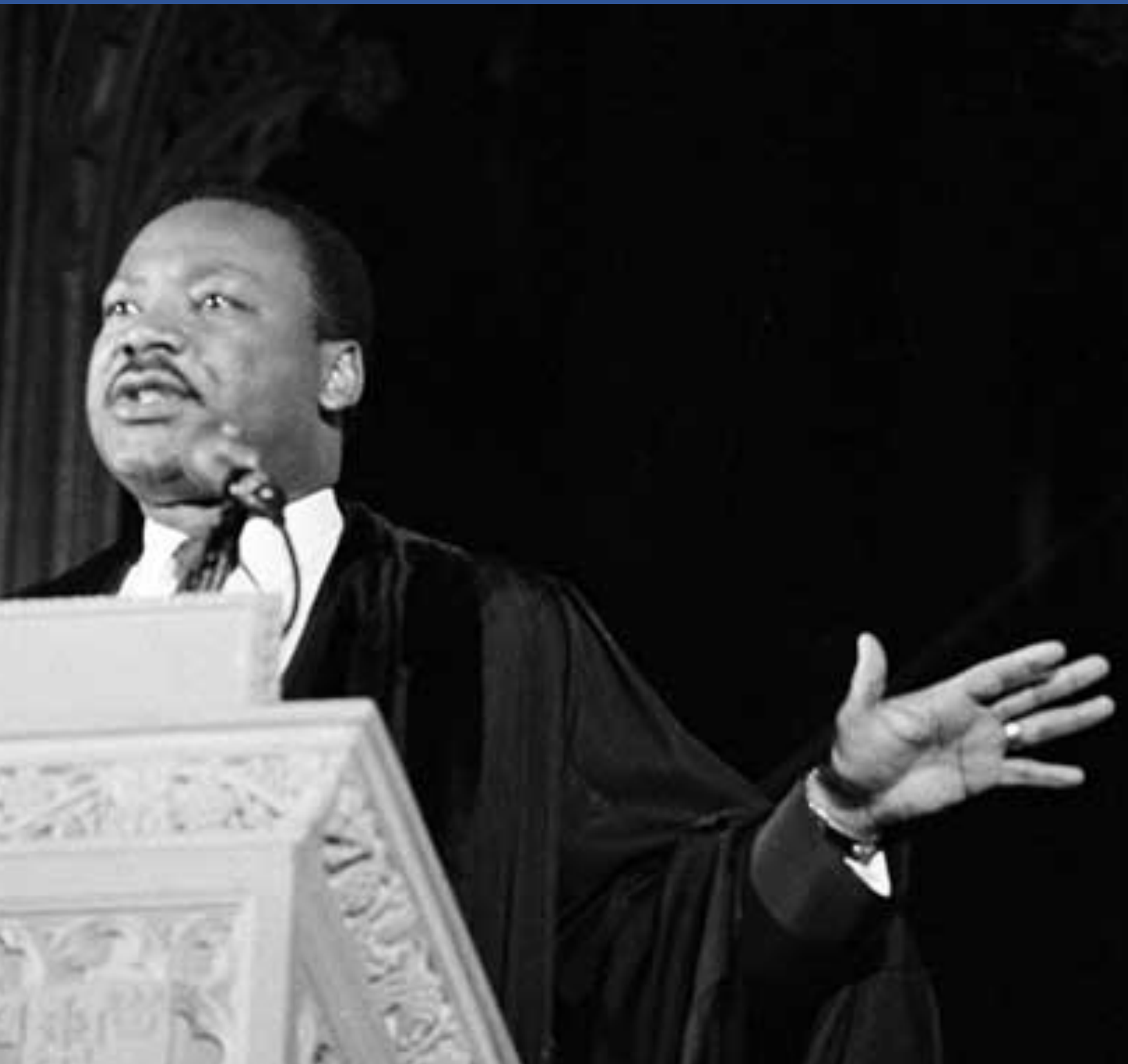


VIRTUAL WORSHIP | CULTO VIRTUAL

18 de enero | January 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

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Culto | Worship

La Bienvenida | Welcome

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

Himno | Opening Hymn

Woke Up This Morning

Palabras de Alabanza | Call to Worship

Pastor Sally + Pastor Maria

“God, how long?” we ask.

Yet, we believe that justice is coming.

“God, how long?” we ask.

We will not feel guilty for the hope of belonging.

“God, how long?” we ask.

We will accept nothing less than our dreams and our freedom.

“God, how long?” we ask.

We know accountability is holy and refuse to make excuses for evil.

**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

Ofrendas | Offertory

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.



A Civil Rights Conversation in Psalm

Lectura | Sacred Scripture

Salmo | Psalm 56:1-4
Rev. Mahogany Thomas

Be gracious to me, O God, for people trample on me;
all day long foes oppress me;
my enemies trample on me all day long,
for many fight against me.
O Most High, when I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I am not afraid;
what can flesh do to me?

Lectura | Sacred Reading

“Another way is to acquiesce and to give in, to resign yourself to the oppression. Some people do that. They discover the difficulties of the wilderness moving into the promised land, and they would rather go back to the despots of Egypt because it’s difficult to get in the promised land. And so they resign themselves to the fate of oppression; they somehow acquiesce to this thing. But that too isn’t the way because non-cooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good.”

