Candler School of Theology

Nuestra Herencia Service of Word

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Today's service is held in partnership with Familia @ Candler student organization.

**Indicates where you are invited to please rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome — Dr. Jonathan Cavillo
Associate Professor of Latinx Communities

*Call to Worship — Jackie Rojas
Student, Master of Divinity

Return to the Lord your God,
for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,
for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,
for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.

Let everything praise the goodness of the Creator,
for God alone can be utterly trusted.
God, our God, is worthy of love and adoration.
Give praise, everything and everywhere!

Worship the Lord your God.
¡Juntos adoremos a Dios!
(Together, let us worship God!)

*Opening Prayer

English translation:

Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn — *Caminemos con Jesús*
See hymn insert for music.

Scripture Reading — Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 — Nori Gomez
Student, Master of Divinity

La palabra de Dios, para el pueblo de Dios.
Gracias a Dios.

Formation Moment — Julia Hernandez, Jackie Rojas
Students, Master of Divinity

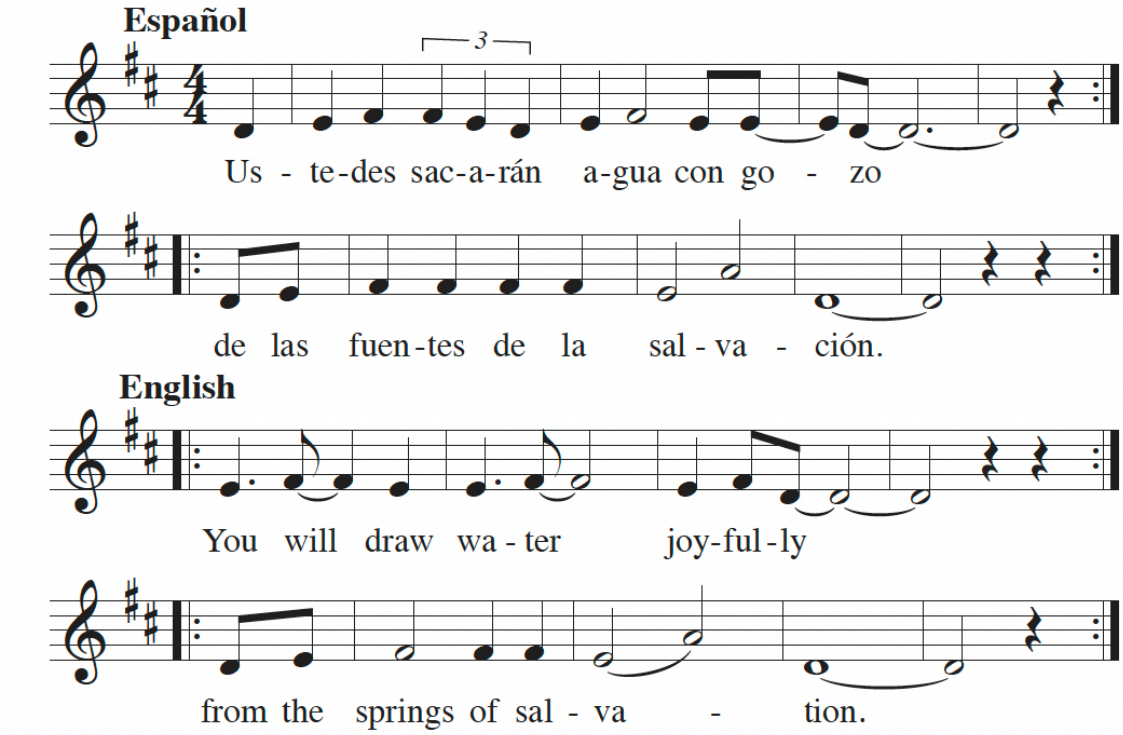
As we reflect on the scripture, you are invited come forward and light a candle and offer prayers unto God.

Liturgical Dance — Dr. Quinn Gentry, *Students, Master of Divinity*; Diana Guzman Lugo, *Students, Master of Divinity*; Ms. Waterhouse, *Students, Master of Divinity*

Sermon — "Fiesta as an act of Resistance" — The Rev. Dr. Lydia E. Muñoz
Executive Director
National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (NPHLM)
United Methodist Church

Song of Response — *You Will Draw Water Joyfully*

For each line: First time cantor, all repeat.
Para cada línea: Primero el cantor, todos repiten.



