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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.

CCLI #1137062

April 10, 2016

GATHERING SONG

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

Blue Hymnal #394

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

- Blue Hymnal #123

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

TIME OF CONFESSION

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

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING

"My Tribute"

- Red Hymnal #3

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:1-11

Pew Bible, p. 1057

SERMON

"Alone Together"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

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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

- Monte

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Selamat Hariminggu"

(Indonesian)

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

April Birthdays

8	Andrea Rondini	20	Kelechi Okereke
13	Toni Proulx	24	Anh Nguyen
19	Pat Price	27	Sally Schmidt

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers of praise and gratitude for: a problem resolved itself this week; the life of Ernie Smith, who died March 30th at the age of 78.
Prayers for God to intervene for: my sister-in-law Cheryl having cancer surgery on Monday; healing for Ray; good management of Ward's health; the Beatty's big trip to Europe; The Larry Miller family; Tyler Conant Martin; healing for Cecilia Jackson who has mild pneumonia, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | Sunday 12:00-1:00pm & Wednesday at 6pm.
Choir is on a post-Easter Vacation until next Sunday, April 17th!

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 help

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30-10:15am

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

One Great Hour of Sharing: annual offering to benefit the poor, hungry and oppressed through our nation-wide church. Pick up information in the entryway or online at <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs>.

Coffee & Conversations | Tuesday, April 14th 10-11am

Recreation VBS Camp : August 15-19th www.recreationvbs.org

Summer Camp @ Westminster Woods : It's nearly summer! Pick up information about camp in the entryway for kids – 2nd grade – 12th. www.westminsterwoods.org

Burrito Bar Church Meal : Sunday, May 1st. It's both a chance to meet members of First Presbyterian Alameda (with whom we're having a church retreat September 16-18th) and raise money to help offset the cost of the retreat for everyone. 12-2pm at First Church Alameda 2001 Santa Clara (at Chestnut)

Presbyterians-What? : Weekly class on Presbyterian Identity and who we are as a church today. Sundays 9:30-10:15am. (5 more sessions!) Get info online each week at www.capcoakland.me.

Listening Session about Small Groups and Building Community : Today after worship in the library from 11:50-12:20pm. Are you interested in developing deeper relationships in our church community? Looking for ways to connect? Come and share your dreams, hopes and concerns with Monte today.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist: Margaret Smith
Fellowship: Al & Joy Barnes
Godly Play: Linda Davis, David Kittams
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

Leadership for next week, 4/17/16:

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Chickwendu Okereke & Family
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Anne Marie Adams

Acts 3:1-10

Are miraculous things still done through faith? Why does God not heal us from all of our infirmities, brokenness or disabilities? Why does life in the early Church, for people in the Bible, seem so different than our own? What does the Gospel actually do?

Today's selection from Acts contains the first healing miracle in the whole story. It's situated just after the giving of the Spirit of God at Pentecost to the whole community of faith who then shared all things in common, praying together, worshipping side by side and living in radical material solidarity (we'll work backwards to that episode for Pentecost Sunday : May 15). The disciples go about life and faith in a regular way. They don't distance themselves from their larger community, or abandon their old way of related to God and to other people. Rather they are emboldened, informed and re-formed by their experience of the Gospel good news of Jesus Christ to expand their communal spirit of unity, solidarity and faith-full-ness to include those marginalized and rejected by the larger society. They have heard the teaching of Jesus: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:31-46. They act accordingly.



The disciples aren't just passively and privately pious. Their prayer turns them outwards to confront the brokenness of the world – and themselves. As Peter and John go to pray at the Temple they see this crippled from birth man. They speak to him. And then in the name of Jesus this man defined only by his disability is raised up. The Greek word used for "to raise up" [*egeiro*] is used throughout the second Testament to also express the notion of being raised up from the dead: resurrected. This man is not just healed or made better. He's (re)made into a new creation!

The people are shocked. They expected to see a handout, not a resurrection. They immediately ask for clarification of the disciples (see 3:11 and beyond). The religious authorities are quickly opposed to what's being said about the name of Jesus (Acts 4:17-18). The man who used to beg for a living, must now find a new way to live. The gospel impacts the world: making all things new (not always making all things easier.)

Questions for Going Deeper:

What word, phrase or image in the text grabs your attention?

How does that touch or interact with your life today?

Or imagine yourself in the text. Who are you? The beggar? A disciple? Part of the crowd? An on-looker? How do you respond to the raising up of the unnamed man?

How do you need God to raise you up from what cripples you in life?

What invitation to act, speak, do or be do you hear through the Holy Spirit in the text?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

African-American Spiritual, Blue Hymnal #394

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my works vain
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again
2. Don't ever feel discouraged for Jesus is your friend
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend
3. If you cannot preach like Peter If you cannot pray like Paul
You tell the love of Jesus and say “He died for all.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

ritten by Katherine Hawker

One: Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,
thus says the Lord.

ALL: Send down the fire of your justice!

One: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

ALL: Send down the rain of your love!

One: Your old shall dream dreams,
and your young shall see visions.

**ALL: Send down your Spirit,
breathe life in your people!**

One: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

ALL: And we shall be people of God.

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Joseph Scriven, 1855; Blue Hymnal #403

1. What a friend we have in Jesus
All ours sins and grief's to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
2. O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

“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

“My Tribute”

Andrae Crouch

Red Hymnal, #365, Psalm 115:1

1. How can I say thanks
for the things You have done for me?
Things so undeserved,
yet You give to prove Your love for me.
The voices of a million angels
could not express my gratitude.
All that I am and ever hope to be,
I owe it all to Thee.

[Chorus:]
To God be the glory,
to God be the glory,
to God be the glory
for the things He has done.

2. With His blood He has saved me,
with His power He has raised me.
To God be the glory
for the things He has done.

3. Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

4. Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

5. Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer

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"Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

The Faith We Sing Number 2139

African American Spiritual

Chorus:

Oh I know the Lord, I know the Lord
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, Oh
I know the Lord, I know the Lord
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

1. Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
King Jesus preaching to the poor
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

chorus

2. Oh wasn't that such a happy day
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
When Jesus washed all my sins away
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

chorus

3. How great a day, how great the hour
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
When Jesus comes with all His power
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

chorus

4. My Lord's done just what he said;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
he's healed the sick and raised the dead;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

chorus