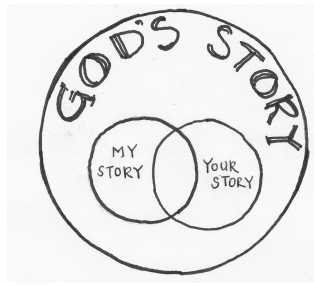


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## Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

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

"Guide My Feet "

- Blue Hymnal #354

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Surrender All"

- Red Hymnal #408

EMBODYING RESURRECTION COMMUNITY AT MOTHER'S DAY

*Creating an icon of the gift and vocation to community in Christ with the help of our kids*

TIME OF CONFESSION

- Elaine Price

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Just as I Am"

- Blue Hymnal #370, v3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Elaine Price

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"

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Elaine Price

1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

Pew Bible, p. 1116

SERMON

"Life Matters"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Take Up Your Cross"

- insert

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

"La paz de Dios"

(Spanish)

*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

### May Birthdays

1	Biruta Vinerts	19	Jeanne Pinkler
7	Tyler Conant-Martin	26	Darryl Pinkler
8	Donovan Adams	27	Paulette Leston
18	Marge Harvey	31	Avery Haynes

### PRAYERS & PRAISE

*Prayers of praise and gratitude for:* Ward's trip to the ER on Monday was attributed to drug side effects, with no lasting issues; Biruta Vinerts for her birthday! *Prayers for God to intervene for:* Karen who is fighting cancer. She thanks everyone for all your prayers of support; healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra; Ray who is very ill; Lucky to adjust to his new home; Laura LaMotte's mom, Ann Roberts, having surgery on Monday for cancer; Consolation and healing for the family of a friend who passed away Friday as a result of a work accident; Mick Pantajja fighting cancer, in the last stages; Michelle & Joel who are both being evicted from their home by new owners; A daughter requesting prayers that her hard work pay off and she does well with high scores in her exams; A young lady asking for prayer for her brother that he finishes up strong in his upcoming finals; for all our college students as they approach final exams and graduation; Tyler Conant Martin.

### 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](mailto:ellenbry@comcast.net)

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

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

**Coffee & Conversations** | Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 10-11am

**Presbytery of SF Meeting** | Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Download meeting information @ [www.presbyteryofs.org](http://www.presbyteryofs.org)

**Pentecost Sunday – Next week May 15<sup>th</sup>.** We're celebrating the birthday of the church as we hear anew the story of Acts 2. You can wear red or clothing reflecting our cultural diversity to worship! We're having a moment for mission from the Gideons during service.

**Presbyter-What?** Weekly class on Presbyterian Identity and who we are as a church today. Last session next Sunday 9:30-10:15am. Get info online each week on our website>resources.

**Ashby Village (AV) Event** | Sat May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2-4p, in coffeeshour room  
Come learn about the services, support and social events AV offers, for people interested in staying active and remaining in their neighborhoods as they age. Please RSVP at 510-204-9200.

**Movie Night "Babette's Feast" May 25<sup>th</sup>** @ 7:00 pm bring tasty dish to share. Paper goods, flowers, candles, utensils and drinks will be provided. 8pm start movie (1hr 43 min), done by 10p. Donation: \$6; \$4 children and seniors. Plan to come! Invite friends!

### Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie  
Liturgist: Elaine Price  
Fellowship: Men's Group: MOTHERS DAY  
Godly Play: Linda Davis, David Kittams  
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass),  
Roger Kim (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

### Leadership for next week, 5/15/16:

Ushers: Bill Beatty, Sharon Nelson  
Liturgist:  
Fellowship: Elaine Price, Chris Olsen  
Godly Play: Bill Beatty, Fredora Darmstadt

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 & Isaiah 25:6-10

Death and Taxes are supposedly the two things we cannot escape. In today's passage, Paul talks to the church in Corinth about both of them. Remember he's writing to a community of followers of Jesus, located in a great metropolis of the Roman Empire that was a center of commerce (an essential port), culture (the games were played there) and a melting pot of the diverse cultures, tribal identities and religions of the empire.