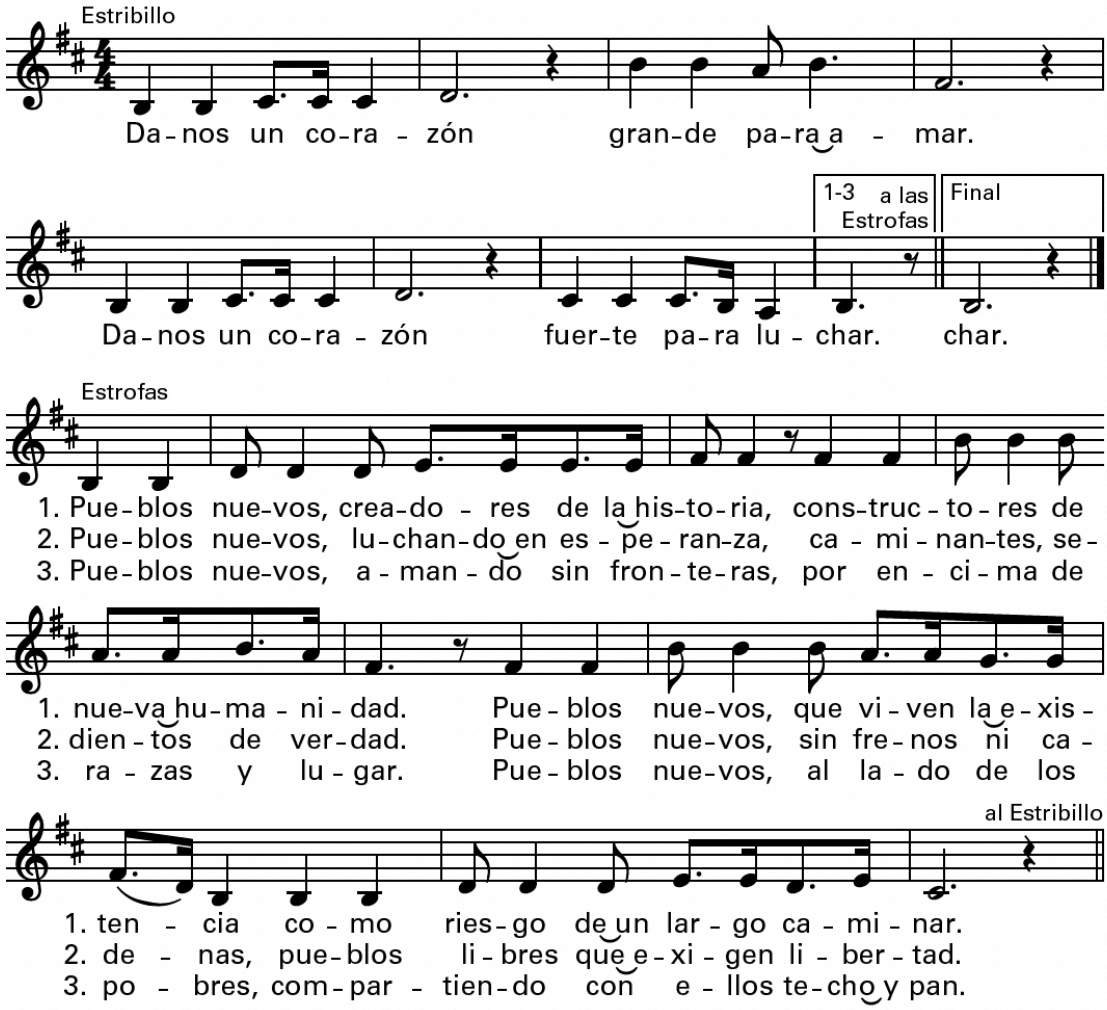
Prayer of Response — Nori Gomez

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis Assisi. — Julia Hernandez

Students, Master of Divinity

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

*Closing Hymn — *Danos un Corazón*



*Benediction — Dr. Muñoz

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Participants:

Greeter: Gabriela Keator

Musicians: Dr. Antonio Alonso, The Rev. Dr. Thomas W. Elliott, Jr. 87T 97T, Aileen Nicolas

Readers: Nori Gomez, Julia Hernandez, Jackie Rojas

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lydia E. Muñoz, *Executive Director of the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry (NPHLM), United Methodist Church*

Liturgical Dancer: Dr. Quinn Gentry, Diana Guzman Lugo, Ms. Waterhouse

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Sources*:*

Call to Worship. Adapted from Rev. Daniel Commerford, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA (https://www.liturgylink.net/) and Bruce Prewer (http://www.bruceprewer.com/).

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