



College Avenue Presbyterian Church

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### Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

We're glad you're here with us today and look forward to worshipping together and getting to know each other. Children's Coloring Sheets & Quiet Toys are located at the table area in the front to the left of the stage. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where we broadcast the service if you need more space. We share a small snack and coffee after the service to connect, reconnect and make new connections. Please come join us.

### CHILDREN

We invite children 3 years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade to depart for Godly Play (our Sunday School) during the song of praise. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

### CAPC WORSHIP 101 PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern and gratitude with the community by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and leaving them in the glass jar on the left of the communion table before the end of the call to worship. We'll use them later in the Prayers of the People time using a call and response prompt.

### WIFI

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you tweet or instagram we invite you to use hashtag #capcoakland

### NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We are able to park in the lot. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, and to access the lot via the pedestrian door on Chabot.

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GATHERING SONG

"Jesus Met the Woman at the Well"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"For All the Faithful Women"

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TIME OF CONFESSION

**Silent Prayer** followed by **Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon**

- Patt Schroeder

*Children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for the Godly Play program at the conclusion of this song.*

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Our Divine Companion"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card

Liturgist: God, in your mercy.

**Community: Hear our prayer.**

*To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist in the lounge off the entryway.*

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY AND TESTIMONY OF WOMEN IN OUR LIVES

AT THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS CLERGY IN THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: Remembering that of the Rev. Margaret Towner on October 24, 1956

*You are invited to come forward and share a brief memory of a woman who has shaped your journey of faith as an expression of gratitude and affirmation of God's call.*

LITANY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING

"Worthy"

- insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

- Sharon Nelson

- Pew Bible, p. 261,991

SERMON

"Offensively Ordinary"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"The Lonely Will Be Lifted Up"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

**People:** All the time!

**People:** God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Amani ya mungu"

(Swahili)

*We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God working for the healing transformation of the world*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### October Birthdays

5 Emma Fleming	26 Chinyere Okereke
7 Cameron Beatty	28 Emily Hirschman
14 Mike Castner	30 Josh Beatty

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CAPC CHOIR** | Wed 6-7pm and Sun at 11:50am. Talk to Pete!

**Friday Night Meal** | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: [ellenbry@comcast.net](mailto:ellenbry@comcast.net)

**The Vocabulary of Faith Bible Study** | Sunday 9:30-10:15a

**eWaste Collection Fundraiser:** We are still collecting eWaste to raise funds to help fund camperships.

**Session Meeting** this Thursday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9pm (library)

**Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group** | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Contact Marda @ 540.7173

**Women's Group** | 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library. Currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

**Youth Group** | Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 5-7:00pm for Middle & High Schoolers. Our second meeting!

**Potluck & Movie Night: Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**  
Bring your favorite Italian dish to share in our potluck! **Film: Cinema Paradiso.**

**Rockridge Halloween Parade:** Annual Halloween Parade along College Avenue | next Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12 noon. Come to worship in your costume! Can you help by donating bags of candy as we distribute to 300+ kids? Bring them with you next Sunday & let Monte know for his planning in advance of the event? Thank you in advance!

**All Saints' Day | Día de los Muertos : Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> in worship.** Bring a photo or memento of a loved one who has already gone into the great mystery of death and resurrection to add to the altar we'll make during worship.

**The Conversation Project – have you had the conversation? :: Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in worship.**  
Talking about dying isn't easy, but it's vitally important. 90% of people say that talking with their loved ones about end of life care is important. Yet only 27% have actually done so. We'll talk this day about life and death, and how to talk about both and how you want to live them with your loved ones.

### Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers:	Bill Beatty, Sharon Nelson
Liturgist:	Patt Schroeder & Sharon Nelson
Fellowship:	Chickwendu Okereke
Godly Play:	Bill Beatty, Anne Marie Adams
Musicians:	Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim & Pete Feltman

### Leadership for next week, 10/29/16:

Ushers:	Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist:	Women of our Church
Fellowship:	Elaine Price, Chris Olsen
Godly Play:	Beth Beatty, Elaine Price

## Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10, Luke 1:46-55

The books of Samuel tell the story of radical transformation in the life of Israel. Living together as a loose religious association of tribes, they transitioned to a centralized state with a monarch. Samuel, the main character, is the prophet leads the people in the journey. He too is prophetic counter-voice to the whims and fancies of the kings, pushing them to inclusive justice and God-centered authority. Today's selection tells of the origins of Samuel, born to Hannah the second of two wives, who although the favorite of her husband (Elkanah), is looked down upon by her sister-wife (Peninnah) and society, because she is barren: less than a full woman in the cultural perspective. The song or prayer of Hannah, her expression of gratitude to God for answering her prayer is a majestic poem, highlighting Hebrew thought and theology. It's strongly echoed elsewhere in the Bible specifically by David in 2 Samuel 22; the poet in Psalm 113 and the Magnificat of Mary in Luke 1:46-55.