*An excerpt from "*Loving Your Enemies*" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Canción | Sacred Music

Improvisation of Precious Lord, stanza 1
Rhea Naomi Williams

*Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

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Lectura | Sacred Scripture

Salmo | Psalm 56:5-7
Rev. Mahogany Thomas

All day long they seek to injure my cause;
all their thoughts are against me for evil.
They stir up strife, they lurk,
they watch my steps.
As they hoped to have my life,
so repay them for their crime;
in wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

Lectura | Sacred Reading

“But all of the captives are not outside the church. Some of us can’t do the work of chain removal because we’re too busy clinging to captivity in the church. We can’t remove chains outside the church because we’re stepping over too many captives in the church. Sometimes, it’s the captivity of sexism and racism and ageism and all these -isms which demean God’s people. Colorism and heterosexism and all of the chains which exalt us or one group above another group. But Jesus Christ calls us to stand up. For every one of those chains has already been broken. Captivity has already been captured. Stand up! Free yourself! Stand up! Set the captives free! Remove the shackles.”

*An excerpt from “[Captivity’s Capture](#)” sermon by Rev. Prathia Hall

Canción | Sacred Music

Improvisation of Precious Lord, stanza 2

Rhea Naomi Williams

*When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

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Lectura | Sacred Scripture

Salmo | Psalm 56:8-11

Rev. Mahogany Thomas

You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.
Are they not in your record?
Then my enemies will retreat
in the day when I call.
This I know, that God is for me.
In God, whose word I praise,
in the Lord, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I am not afraid.
What can a mere mortal do to me?

Lectura | Sacred Reading

“Let me close by saying that we have difficult days ahead in the struggle for justice and peace, but I will not yield to a politic of despair. I’m going to maintain hope as we come to Washington in this campaign. The cards are stacked against us. This time we will really confront a Goliath. God grant that we will be that David of truth set out against the Goliath of injustice, the Goliath of neglect, the Goliath of refusing to deal with the problems, and go on with the determination to make America the truly great America that it is called to be.

I say to you that our goal is freedom, and I believe we are going to get there because however much she strays away from it, the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be as a people, our destiny is tied up in the destiny of America.

Before the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth, we were here. Before Jefferson etched across the pages of history the majestic words of the Declaration of Independence, we were here. Before the beautiful words of the "Star Spangled Banner" were written, we were here.

For more than two centuries our forebearers labored here without wages. They made cotton king, and they built the homes of their masters in the midst of the most humiliating and oppressive conditions. And yet out of a bottomless vitality they continued to grow and develop. If the inexpressible cruelties of slavery couldn't stop us, the opposition that we now face will surely fail.

We're going to win our freedom because both the sacred heritage of our nation and the eternal will of the almighty God are embodied in our echoing demands. And so, however dark it is, however deep the angry feelings are, and however violent explosions are, I can still sing 'We Shall Overcome.'

**An excerpt from "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution"
sermon by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Canción | Sacred Song

Improvisation of Precious Lord, stanza 3

Rhea Naomi Williams

*When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Bendición | Benediction

Rev. Mahogany

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Next Virtual Sunday— Sunday, February 15 (President's Day Weekend)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theology on Draft—Wednesday, January 14 at 7pm: Theology on Draft will meet at Pastor Sally and Maria’s house to reflect together as the new year begins. Please RSVP Rev. Mahogany Thomas (mthomas@calvarydc.org) for details and info as well as the full winter/spring schedule!

Annual Business Meeting: Sunday, February 1— Please mark your calendars. We’ll gather immediately following worship in the sanctuary.

Help Tackle Hunger!— Support the WMS Souper Bowl with donations of canned soup. They will be collecting cans January and February to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank. Donations can also be made to the Hunger Fund to support this effort.

Calvary Study Group— The Calvary Study Group met in September and kicked off its study of [The Difficult Words of Jesus](#). Each chapter is independent, so feel free to join the conversation even if you missed the September gathering or can't commit to the entire 6-month study. [Contact Becky Vaughn](#) for more information or if you have any questions. The next gathering is Thursday, January 15.

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.

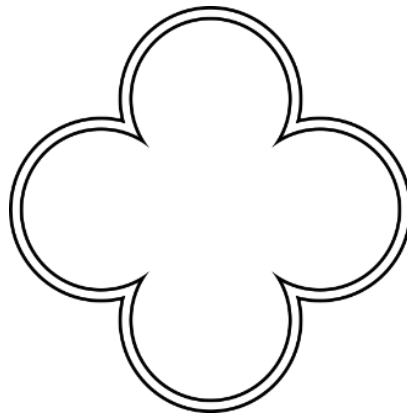
- We believe Black Lives Matter. Further still, Black Lives are precious and beloved by God. We are a church shaped by this profound theological statement. Until this is fully understood and expressed in the policies and practices of this nation's political and social life, it is essential for people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

Family and friends of Ed Renfrow, Phil Renfrow's brother; Manuel Torres; Francisco Pereira; Barbara Rice, Courtney Miller's mom; Nik Andonov, friend of Liubov and Chuck Russell; Dan Mayfield, Jay Mayfield's father; George Brummett-Wudel, Will Brummett and Grace Boone's niece; Ed Renfrow, Phil Renfrow's brother; Alice Bartlett; Eleonora Settels; Carrie Dale, mother of Amy Dale; Marlene Shambaugh, Courtney Miller's aunt; Luis Campos, Daniel Alcazar-Roman's uncle; 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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