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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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**February 21, 2016**

**GATHERING SONG**

"Blindman"

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**CALL TO WORSHIP :**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

"Be Thou My Vision"

- Blue Hymnal #339

*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**

- Albert Hussian

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

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

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

- Albert Hussian

*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.*

**WE ARE CALLED TO BELIEF, BELONGING AND PARTICIPATING:**

**MEMBERSHIP, INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF NEW ELDERS & DEACONS**

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**SONG DURING THE OFFERING**

"Lift Every Voice" v. 3

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**CELEBRATING THE DIVERSE DEPTH OF OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH MOMENT**

"Katherine Johnson"

- Sharon Nelson

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Mark 10:32-52

- Albert Hussian

Pew Bible, p.980

**SERMON**

"Sharing the Cup"

Rev. Monte McClain

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

"Guide My Feet"

- Blue Hymnal #354

**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**

"神的平安 | Shén de píng'ān" (Chinese, Cantonese)

*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 Bart Train Operators; Puppy Ginger's foot all better- she's back to full puppy energy!

Prayers for God to intervene for: healing and support for Sharon Nelson who is not up to par today; healing for friend Margaret who is recovering from breast cancer surgery; Ray, who is afraid to get surgery; healing for friend and co-worker Karen, who is having surgery on Friday; Larry Miller, with reappearing colon cancer; Bill Bryant who is sick; my dear friend Lisa who had an MRI for a lump on her rib, and she also has digestive problems; healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra.

### 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

**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

**Taizé Prayer Services** | Wednesday 7:00 – 7:45pm during Lent

**Lent Devotionals HELP WRITE THEM!** Monte needs your help to create a community-wide daily Lenten devotional. Can you help? Pick up a PINK info sheet in the entryway. It involves picking your favorite scripture and writing no more than 100 words about why you love it so much. Submit your response in the basket.

**Lent Devotionals:** pick up a paper copy, or read it daily on our blog at [www.capcoakland.wordpress.com](http://www.capcoakland.wordpress.com).

**Monte on Study Leave : March 1-7<sup>th</sup>** Rev Wendy Komori-Stager will be preaching and serving communion in worship on 3/6. Pete will be here to keep us harmoniously grounded.

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

**Leadership Retreat Nest** Saturday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 12:00pm for our elders and deacons at the church. Includes breakfast.

**Black History Month** | Would you like to help lead a Black History Month moment during worship this month? Talk to Monte or Sharon as we seek to celebrate the diverse depth of who we are as a community of faith here in the East Bay!

### Thank you to this morning's

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Al Hussian

Liturgist: Albert Hussian

Fellowship: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Godly Play: Linda Davis, David Kittams

Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass) Diego Alberto (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

### Leadership for next week (February 28th, 2016)

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams

Liturgist: Chickwendu Okereke

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski

Godly Play: Joy Barnes, Maya Patil

## Mark 10:17-31

Sharing a cup. It can mean getting together to further community and relationship, sharing life saving water that satiates a thirst and also be the enslaving meeting for a drink that could further an addiction. But here in today's passage the cup that Jesus offers is metaphorical. Throughout the First Testament the image of the cup is one of participation. It's literally used at times to invoke the pouring out of God's frustration and wrath. It invokes the pouring out of a drink sacrifice upon an altar. It's also the sharing of a cup that involves the drinker as an active participant in a religious ritual, a covenant-making vow, or a group identity. Some examples include: Psalm 16, 23, 116; Isaiah 51:17, 22; Jeremiah 25:15; Zechariah 12:2; 14:10)



The brothers, James and John, are vying for a special place, one of honor, possibly hoping to beat out the other 10 disciples for the best spots by RSVPing first. But they are seemingly ignorant, naive, or unconnected to what Jesus has just said about the suffering, loss, pain and defeat that the Son of Man will receive and must endure. We look back and see their blatant naiveté. Yet their response is natural, deeply human; probably one we would repeat if given the chance. The title "Son of Man" first appears in the First Testament in the book of Daniel 7:13, where it's used to designate the special human representative of God. The Ancient of Days, coming victoriously enthroned upon the clouds, surrounded by a celestial army gives all power to one like a Son of Man. For the disciples, this was a title of honor, victory, indefatigable glory and pride. They are unable to see Jesus fully, impotent to hear what he is saying, even though they have eyes to see and ears with which to hear. They don't see Bartimaeus as Jesus does. For them, he is unwanted riffraff in the way: an impediment. For Jesus, he's a child of God every bit worthy of mercy as anyone else. Sharing in the cup of Christ is thus not only participating in suffering and defeat, but also seeing each other, the world, and ourselves as Christ does.

Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador was assassinated while serving communion in a mass on March 24, 1980. He had embraced the cup of Christ, preaching, proclaiming and living with passion the call to mercy for all, solidarity with the poor and an activist living out of the gospel principles of liberation theology. In his final sermon, given the previous day, he wrote auspiciously of how God calls us to be present participants in the divine passion: "Beautiful is the moment in which we understand that we are no more than an instrument of God; we live only as long as God wants us to live; we can only do as much as God makes us able to do; we are only as intelligent as God would have us be." It's what the disciples were unable to see and the vocation to which we are invited to embrace in faith.

### 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

*Written by Monte McClain*

*L: God called Abraham and Sarah to leave, their land, their people, their stuff: their home*

**P: to be blessed to be a blessing to all people.**

*L: Adonai called the timid stutterer Moses to become the public leader of his enslaved people, to deliver them from Egypt*

**P: to leave the impasse of their shackles for the promise land of flowing with milk and honey for all.**

*L: Jesus called the disciples to leave their boats, their livelihood, to step out into what seemed most likely to be the great unknown;*

**P: to take what they knew and were, in order to fish for people.**

*L: In this space and place, we come together as a uniquely gathering community of worship, listening for God's Word, thirsty for the Spirit, hungry for hope*

**P: Come Spirit of God, open our eyes, that we may see; unplug our ears, that we may hear; open our hands that we may receive what you long to give us this day.**

### "Blind Man"

*Traditional Spiritual, anonymous*

1. Blind man stood by the road and he cried  
Blind man stood by the road and he cried  
Blind man stood by the road and he cried  
He cried whoa! Show me the way, show me the way,  
Show me the way, the way to go home.

2. Woman stood by the well and she cried (3x)  
She cried whoa! Show me the truth, show me the truth,  
Show me the truth, the way to go home.

3. Lazarus laid in the grave and they cried (3x)  
They cried, whoa! Show us the life, show us the life,  
Show us the life, the way to go home.

4. Jesus hung on the cross and He died (3x)  
He cried whoa, I am the Way, I am the Truth,  
I am the Life, and the Way to go home.

5. Healed man stood by the road and he cried (3x)  
He cried whoa, I found the way, I found the truth,  
I found the light, the way to go home.

### "Nobody Knows The Trouble I See"

*Traditional Spiritual*

Nobody knows the trouble I see Lord  
Nobody knows the trouble I see  
Nobody knows the trouble I see Lord  
Nobody knows like Jesus  
Mothers will you pray for me  
Mothers will you pray for me  
Mothers will you pray for me  
An help me to drive ol Satan away

### "Be Thou My Vision"

*Ancient Irish Poem (1921); Blue Hymnal #339*

1. Be thou my vision O lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

2. Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

3. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me lord  
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower  
Still be my vision O ruler of all

### "Lift every voice and sing"

*James Weldon Johnson (1921)*

3. God of our weary years, God of silent tears  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way  
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light  
Keep us forever in the path we pray  
Lest our feet stray from the places our God  
where we meet thee  
Lest our hearts  
drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee  
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand  
True to our God, true to our native land

### "Guide My Feet"

*African-American spiritual, Blue Hymnal #354*

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
guide my feet while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

2 Hold my hand while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
hold my hand while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
hold my hand while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

3 Stand by me while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
stand by me while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
stand by me while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

4 I'm your child while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
I'm your child while I run this race, (yes, my Lord!)  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

## **The Brief Statement of Faith of the PCUSA**

*In life and in death we belong to God.*

*Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel.  
whom alone we worship and serve.*

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and,  
to love God and neighbor;  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

*The same Spirit,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of people long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

*With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Amen.*