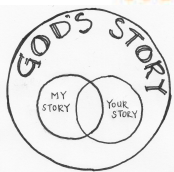




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Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

-Blue Hymnal #464

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"They'll know We Are Christians"

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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.

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 Tribute"

- Red Hymnal #3

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Pew Bible, pps. 1075 & 1146

SERMON

"Innovating Imitation"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"This Little Light Of Mine"

- insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BLESSING

- Monte

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Udo diri gi"

(Udo, spoken in Nigeria)

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: Visits from friends and relatives, evidence of the church at work.

Prayers for God to intervene for: my sister-in-law Cheryl having cancer surgery on Monday; Biruta Vinerts, hospitalized for an infection since Thursday; Kristy McClain as she leads a trip of 20 middle schoolers this week; My Sister Velma who is suffering from Shingles; My girlfriend's mother who was 9 months pregnant and lost her baby; My friends struggling with drug addiction; Traveling mercies for the Beattys, Harvey, Haynes and Adams families; 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 starts up again today: 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: ellenbry@comcast.net

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

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

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. (4 more sessions!) Get info online each week at www.capcoakland.me

Mission Sharing Next Week in Worship : Next Sunday, 4/24 in worship we'll hear about the work of the Gideons International.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Al Hussian
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Margaret Smith
Godly Play: Joy Barnes, Maya Patil
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

Leadership for next week, 4/24/16:

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

Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

We're perhaps so accustomed to church that we don't know what it means. It's not just a place we go. It's not just what we do on Sunday morning. It's not a place holder in our calendars, or a reason we can't do something else. It's who and how we are called to be in the world.

The word "church" comes from the Greek word *ekklesia* (like ecclesiastic). The first part "ek-" is a prefix meaning "out from and to" indicating movement. The root word "klesia" comes from the word "kaleo" meaning "to call". The word church thus means a community of people who are called out from the world/place in which they are; or a community of people called to a particular common task or way of being.



In today's readings we hear the story of how the good news gospel of the teachings of Jesus arrived in the regional capital town of Thessalonica with Paul and his colleagues. They arrive at this important town as they have others towns. They just left Philippi (see Acts 16) where they did the same thing: arrive, meet folks at the synagogue, teach and preach.

Here though they have trouble. Something about their example, their words, and the great response from men and women, Jewish and Gentile, rich and poor, creates a commotion. In their teaching they seek to move the people from worshipping idols and false gods to the true living God that they know through the life of Jesus of Nazareth – the Christ. Their success upsets the rulers of the city. They seem to be turning the world upside down, changing things that seem established, shouldn't be changed, cause fear among the authorities.

Is it a matter of questioning culture? Religion? Customs? Is it a question of challenging the status quo of their economy? Is it a threat to the peaceful political order in which the citizens of this autonomous town pledge fealty to the king of Rome – the emperor – in front of statues of the former and current imperial leader?

The jealous and fearful townsfolk banish and run off Paul and his companions. Yet when the latter later write to the Jesus followers in that capital town they admonish them to continuing imitating their example. This is not only their discipleship way of following the teachings of Jesus; for their discipleship is an example for all those followers of Jesus who live in the surrounding region of Macedonia. They are called to be an example of different living in their world of Roman power, patriarchy and violence.

Questions for Going Deeper:

- What word, phrase or image in the text grabs your attention?
- As you listen to this text and reflect on your life, what is it that has persuaded you to turn to and follow Jesus as teacher? Who has been an example of Christ for you?
- How has Jesus turned the world upside down? How has following him done that for you? How do you need God to turn your world right side up today?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Blue Hymnal #464

Author: Henry Van Dyke (1907)

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home
on earth.

ALL: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

One: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least,

**ALL: Christ journeys with the rejected
and welcomes the weary.**

One: Come now, all who thirst, and drink of the water
of life.

**ALL: Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with
good things.**

One: Come now, all who seek,

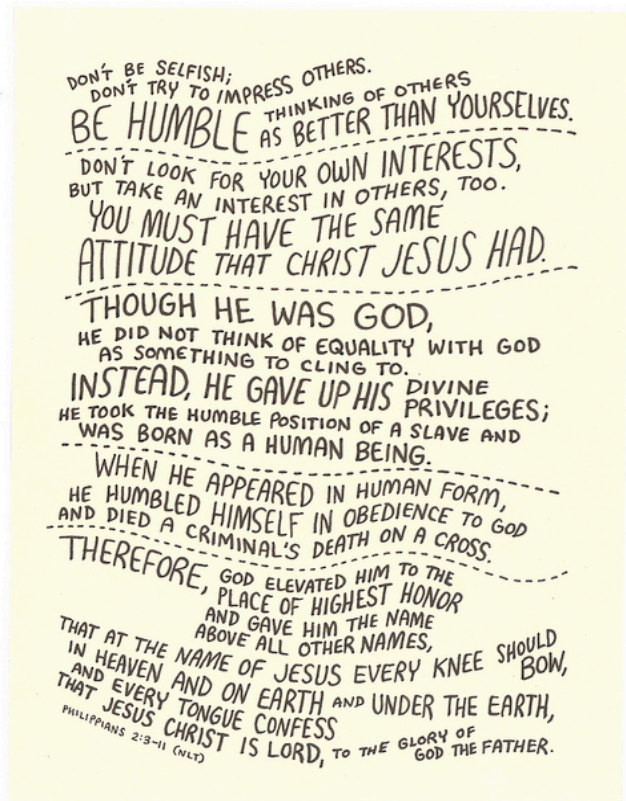
**ALL: and encounter the abundant love of the
almighty God.**

"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.

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

Author: Peter Scholtes

Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

1. We are one in the spirit We are one in the lord
We are one in the spirit We are one in the lord
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

2. We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

chorus

3. We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride

chorus

4. All praise to the father
From whom all things come
All praise to the Christ Jesus
God's only son
And all praise to the spirit
Who makes us one

chorus

"This Little Light Of Mine"

Traditional Spiritual

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

2. Hide it under a bushel NO

3. Won't let Satan blow it out