Chapter 15 is the climatic conclusion of the letter of pastoral advice and care. It appears that some in the church rejected the resurrection. They didn't renounce the idea, but rather they refused to recognize any sort of relationship between the resurrection of Jesus and the way in which we live and are resurrected in turn through him. You could say that they weren't against the *idea* of resurrection, but more against the *practice* of it.

In the Greco-Roman paganism (the collection of dominant religious traditions of the Empire) there was little stress placed on the idea of a blessed afterlife. Religion was practiced for its present benefits such as health and safety. (Witherington III. *Conflict and Community in Corinth*. p 293). Religion, including the imperial cult of the emperor, could be understood, or "used" as the way in which one's social status was identified and confirmed. This also impacted political rights and economic power. Religion was thus primarily material, an explanation, or justification, for the way that things were, or the vocabulary for wishing for a change.



In the Greco-Roman in which Paul lived, the spiritual or invisible was considered paramount, greater than the visible or material/physical. This duality is best understood in Gnosticism, what we might call a New Age belief in either great asceticism (rejecting and refraining the body) or a limitless licentiousness (saying that what we do with our body doesn't matter – so carpe diem!) To this Paul refers back to Christ – to God made hu-man, the invisible made visible, the God of all creation deeming us worthy enough to come to us as one of us through the incarnation. It's not just a rejection of gnostic duality, but a subversion of it. In a sense it's Paul proclaiming that every life matters, that your life matters, that life matters. This promise and potential impacts how we see ourselves and each other, how we live together, and how we define the "good life."

The great victory of God in Christ, is the victory in Isaiah 25 – the overcoming and defeat of death: the death of our bodies and as the force that undermines and limits the life that the Spirit of God breathed into us at creation. Resurrection is neither escape nor avoidance, but rather takes this life and the next seriously.

### Questions for Going Deeper:

- What grabs your attention in these texts?
- As you listen to this text and reflect on your life, how does it challenge your priorities, relationships, worldview?
- How are we/you invited to be a people of resurrection?

## LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

### “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!)
5. Search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
search my heart while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)  
search my heart while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)
6. 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!)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

— Psalm 1, adapted by Monte McClain from the Names of God version.

One: Blessed is the one who does not  
follow the advice of wicked people,  
walking with them in the path of sinners,  
or join the company of mockers.

**ALL: But rather delights in the teachings of Yahweh  
and reflects on the teachings of the Lord day and night.**

One: That person is like a tree planted beside streams—  
a tree that produces fruit in season  
and whose leaves do not wither.  
succeeding in everything they do.

**ALL: Wicked people are not like that.  
Instead, they are like husks that the wind blows away.**

*Continued in the next column....*

One: That is why wicked people will not be able to  
stand in the judgment  
and sinners will not be able to stand where  
righteous people gather.

**ALL: Yahweh knows the way of righteous people,  
but the way of wicked people will end in  
destruction.**

### “I Surrender All”

*Lyrics: Judson W. Van de Venter (1855-1939)*

*Music: Winfield Scott Weeden (1847-1908)*

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

*chorus*

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

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

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

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

### “Just As I Am”

*Blue Hymnal #370, verse 2*

*Author: Charlotte Elliott (1840)*

*Tune: WOODWORTH*

3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

### “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Author: Helen Howarth Lemmel, 1922*

3. His words shall not fail you, He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

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

*Words by Steve Millikan, Jane Johanson and Ray Boltz,  
Music by Steve Millikan*

*verse*

What are you doing for the King  
Have you really given everything  
To the One who gave His all for you  
Don't you be satisfied just to know  
That the Lord has saved your soul  
Have you forgotten what you need to do

*bridge*  
I know sometimes the road is long  
And I know sometimes you feel like you can't go on  
But you can make it, you just

Take up your cross and follow Jesus  
Take up your cross every day  
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him  
Count up the cost, take up your cross and follow Him

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