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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 "I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving in My Heart" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" - insert
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 - Albert Hussian
Silent Prayer followed by **Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon**

SONG OF RESPONSE "Just as I Am" - Blue Hymnal #370, v1

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG DURING THE OFFERING "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - insert

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE - Albert Hussian
Acts 18:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Pew Bible, pps. 1076 & 1105

SERMON "Myopic Ministry" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Be Thou My Vision" - insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!
People: All the time!

Leader: And 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: the Stothers being able to attend the Presbyterian Women's retreat next weekend.

Prayers for God to intervene for: Biruta Vinerts, healing at home from a severe infection; effectiveness of medications that Ward is taking; Ann, the mother of Laura LaMotte, diagnosed with cancer. Going for surgery in May; Nicole, a friend who had colon surgery this past week; Ygnacio, Ben's father; Morgan who lost a baby after 8 months of pregnancy; Elaine Price in a heavy week which included the anniversary of Austin's death; the family of Larry Miller. He died on Monday night; 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 5:30pm.

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 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).

Presbyteri-What? : Weekly class on Presbyterian Identity and who we are as a church today. Sundays 9:30-10:15am. (3 more sessions!) Get info online each week at www.capcoakland.me

Session Meeting : Thursday, 4/28 at 7:30pm (library).

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist: Albert Hussian
Fellowship: Margaret Smith
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Anne Marie Adams
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass),
Roger Kim (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

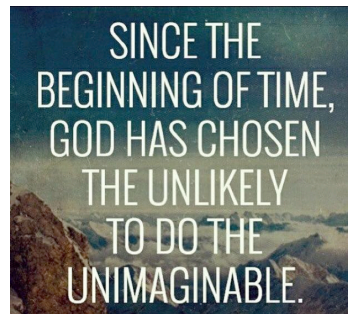
Leadership for next week, 5/1/16:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist:
Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers
Godly Play: Children in worship

Acts 18:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

We can't help but see the problems around us in what seems to be a broken, or least highly paralyzed, government. We face a myriad of challenges today: new technologies, nearly unfathomable cultural diversity, a globalized economy, and inadequate educational preparation of the young and already working. These forces contribute to a rapidly and constant changing social situation in which our institutions (including the church) seem to be flailing and failing in helping us to respond, adapt to and move into the world as it is today. This uncertainty leads to quarrels and divisions. Just look at the presidential primaries! It also produces anger, fear and retrenched absolute position-taking. Look at the Church in our country in how we're predominantly responding not to current issues like sexuality, marriage and pluralism; but rather how we respond to those who don't agree with us. What does it mean to be one in Christ? What does it mean for the Church today in our emerging world? For us today?

Our texts for this week retell the founding of the church in Corinth. It was a major metropolitan city in Greece, one of the principal economic and cultural cities of the ancient Roman Empire. Along with Ephesus, it was one of the most vibrant churches planted by the apostle Paul. And it too flailed and failed, struggling to live together for the gospel across its cultural diversity, socio-economic hierarchical differences, theological thinking and missional action.



In the beginning of his pastoral advice to the church in Corinth, Paul brings up the infighting over baptism. This was the vocabulary of dissension over the superiority of some disciples within the church as better than others. Supposedly related spiritual authority, this hurtful social stratification was also the recycling of entrenched ideas of superiority coming from personal wealth, family connections, cultural backgrounds and individual history. Paul writes to remind them that Christ is not one faction among many, that his gospel is what unites them and makes all things possible for each and all of them – a truth that seemed foolish in their world in which greatness was seen through the lenses of wealth, power, education, eloquent speaking and lineage.

Questions for Going Deeper:

- What word, phrase or image in the text grabs your attention?
- As you listen to this text and reflect on our life as a church community, what do you see today (or have you seen in the past) which functions as a dividing force, distracting us from the unity in the proclamation of the gospel? Or maybe it's more of an interior thing for and in you, that has caused dissension within your being?
- How has the foolish message proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus turned your world upside down with an unexpected wisdom? How has the gospel changed your vision? How do you need God to tweak your vision today?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

"I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart"

Author: Leona Von Brethorst

I will enter his gates with
Thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter his courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the
Lord has made
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has
Made me glad, glad, glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has
Made me glad

CALL TO WORSHIP

— written by Bruce Prewer. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

One: How does God speak?

**ALL: Not with a voice like mere mortals,
yet God speaks in many ways:**

One: Each new day speaks God's language,
and night after night knows more than it can tell."

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

One: Yet it is the cross of Jesus where God speaks most
profoundly:

**ALL: "The talk of the cross sounds absurd
to those who think they are sophisticated,**

One: but for us who are being saved,
it is the power of God."

ALL: Amen!

**Let the way we speak and the way we think
be acceptable in your sight
O God our strength and our redeemer.**

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

Author: Anon; 1975

1. I am weak but thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As a I walk, let me walk close to Thee

chorus

Just a closer a walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

2. Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with my my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee

3. When my feeble life is over
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore

"Just As I Am"

Blue Hymnal #370, verse 1

Author: Charlotte Elliott (1840)

Tune: WOODWORTH

Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that thou biddest me come to Thee
O lamb of God I come I come

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Author: Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922

O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

“Be Thou My Vision”

Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Blue Hymnal, #339, We're using the lyrics from the new Presbyterian Hymnal "Glory to God" – see below.

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught 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 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
tmy soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (A7) (D) (A) (A7) (D) (A) (A7) (D)

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (A) (G) (A) (G) (A) (G) (A)

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D)

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.