Luke, tells his gospel version of the life of Jesus for Greek-speaking people, who were primarily Gentile, or non-Jewish. Only Luke records this prayer song of Mary we read today.

The story of Hannah begins with her weeping in 1:7; and ends here with her singing a prayer of amazing theological development. It is her joy, but Yahweh's power. The incredible change of Hannah's status through this answer to prayer demonstrates the unique, transformative sovereignty of Yahweh who has no equal. Her prayer invokes the full spectrum of existence from war, food and children to life and death. Yahweh acts in a way as to birth justice, transforming the wrong into the right, lowering and raising in a way often foreign to our human notions of power, privilege and purpose. At the heart of Hebrew poetry (especially here) is Parallelism: a balanced repetition that repeats with a synonym.

These prayer poems are pregnant with the possibility of God's saving action. The divine purpose works to turn the upside down world right-side up. They are "spoken" in anticipation of children to come, who will be a great judge and the messiah; yet they could be spoken by any mother (or father) at any time of any child-to-come. They point to the theological affirmation that our story is part of God's unfolding story of creation, redemption, resurrection and justice in the universe.

### **Questions for Examen & Contemplation**

These prayer-poems are remarkably similar. Is it a question of plagiarism, a lack of originality, or a borrowing of the past language to say what is un-sayable? How are you shaped by the language of the Bible when you talk of and to God? Or about how God moves in the world? How is that helpful for you? How does it complicate our efforts to talk about faith with each other, and with those who are biblically illiterate?

The story of Hannah is one of vindication. Yet within the larger story of Samuel it shows how Yahweh accomplishes many things through the divine will, working to reverse the ways of the world to bring about justice and righteous living. It's not just spiritual or religious, but first social, economic and ethical. In what ways do you long for God to reverse the order of the world? How is your story part of this larger ongoing story of God's radical transformation: making all things new?

## LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

Part of our Call to Worship is blessing the communion table with our stories. You're invited to take a brown slip of paper (or more) and write the name of a woman who has been instrumental in shaping you in your journey of faith. Write one name per sheet. You can then weave it into the wire mesh in front of the table as a celebration of how these women have liberated all of us to be more fully alive in the image of God. You're invited to come forward as you're ready to add your slip of paper to the mosaic mix of names.

### Call to Worship Responsive Reading

*liturgy written for celebrating women in the PCUSA*  
<http://www.nccusa.org/news/wim030106pcusa.html>

One: Come, let us celebrate the unique gifts  
that God has given to each woman,  
each man, every girl and boy.

**ALL: Let us together, women and men, young  
and old, give thanks for the call of Christ  
to follow him into a broken world to lead  
the church into making all things new.**

One: Let us sing praises to our God  
that we can claim the amazing gifts  
of the Spirit with which we have been  
equipped for service and leadership  
—gifts of peacemaking, compassion,  
perseverance, unity and love—  
and use them for the sake of all God's  
children.

**ALL: Let us worship God with great joy,  
gratitude and expectation!**

### "Jesus Our Divine Companion"

*Author: Henry Van Dyke (1909; alt.)*

Jesus our divine companion by  
Your lowly human birth  
You have come to join the workers  
burden bearers of the earth  
You the carpenter of Nazareth  
toiling for Your daily food  
By Your patience and Your courage  
You have taught us work is good

Where the many toil together  
there you are among Your own  
Where the solitary labor  
You are there with them alone

You the peace that passes knowledge  
dwelling in the daily strife  
You the bread of heaven are broken  
in the sacrament of life

### "Jesus Met The Woman At The Well"

*a traditional gospel song. It relates the story of the meeting between  
Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, found in the Gospel of John at 4:4-26.  
One of the earliest recordings, by The Pilgrim Travelers (1950), credits  
the song as "Traditional, arranged by J. W. Alexander".*

1. Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
And He told her everything she'd ever done

2. He said, "Woman, woman, where is your husband?"  
He said, "Woman, woman, where is your husband?"  
He said, "Woman, woman, where is your husband?"  
"I know everything you've ever done"

3. She said, "Jesus, Jesus, I ain't got no husband"  
She said, "Jesus, Jesus, I ain't got no husband"  
She said, "Jesus, Jesus, ain't got no husband"  
"And You don't know everything I've ever done"

4. He said, "Woman, woman, you've got five husbands"  
He said, "Woman, woman, you've got five husbands"  
He said, "Woman, woman, you've got five husbands"  
"And the one you have now, he's not your own"

5. She said, "This man, this man, He must be a prophet"  
She said, "This man, this man, He must be a prophet"  
She said, "This man, this man, He must be a prophet"  
"He done told me everything I've ever done"

6. Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
And He told her everything she'd ever done

### "Worthy"

Worthy, worthy worthy is the lamb  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the lamb

Praise you, praise you, praise you evermore  
We praise you, we praise you, we praise you evermore

Love you, love you, love you evermore  
We love you, we love you, we love you evermore

## **"For All the Faithful Women"**

*Herman Stuempfle, Jr.*

*Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #324*

1. For all the faithful women who served in days of old  
To you shall thanks be given, to all their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your  
wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power  
to save."

2. O God, for saints and servants, those named and  
those unknown  
In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone,  
We offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise  
That faithful in Your service, our lives may sing Your  
praise.

4. To Hannah, praying childless, before the throne of  
grace,  
You gave a son and called him to serve before your face.  
Grant us her perseverance; Lord, teach us how to pray  
And trust in your deliverance when darkness hides our  
way.

6. We honor faithful Mary, fair maiden, full of grace.  
She bore the Christ, our brother, who saved our human  
race.  
May we, with her, surrender ourselves to your  
command  
And lay upon your altar our gifts of heart and hand.

7. We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan  
While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.  
Christ, keep our hearts attentive, to truth that you  
declare,  
And strengthen us for service when work becomes our  
prayer.

12. All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the  
Son!  
All praise the Holy Spirit, who binds the Church in one!  
With saints who went before us, with saints who  
witness still,  
We sing glad alleluias and strive to do Your will.

## **"The Lowly Will Be Lifted Up"**

*an hymn by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Sung to the melody ST.  
ANNE 8.6.8.6 ("Our God, Our Help in Ages Past")*

The lowly will be lifted up, the humble will arise,  
And hungry homes will overflow with all that God  
supplies.

O God, we sing of blessedness as we await Christ's  
birth; May we who know abundant love reach out to  
love your earth.

*continued in the next column...*

As Mary sang her thanks and praise, we sing of living  
Bread. May we reach out to share Christ's life till all the  
world is fed.

It's living Bread we gladly share, and bread for bodies,  
too. Remind us, when we feed the poor, we're giving food to  
you.

God, you uphold the cause of those who hunger, long-  
oppressed. May we your church seek justice here, and share  
your blessedness.

In many ways, you bless your world with good and  
wondrous things; And so with Mary, we proclaim, "With joy  
my spirit sings."

## ***Litany of Thanksgiving***

Leader: O God, for your church, which throughout the ages  
has called women to serve in this world that you love,

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Miriam, who taught the people how to give  
thanks to God, for Hannah who led from a place of  
brokenness, for Ruth who teaches us about radical  
inclusion of the stranger and refugee,

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Mary of Bethany, who showed us how to  
listen and learn, For Martha, who served others with  
loving care,

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Priscilla and Lydia and other courageous  
leaders of the early church,

**People: we give you praise.**

Leader: For women like Katharine Bennett and Margaret  
Hodge, who led the movement for full equality among  
women in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in the  
1800s.

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For the life and creative leadership of Sarah E.  
Dickson, the first woman ordained as an elder in the  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., 1930; and Margaret E.  
Towner, the first woman ordained as a pastor in 1956.

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For the ministry of women who have taught and  
loved, cared for and blessed us as teachers, mentors,  
prophets and leaders, who shaped us through their lives,

**People: we thank you and we celebrate their lives and  
their commitment to the ministry of the whole  
church.**

All: Together, may we move forward with men and  
women as fully equal partners in the ministry of Christ to  
which you call us all. Amen.

