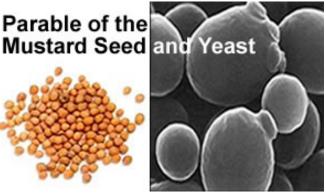
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Welcome to College Avenue **Presbyterian Church!**

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 6th 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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October 30, 2016

GATHERING SONG "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - Blue Hymnal #263

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "In Christ there is No East or West" - Blue Hymnal #439

TIME OF CONFESSION - Jeff Trowbridge

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

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 "Our Darkness" - insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Jeff Trowbridge 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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING "My Life Is In You Lord" - insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE - Jeff Trowbridge 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:30-33; Luke 13:18-21 - Pew Bible, p. 209, 991, 1011

"Thy Kingdom Come..." **SERMON** - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

"There is a Wideness in God's Mercy" SONG OF RESPONSE - insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: And all the time! Leader: God is good! **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

Nenna Okereke
Harry Hussian (Jr.)
Al Hussian
Elaine Price
Pete Feltman
Ruth Ann Friedland
Elodie McClain
Radman 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: <u>ellenbry@comcast.net</u>

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

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

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

Youth Group | Sunday, Nov 6th & 20th 5-7pm For middle and high schoolers. We share dinner together each night, share around a proposed subject, snap each other (if you have the app), game and goof off, as well as do some special things this month – a photo scavenger hunt and a trip to the movies!

All Saints' Day | Día de los Muertos : Next Sunday, Nov 6th 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.

Coffee & Conversations : Tuesday, Nov 8th 10-11am on the patio in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College Aves. No host safe and open conversation about faith.

Movie Night: Thursday, Nov 10th 7-9:45pm Bring a favorite dish to share in our potluck dinner as we watch a movie together. Movie TBA

Book Club: Tuesday, Nov 22nd 12-1pm. We're discussing America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis. Bring a sack lunch.

The Conversation Project – have you had the conversation? :: Community forum on Wednesday, Nov 9th at 7:30pm, and in worship on Sunday, Nov 13th at 10:30am 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: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist: Jeff Trowbridge

Fellowship: Elaine Price, Monte McClain Godly Play: Beth Beatty, Elaine Price

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim

& Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 11/6/16:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams

Liturgist:

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski Godly Play: Children in worship

2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:30-33; Luke 13:18-21

The books of Samuel tell the story of radical transformation in the life of Israel. The loosely associated tribes want to be like their neighboring peoples, they want a king, not direct rule by God. Elohim acquiesces, warning them of the good and hard that come with human rule. Following a bad king, Saul, David comes to reign: a golden age. It's in that moment, that God promises (in today's text) that there will be a future leader, a descendent of David, who will be the true leader: the chosen one, or Messiah.

Luke, tells his gospel version of the life of Jesus for Greek-speaking people, who were primarily Gentile, or non-Jewish. Today's gospel sections lay the groundwork for seeing Jesus as that Messiah, and include some parables about his reign.

David has won his battles on his road to becoming king. Once anointed and established, he settles in, recognizing that he needs to establish the house of the Lord, to construct a permanent, unifying sacred space to replace the tabernacle of the itinerant and disparate tribes. Where David sees a clear path of architectural plans, a sky-reaching edifice and unity; God speaks to him through the prophet turning his thinking upside down. God will not settle for a house built by human hands, and asserts that the Divine One will build David into a house. Talk moves from stones and mortar to loins and genetic lines. How does the Lord reveal himself? How does she unify the people through worship? David doesn't seem to know what he's getting into. One has to ask if we know any better in our own pursuit of God today.

Luke asserts that Jesus is the one to continue the house of David, to further the line, to ultimately been the messianic one who will establish God's reign in the world. Yet such militant language and metaphor makes us think of armies and wars, battles and empires. Jesus speaks rather of seeds and single-celled microorganisms. He speaks of paradox and subversion, a different way of seeing and being. Is there any surprise that we struggle to recognize the coming of the kingdom? Is it any surprise that those in his day didn't understand his nonviolent, peaceful authority?

Questions for the Practice of Examen & Contemplation

These historical texts flesh out the theological paradox around God's notion of kingship, leadership and vocation. The texts are both about the messiah (the anointed one) and all those anointed to leadership...so by extension all those who follow Jesus as teacher:: us! Where do you see the power and authority of Jesus in your life?; in our world? Is it straightforward or paradoxical? What does that mean for you in your daily life, hopes and frustrations?

The author of the pastoral letter sent to the Hebrews writes; "¹faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible." (Hebrews 11:1-3) In your faith journey how do you experience the power or kingdom of God in the world? How do you dream of experiencing it? Why is there a difference? Talk to God about your frustrations or doubts.

Call to Worship Responsive Reading

(inspired by Jeremiah 31:7-9)

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

ALL: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

ALL: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

ALL: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

"Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise"

Author: Walter C. Smith (1867); Blue Hymnal #263

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise In light inaccessible hid from our eyes Most blessed, most glorious the ancient of days Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise
- 2. Unresting unhasting and silent as light Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love
- 3. To all life Thou givest to both great and small In all life Thou livest the true life of all We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree Then wither and perish but naught changeth Thee
- 4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight All praise we should render O help us to see Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

Blue Hymnal #439

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west In him no south or north But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find His service is the golden cord Close binding humankind

Continued in the next column...

- 3. Join hands disciples of the faith Whatever your race may be All children of the living God Are surely kin to me
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west In him meet south and north All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth

"Our Darkness"

Author: Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

"My Life Is In You, Lord"

Author: Don Moen

My life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You. (Repeat)

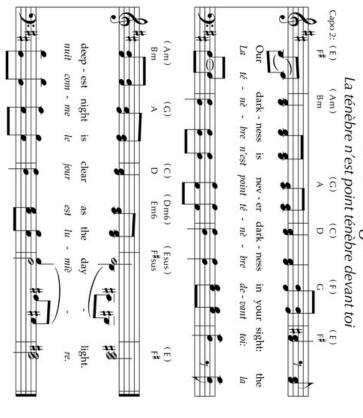
I will praise You with all of my heart. I will praise You with all of my hope. With all of my life, and all of my strength. All of my hope is in You.

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Author: Frederick William Faber (1862)

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
 There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
 There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
- 2 For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word, and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

Our Darkness Is Never Darkness 678 in Your Sight



Like other chants from the Taizé Community in France, this paraphrase of Psalm 139:12 is meant for repeated singing. It is most effective at evening services and works well with other Taizé chants such as "Within Our Darkest Night" (no. 294) and "The Lord Is My Light" (no. 842).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1991 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1991 Text and Music © 1991 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. CIA Publications, Inc.)

LA TÉNÈBRE Irregular

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.