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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

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

Blue Hymnal #464

### CALL TO WORSHIP :

### SONG OF PRAISE

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

Blue Hymnal #394

*Children aged 3 years to 6th grade are invited to come to the front of our worship space to depart for Godly Play. You can collect your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the Godly Play Room.*

### TIME OF CONFESSION

- Marda Stothers

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

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"Cares chorus"

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Marda Stothers

*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

"I Surrender All"

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### HEARING GOD'S WORD

### READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:1-29

- Marda Stothers

Pew Bible, p. 974

### SERMON

"Sent not Spent"

Rev. Monte McClain

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"Oh happy day"

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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!

### BENEDICTION

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Ping An"

(Chinese, Mandarin)

*We pass the peace week 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

### February Birthdays

4	William Markman	9	Angel Carney
8	Cecelia Jackson	21	Elena Wenzler
9	Chelsea Casey Osoria		

### PRAYERS & PRAISE

*Prayers of praise and gratitude for:* the cancer remission of my dear brother-in-law, the Stothers are getting lots of help and Marda is quite grateful. *Prayers for God to intervene for:* the gracious leadership class in SF Presbyter; encouragement for the leaders and attendees; Paulette, who is feeling little overwhelmed as she finishes clearing out her dad's house in Santa Barbara and returns home to Berkeley; Karen, a co-worker who recently had surgery; A friend struggling with paralyzing anxiety; Those who are mourning friends and family who have died in the past year; Those who are homebound or physically unable to join us this morning; Nicole as she battles cancer; Tyler Conant Martin and his dad to find a new place to live; healing for Cecilia Jackson who has mild pneumonia, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra; freedom from pain and for peace for my sister Alice who is now in hospice care and for comfort and courage for her husband John and for my sisters and extended family.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Walking through the Bible** | Thursday at 11:30am in the Library, Emma Fleming: 510-653-6536

**CAPC CHOIR** | Sunday 12:00-1:00pm & Wednesday at 6pm

*Today the choir is meeting from 12:30pm*

**Mid Week Small Group Gathering** Wednesdays 7:30-9 pm  
Meets near CAL campus | Questions: call Marda 510.540.7173

**Friday Night Meal** | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to get involved.

**The Vocabulary of Faith** | Sunday 9:30-10:15am (library)

**Women's Group** | Saturday 8:30-10:00 am

**Annual Congregational Meeting: today after worship.** We're gathering to elect new leaders and receive the budget for 2016. *Starts immediately after worship, lasting no more than 30 minutes.*

**Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner & Games!** Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. Bring a skillet for pancake games!

**Ash Wednesday Prayer Station Service** Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Interactive prayer stations to start Lent.

**Nestlé Parking Lot** | We are able to park in the lot. You must re-enter the lot from the entrance on Chabot near Crossroads.

**Communion in worship next week.** | No Godly Play

**Bring canned food and financial donations to support the Deacons' Food Pantry next Sunday** | flip-topped cans are helpful.

### Thank you to this morning's

Ushers: Jeff Trowbridge, Fredora Darmstadt  
Liturgist: Marda Stothers  
Fellowship: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson  
Godly Play: Joy Barnes, Fredora Darmstadt  
Today's Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass), Diego Alberto (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

### Leadership for next week (February 7th, 2016)

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Al Hussian  
Liturgist:  
Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers  
Godly Play: Children in Worship

## Mark 6:1-29



As we move towards next year's presidential election we're talking a lot these days about leadership and authority. Today's scripture contains a contrast in leadership: Jesus, John the Baptizer and King Herod Antipas. Where one assumes authority to be present, looking for the outside political perspective, there is none. Where one sees persecution and seeming defeat is ironically and paradoxically a confirmation of true authority. In the midst of this comparison, a sort of clinical leadership case trial, is the underlying message that Jesus sends his disciples – and us by extension – into the world with his authority, passion and purpose.

Our narrative scripture selection begins with Jesus returning to his hometown, his home country, his own people. Yet they don't seem to recognize him. Amazed at his authority, wisdom and power; they are suddenly scandalized when they realize (or is it just remember?) who he is – the son of Mary and the carpenter. His dad isn't even named, which wasn't kosher or normal. Were they scandalized by his parentage, or his family? Or were they scandalized that the carpenter's son, who may be good at building, but preaching? Really? In any case, their disbelief and unbelief seem to impede and prevent Jesus for being all that he is there.

From that seemingly disastrous visit home, Jesus sends his followers and friends out to proclaim that people should repent: recognize that they're headed in the wrong direction in life and course-correct or turn around. It's perhaps less about being bad or "sinful"; and more about being lost and continuing on the wrong path. Jesus sends them out, instructing them to take nothing, to trust and assume that they will be taken care of, shown hospitality along the way. God will provide. And when God doesn't seem to provide, when people are inhospitable, then don't stress about it, shake it off – shake all of it off – and move on to the next place and other people. They're maybe sent as sheep among wolves, but they're sent out with authority, power, responsibility and self-awareness. It's not the number two that is important, but rather that they're sent out in community – not alone.

In contrast to the growing wisdom, authority and spiritual maturity of the disciples, Herod is just plain stupid. Entranced or tricked (or both) by his step-daughter, he offers her up to half his kingdom. Well maybe he's not that stupid, he had to have realized at some level that he was merely a puppet king handily controlled by the Roman Empire. He's so weak that he will do anything to save face, and not look weak in front of others. So he has John the Baptizer killed – the very man who prophetically warned him of his moral failure and lack of spiritual wisdom. Irony upon irony. It's perhaps a exhortative warning to and for us. We have authority. We're sent out. But how do we go?

### Questions for Going Deeper:

- What do you think is the message of these scriptures?
- How have you experienced it as truth in your life?
- What invitation do you hear from God in this text to act, say, be or do?

## LYRICS & READINGS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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The leader reads the normal font, **the people respond with the text in bold.**

With powerful words and dramatic gestures,  
with a quiet conversation and a gentle touch,

**we respond to God's call to offer  
healing and hope to our world.**

With courage to face the injustices around us,  
with the willingness to go into the brokenness,

**we fulfill the call of Jesus  
to engage in faithful obedience.**

With the patience of a teacher of six-year-olds,  
with the gentleness of a nurse helping a patient,

**we become the Spirit's refuge  
for all who live in worry and fear.**

### "Joyful, joyful We Adore Thee"

*Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; Henry van Dyke, 1907  
Blue Hymnal #464*

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee God of glory, lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee opening to the sun above  
Meld the clouds of sin and sadness drive the gloom of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

3. Mortals join the happy chorus which the morning stars began  
Love divine is reigning o'er us joining all in heaven's plan  
Ever singing march we onward victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life

### There Is A Balm In Gilead

*African-American Spiritual  
Blue Hymnal #394*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works vain  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again

Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend  
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend

If you cannot preach like Peter If you cannot pray like Paul  
You tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

### "Cares chorus"

*Artist: Kelly Willard*

*Album: Blame It On the One I Love, 2010*

I cast all my cares upon You  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet  
And anytime that I don't know what to do  
I will cast all my cares upon you

### "I Surrender All"

*Judson W. Van DeVenter, 1896*

All to Jesus I surrender. All to him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live

#### Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed savior, I surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at his feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus take me now

#### Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender Make me Savior wholly thine  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine

#### Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessings fall on me

#### Refrain

### "Oh Happy Day:

*Edwin Hawkins Singers, 1968*

Oh happy day (oh happy day)  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
He washed my sins away (Oh happy day)  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

He taught me how to walk,  
fight, and pray, fight and pray  
And live rejoicing every day,  
every day