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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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May 22, 2016

GATHERING SONG

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

-Blue Hymnal #379

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Don't be Afraid"

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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

- Gary Yee

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Cares Chorus"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Gary Yee

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

"Sanctuary"

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

- Gary Yee

Pew Bible, p. 1119

SERMON

"Your Life Matters"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"You Are Mine"

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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

"Ping An"

(Chinese, Mandarin)

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	23	Rebecca LaMotte
8	Donovan Adams	26	Darryl Pinkler
15	Richard Harvey	27	Paulette Leston
18	Marge Harvey	31	Avery Haynes

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers of praise and gratitude for: Kelechi is graduating in Penn's 260th commencement on Monday May 16th and his family gets to travel back and be there with him for the fun! The safe, joyous birth of Kaia Belle McClain, to the brother and sister-in-law of Monte; the life of Paulette's father, Charles Leston, the first anniversary of his death was Sunday, May 15.

Prayers for God to intervene for: Marda & Ward as they travel to Hawaii for a wedding; Linda Trowbridge as she awaits her quarterly scan results on Monday 5/13 (they were great!); healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra; Patrice Trowbridge as she considers post graduation options; for all our college students as they approach final exams and graduation; David Kittmas having hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, May 17th; Tyler Conant Martin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | Sunday 12:00-1:00pm & Wednesday at 5:30pm.

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

Concrete Help Needed around Church! | We need more help around the church to accomplish regular maintenance of our large campus. And we can use your gifts! 10 minutes after worship today Albert Hussian will teach all who are game how to fix the illuminated cross on our church façade. Come and learn, so you can help out!

Do you like to paint? Monte has been slowly touching up the trim around our building windowsills & door frames. Do you have spare time to help? It'll get done much faster if you can!

Presbyteri-What? Today was our last class session. If you missed the conversations we're intending to do them again at night. You can also get info online on our website>resources.

Movie Night "Babette's Feast" THIS Thursday, May 25th @ 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!

No-Host Church Retreat Meeting for leaders: today at 1:30pm at Acapulco's, Alameda.

Can you help David Kittams get to church? David is having surgery this next week and will be unable to drive for a while. Could you help him get from North Berkeley to church and back? If so email him at dndnl@mac.com or call him at (510) 684-8511.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Al Hussian
Liturgist: Gary Yee
Fellowship: Anne Marie, Sharon Nelson
Godly Play: Beth Beatty, Emma Fleming
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass), Roger Kim (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

Leadership for next week, 5/29/16:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Maya Patil

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

"Lives Matters" is a political slogan zeitgeist for our times. Different adjectives are placed before the noun to focus the statement, from "Black" to "All"; from "Police" to "unborn." The activating hashtag phrase, #BlackLivesMatter, was first coined by Oaklander Alicia Garza in an email exchange following after the 2013 acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of African-American teen Trayvon Martin. It has since become a powerful rallying cry, the foundation of a new phenomena known as hashtag activism, and has led to deep societal, cultural questions and a new analysis of institutionalized power dynamics and identity (both individual and corporate) in our country.



What any of this has to do with the ancient Greek town of Corinth? While we may be divided at times today over the vocabulary and deliberately provocative syntax of the phrase #BlackLivesMatter (or we may not); the phrase is powerful beyond measure because in our society we do value life, believing that what we do, how we do it and how we do it in relationship to others does inherently matter.

The point of the hashtag activism of #BlackLivesMatter is to question our institutionalized society values and unspoken cultural assumptions which seem to imply that certain lives matter more than others. Now that's not written in the constitution (although it was previously); but we can hear an underlying assertion that particular lives matter "less" than others in the way our society acts in terms of economic generation, cultural stereotypes, unspoken assumptions, police activity, mortgage distribution and public educational systems.

I digress a bit, but it's because in the Ancient World, the one in which Jesus and Paul lived, the one in which 2 Corinthians was written as a letter of pastoral advice and encouragement, the underlying assumption was that this life didn't matter. Paul writes to remind the Corinthians (*and us*) that their personal actions should be placed within the freeing boundaries of identity in Christ; that their corporate actions must reflect the hope that they have heard in the Gospel, the resurrection hope that they have turned to in their faith choice and that it must also be coherent, lived out in their own lives. Life matters because the life of Jesus mattered. We love, encourage and console others because God has first done it to us through Jesus.

Questions for Going Deeper:

- How have you experienced affliction, suffering and grief in your life?
- In some of those toughest times who or how were you consoled in your grief and pain?
- How or who acted so as to bridge your experience of "earthly" consolation to "spiritual" or divine consolation?
- How do you need the Spirit of God to console, comfort or encourage you today?
- Who might the Spirit of God be calling you to console, comfort or encourage today?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 54:1-11 (adapted by Monte McClain)

One: Sing, O barren one who did not bear children;
burst into song and shout,
you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate woman will be more
than the children of her that is married, says the Lord.

**ALL: Enlarge the site of your tent,
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched
out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords
and strengthen your stakes. Make room! Settle in!**

One: For you will spread out to the right and to the left,
and your descendants will possess the nations
and will settle the desolate towns.

**ALL: Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;
do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the disgrace of your widowhood you will
remember no more.**

One: For your Maker is your husband,
the Lord of hosts is his name;
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.

**ALL: For the Lord has called you
like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit,
like the wife of a man's youth when she is cast off for her
age, You will not be forgotten.**

One: With great compassion I will gather you
from the places to which you have been scattered,
with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,
says the Lord, your Redeemer.

**ALL: For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.**

One: O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted,
I am rebuilding you, placing your foundations
in precious gems, jewels and gold,
your progeny will know me and prosper,

**ALL: you shall be established, make strong,
in your righteousness
you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;
and from terror, for it shall not come near you.**

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Edward Mote, 1834

Blue Hymnal #379

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. *(Refrain)*

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *(Refrain)*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *(Refrain)*

"Don't Be Afraid"

*Iona Community, short song from South African
transcribed by John Bell (2008)*

Don't be afraid my love is stronger
My love is stronger than your fear
Don't be afraid my love is stronger
And I have promised, promised to be always near

"Cares Chorus"

Kelly Willard

I cast all my cares upon You
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet
And anytime that I don't know what to do
I will cast all my cares upon you

"Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)"

Randy Scruggs (1982)

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you

“You Are Mine”

Author: David Haas

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice
I claim you as my choice
Be still and know I am here

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night
I will be your light
Come and rest in me

(chorus)

Do not be afraid I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow me I will bring you home

I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see
The lame will all run free
And all will know my name

chorus

I am the word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name
Embracing all your pain
Stand up now walk and live

chorus

Psalms 86

*Supplication for Help against Enemies
A Prayer of David.*

- ¹ Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God;
- ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- ⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- ¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving girl.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.