

United Church of Christ Rio Grande Valley

3rd Anniversary Service & Gathering

September 13, 2026

435 Palm Blvd. Brownsville, Texas

Welcome
Bienvenida

Rev. Ali Lopez-Valcarcel

Call to Worship

Lymari & Angel O.

One: En la mesa de justicia de Dios, todos tienen un lugar y nadie es rechazado.

All: Here strangers are welcomed as friends, the poor sit alongside the rich, and the upside-down kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: En la mesa de la abundancia de Dios, está preparado un banquete de justicia y liberación para todos.

All: Here the powerless are heard; the outcasts are showered with honor, and the inside-out kin-dom of God is revealed.

One: En la mesa de la vida de Dios, todos los pueblos conocen la paz y la creación florece.

All: Here the hopeless are nourished with possibility, the complacent are transformed into advocates for change. Here in our very midst the kin-dom of God is revealed.

Worship in Song
Alabanza

Samantha & Congregation

You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel

Lord to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Worthy is Your Name,
Worthy is Your Name.

Liturgy of Recommitment to Welcome

Rev. Ali Lopez-Valcarcel

Celebrant: Holy Creator, you make us and you lead us. Surrounded by community, with awe and humility we continue to answer the call to create a brave, safe, and holy place that welcomes all.

People: May your Spirit surround us and transform us as we pursue our commitment to love, celebrate, and welcome all of your children.

Celebrant: United Church of Christ Rio Grande Valley, God has shown us what is good, and what is required of us.

All: Together we have bravely responded to the call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Celebrant: Together we seek to live in Christ's love to create a just world for all in the Rio Grande Valley and beyond.

People: Let each one who hears them say, "Come," for all are welcome here.

Celebrant: Black and White, Native American and Hispanic, Middle Eastern and Asian.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Stranger, friend; young, old; rich, poor.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: No importa tu estatus migratorio.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Gay, straight, BI, trans, male, female, nonbinary, gender fluid, all gender identities and gender expression, all identities and expressions are blessed by our loving Creator.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Children, we joyfully include your tears, fits, laughters, squeals, or all the above.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Those who have judged and labeled as irresponsible or unworthy,

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Married, single, with kids, without kids, and those who are struggling to care for their children,

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Those who question, doubt and may not see God the same way as others here see Her.

People: ¡Aquí eres bienvenido!

Celebrant: Let it be known that UCC RGV takes seriously God's extravagant welcome and invitation for all to gather together, to be community, and to be fed and renewed, in and by the waters of life.

People: ¡Todos sois bienvenidos aquí!

Celebrant: Let us journey together. Let us build a safe and just world for all together. Let us seek and wonder in love together. Let us create a space together where no matter who you are and no matter where you are on life's journey,

People: Nosotras somos bienvenidos aquí!

Manuel

Scripture Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples.
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,^[a]
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Escritura Isaías 51:1-6

Jerry

Escúchenme, todos los que tienen esperanza de ser liberados,
todos los que buscan al SEÑOR.
Consideren la piedra de la que fueron tallados,
la cantera de la que fueron extraídos.

Sí, piensen en Abraham, su antepasado,
y en Sara, que dio a luz a su nación.
Cuando llamé a Abraham, era un solo hombre;
pero, cuando lo bendije, se convirtió en una gran nación».

El SEÑOR volverá a consolar a Israel^[a]
y tendrá piedad de sus ruinas.
Su desierto florecerá como el Edén,
sus lugares desolados como el huerto del SEÑOR.
Allí se encontrarán gozo y alegría;
los cantos de gratitud llenarán el aire.

«Escúchame, pueblo mío;
óyeme, Israel,
porque mi ley será proclamada
y mi justicia llegará a ser una luz para las naciones.

Mi misericordia y mi justicia ya se acercan;
mi salvación viene en camino.
Mi brazo fuerte hará justicia a las naciones.
Las tierras lejanas me buscarán
y con esperanza aguardarán mi brazo poderoso.

Levanten los ojos a los altos cielos
y miren la tierra abajo.
Pues los cielos desaparecerán como humo
y la tierra se gastará como una prenda de vestir.

Los habitantes de la tierra morirán como moscas,
pero mi salvación permanece para siempre;
mi reinado de justicia nunca tendrá fin.

Worship in Song:
Alabanza

Sam and Congregation

Yo soy el Pan de Vida

Yo soy el Pan de Vida,
el que viene a Mí, no tendrá hambre,
el que cree en Mí no tendrá sed.

Nadie viene a Mí
Si mi Padre no lo llama

**Yo lo resucitaré.
Yo lo resucitaré.
Yo lo resucitaré.
en el día final.**

El Pan que Yo daré
es mi Cuerpo, vida del mundo,
el que coma de mi Carne
tendrá vida eterna,
tendrá vida eterna.

**Yo lo resucitaré.
Yo lo resucitaré.
Yo lo resucitaré.
en el día final.**

Invitation to Generosity
Invitación a la Generosidad

Noah Cordero

Nourishing God, Bread of Life, with hungry, humble hearts we offer gratitude for the many gifts that we enjoy. Acepta lo que hemos ofrecido a la obra de esta iglesia y ayúdanos a transformar nuestra generosidad conjunta en justicia y significado para quienes están en nuestra comunidad y más allá. Amén.

Worship in Song (Offering):
Alabanza

Sam and Congregation

Esto Que Te Doy

Esto que te doy, es vino y pan, Señor
Esto que te doy, es mi trabajo
Es mi corazón, mi alma
Es mi cuerpo y mi razón
El esfuerzo de mi caminar

Esto que te doy, mi vida es, Señor
Es mi amor, también, es mi dolor
Es la ilusión, mis sueños
Es mi gozo y mi llorar
Es mi canto y mi oración

Toma mi vida, ponla en tu corazón

Dame tu mano y llévame
Cambia mi pan en tu carne
Y mi vino en tu sangre
Y a mí, Señor, renuévame
Límpiame y sálvame

Esto que te doy, no solo yo, Señor
Esta voz también es de mi hermano
Es la unión, la paz, el orden
La armonía y felicidad
Es un canto en comunidad

Toma mi vida, ponla en tu corazón
Dame tu mano y llévame
Cambia mi pan en tu carne
Y mi vino en tu sangre
Y a mí Señor, renuévame
Límpiame y sálvame

Homily:

Rev. Ali Lopez-Valcarcel

Invitation to Communion
Communion

Rev. Ali Lopez-Valcarcel

Communion Hymn:

Sam and Congregation

Table of Plenty

**Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.**

Oh come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

**Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.**

Oh come and eat without money
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life!

Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul.

Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.

Your fields will flower in fullness
Your homes will flourish in peace
For I, the giver of home and harvest will send my rain on the soil.

Come to the feast of Heaven and Earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty.

Benediction:

Rev. Ali Lopez-Valcarcel

Closing Worship:
Alabanza

Sam and Congregation

Alma Misionera

1. Señor toma mi vida nueva,
antes de que la espera,
desgaste años en mí,
estoy dispuesto a lo que
quieras, no importa lo que sea,
tú llámame a servir.

**Llévame donde los hombres
necesiten tus palabras,
necesiten mis ganas de vivir,
donde falte la esperanza
donde falte la alegría,
simplemente por no saber de ti.**

2. Te doy mi corazón sincero
para gritar sin miedo
tu grandeza, Señor,
tender mis manos sin cansancio
tu historia entre mis labios
y fuerza en la oración

**Llévame donde los hombres
necesiten tus palabras,
necesiten mis ganas de vivir,
donde falte la esperanza
donde falte la alegría,
simplemente por no saber de ti.**