



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 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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GATHERING SONG

"Let All Things Now Living"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"For The Fruit Of All Creation"

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TIME OF CONFESSION

- Louise Hirschman

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

"Rain Down"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Louise Hirschman

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 THANKS : LITURGICAL INCARNATION OF OUR GRATITUDE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING

"Give Thanks"

- insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Louise Hirschman

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

- Pew Bible, p. 773

SERMON

"If You Love Someone..."

- Monte

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Breathe On Me Breath Of God"

- Blue Hymnal #526

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

"La paz de Dios"

(Spanish)

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

November Birthdays

3	Nenna Okereke	15	Pete Feltman
5	Harry Hussian (Jr.)	16	Ruth Ann Friedland
11	Al Hussian	16	Elodie McClain
13	Elaine Price	19	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: ellenbry@comcast.net

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

Youth Group | tonight 5-7pm For middle & high schoolers.

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 COMING WEEK IS OUR BUSIEST OF THE YEAR. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR COMMUNITY & MONTE TOO.

Today : Help to bring our Christmas Decorations down from storage in the gym to the sanctuary, after worship.

Monday @ 1:00pm Help spread the mulch being delivered to finish our front yard re-landscaping. Bring a rake & gloves if you have them.

Help decorate our space for Advent & Christmas | *lights, garlands & trees.* | Tuesday, November 22nd 8am-12pm.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner : Thanksgiving Day 11am-1pm | our most visible community action during the year. We need your help to represent our church community, building relational bridges as we work together.

For the meal to be a success we need help:

1. A CAPC-er to help host the work nights on Tuesday and Wednesday 7-9pm with Louise Hirschman
2. A volunteer manager for Thursday 7-10am
3. A volunteer manager for Thursday 12:30-2:00pm to oversee clean-up and to close up the gym & church.
4. Cook a turkey at home this week & return it Thursday

Join us for our first Advent Family Dinner. Next Sunday! 11/27, 6-8pm at the home of Fredora Darmstadt (9 Eton Ct, Berkeley 94705) Bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: Louise Hirschman
Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Godly Play: Bill Beatty (ST), Fredora Darmstadt (DK)
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim & Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 11/27/16:

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt, Kristy McClain
Godly Play: Linda Davis (ST), Anne Marie Adams (DK)

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34

Jeremiah is one of the most literarily beautiful writings of the Bible. Its beauty comes from the language and also the promise that despite disobedience, doubt and even deceit on the part of the Israelites, God remains faithful. It's a promise we read as extending to us as well.

In the 6th century BCE the Babylonian Empire was growing. It's enemy, the waning world empire, was Egypt. Trapped between the two sparring world powers was Israel. Jeremiah tells the story of the Israelite nation, referred to as Judah, in this time of warring world powers. Jeremiah was the prophet of that time, sent to proclaim what God was up to, to interpret the world for those who claimed to be the people of God, yet were clueless of God's initiative.

In today's portion, we read of King Jehoiakim who was a real flip-flopper. He didn't so much as make campaign promises to the people who elected him (this is because he was a king, but also because the promises he made were to other, greater, kings). Jehoiakim tried to play off Egypt against Babylon, and Babylon against Egypt, always trying to get ahead, and to get something for himself. Eventually he flip-flopped too much, and chose the wrong side one time too many. As Babylon reached its climax in terms of power over Egypt, the king chose to ally with Egypt, to place all of the nation's bets on Egypt's success. The defeat of Egypt, was the ultimate defeat of King Jehoiakim and all of his people at the hands of the ascendant Babylonians. They were greatly annihilated, in a sort of genocidal fight. The best of their people: the academic, cultural elites and aristocratic born were taken as hostages, or exiles, to a foreign land to be held as ransom, but also to be converted to the Babylonian way of living. This process was a sort of culture cleansing or culture-cide. It's in that deep dark despair that Jeremiah makes the radically disturbing good news prophecy of chapter 31. We take it for granted today, applying it liberally to our own lives, which are often distant from such dehumanizing hatred, politics and treatment. But what would such a promise of relationship, long sense forgotten, be to a people broken, who had bended the knee and turned their back on their God, their ways and their people?

Questions for the Practice of Examen & Contemplation

- How do you identify God's faithfulness? How do you respond to God's steadfast presence in your life?
- The story of Jeremiah is one of disappointment and unexpected hope. How are you surprised by unexpected hope today? How are you possibly mired in disappointment, frustration or fear which keep you from seeing God at work in your world?
- Chapter 31 of Jeremiah is very often quoted as a promise for us today. And yet it was spoken, or written, by a prophet at a particular moment, to specific people in a unique context: the Israelites over 2,500 years ago as they were being invaded, conquered and exiled by the Babylonians. They didn't just doubt God's presence, they were experiencing their extinction. How can we say that it's a word for us today in 2016 as well? How do you approach the divine promises of the Bible in terms of your life?

Call to Worship

from textweek.com

Leader: We come longing to bathe in your words.

People: Let us hear your voice.

Leader: We come craving the solace of your silence.

People: Let us enter your quiet.

Leader: We come longing for your loving, healing presence.

All: Fill us with your Spirit.

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Fred Pratt Green (1970, alt.)

1. For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

"Let all Things Now Living"

Author: Katherine Davis (1939)

Blue Hymnal #554

1. Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces;
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

"Rain Down"

Jaime Cortez (1991)

Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love on your people.
Rain down; rain down;
rain down your love, God of life.

"Give Thanks"

Don Moen, 1993

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Author: Edwin Hatch (1878)

Blue Hymnal #316

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

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For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to

God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
done. In our world - wide task of car - ing,
God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,

Glory to God 36

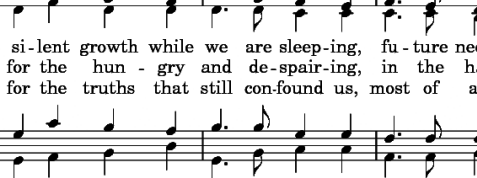
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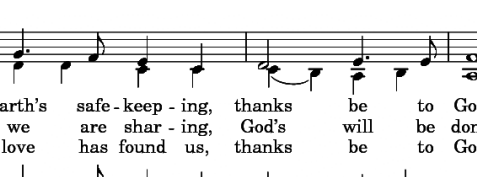
For the Fruit of All Creation

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si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, fu-ture needs in
for the hun - gry and de-spair-ing, in the har-vests
for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that

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earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.
we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
love has found us, thanks be to God.

Glory to God 36

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