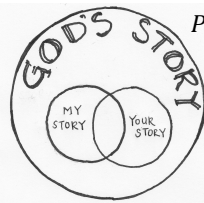




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## Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

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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May 29, 2016

GATHERING SONG

"Every Time I Feel The Spirit"

-Blue Hymnal #379

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Be Still My Soul"

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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

- Chuck Marut

**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

- Chuck Marut

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

- Chuck Marut

2 Corinthians 2:1-15

Pew Bible, p. 1120

SERMON

"Aromatherapy"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Amazing Love/Amazing Grace"

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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:* to God be the glory. Kelechi's graduation and all travel to and from Philadelphia was great; thanks for help in completing a difficult assignment Saturday; Linda's PET scan results were great.

*Prayers for God to intervene for:* issues with my work: to find and keep good employees and give strength to current staff; harmony in my family and issues with care of our stepfather; my friend Lisa's back and MRI Monday, and for dave's back to heal quickly; healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph, and Jewell Sierra; support and clarity- marriage struggles and finding purpose.

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

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

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

**Session Meeting** | This Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm

**Recreation VBS Camp** | August 15-19<sup>th</sup> [www.recreationvbs.org](http://www.recreationvbs.org)

**Concrete Help Needed around Church!** | We need more help around the church to accomplish regular maintenance of our large campus. Do you have spare time to help? It's needed as we are a volunteer driven church!

**Presbyter-What?** The class is over but, if you missed it we're intending to do it again this summer at night. You can also get info online at: <http://www.capcoakland.org/presbyteriwhat>

**Summer Camp at Westminster Woods – June 26-July 2<sup>nd</sup> for children entering 2-8<sup>th</sup> grade.** It's not too late to sign up...but it's getting close. Talk to Monte and register online today at <http://www.westminsterwoods.org/summer-camps>

**You can give to help our church kids attend camp this summer.** A week of camp costs \$500. Each year we collect gifts to fund camperships, so that money is never an impediment to keep our kids from experience a week of Christian Summer Camp. You can give to the campership fund in the offering. Be sure to mark your extra gift "campership."

### Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes  
Liturgist: Chuck Marut  
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty  
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Maya Patil  
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass),  
Roger Kim (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

### Leadership for next week, 6/5/16:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge  
Liturgist:  
Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman  
Godly Play: Joy Barnes, Anne Marie Adams

## 2 Corinthians 2:1-15

Forgiveness. We have countless cultural sayings around this challenging action.

Is it something that we give only when deserved? Is it intimately tied with forgetting what needs to be forgiven? Is it something that we need a psychotherapist to help us get to? Does it set us free? Can it hold us captive? In our world today forgiveness seems to be a dirty word. It's portrayed indirectly as a weakness, a practice of those who can't get their way, or right their own wrongs. We seem to prefer the word justice to forgiveness, demanding what to us we imagine due, exacting the treatment we deem to deserve by building walls, deporting people, cutting others off, demonizing our enemies, cutting off those who've wronged as "dead to us." But the God known in Jesus of Nazareth does it differently.

As we read the second chapter of Paul's letter to the church in Ancient Corinth we hear him talk of pain and hurt, suffering and rejection. It's unclear who this person is who has saddened Paul. It's unclear if he is a stranger to Corinth somehow associated with the false prophets referred to in 2 Corinthians 11:13 ["For such boasters are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ."] or if he is a Corinthian Christian who has insulted Paul. It's easy to get lost in the searching and historical investigation. For the people who received this letter, it was most likely obvious. What was less obvious, is what we take for granted: Paul's example of forgiveness.

The ancient world valued honor [*dignitas*] above all else. A loss of honor was almost like a death, in fact in Roman culture some who had much honor (fame, glory, wealth, power) and lost it, would commit suicide rather than suffer through such weakness. Paul turns this notion upside down. He insists upon the weakness in strength example of the forgiving God we most clearly glimpse in Christ crucified on the cross, despised, rejected and seemingly impotent. Yet shockingly this example, the greatest possible of "dishonor" is the clearest word of forgiveness.

We often take for granted the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 18:21-22 that we should forgive another seventy-seven times (Hebrew for googolplex, or indefinitely). Imagine what such a counter-cultural example and life ethos would have been like in the ancient world? It would be like an aroma that awakens your senses, bringing to yourself, or instilling a sense of disgust. Think of the rank of a stinky body, or the mouth-watering fragrance of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Maybe our world, and our call to radical faith in Christ, isn't all that different than the one in which the Corinthians lives 2,000 years ago?

### Questions for Going Deeper:

- When have you experienced forgiveness as a life-restoring experience or life-sucking impossible task to do? Why was one experience life-restoring and the other life-sucking?
- Who might the Spirit of God be calling you to talk with in response to the Living word you're hearing?



## LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isaiah 2 & 25 (mashup by Monte McClain)*

One: Lord, you are our God;  
We will honor you and praise your name.  
You have done amazing things;  
you have faithfully carried out  
the plans you made long ago.

**ALL: You have turned cities that opposed your will into ruins  
and destroyed their fortifications meant to resist you.  
The people of powerful nations will praise you;  
you will be feared in the cities of cruel nations.  
The poor and the helpless have fled to you for justice  
and have been safe in times of trouble.  
You give them shelter from storms  
and shade from the burning heat.  
you, Lord, have silenced our enemies;  
you silence the shouts of cruel people,  
as a cloud cools a hot day.**

One: In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

**ALL: Here on Mount Zion the Lord Almighty will prepare  
a banquet for all the peoples of the world  
—a banquet of the richest food and the finest wine.  
The peoples of the earth shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that we may learn to walk in the Way of the LORD  
Yahweh shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.**

One: There God will suddenly remove the cloud of sorrow  
that has been hanging over all the nations. The Sovereign  
Lord will destroy death forever!  
The All-Powerful will wipe away the tears from everyone's  
eyes and take away the disgrace the people of God have  
suffered throughout the world.  
The Lord El Shaddai has promised this.

**ALL: When it happens, everyone will say, “Adonai, in  
whom we have put our trust, is God!  
The LORD is kind and compassionate, with mercy that  
has no end, and love that is beyond imagination.  
Let us put our trust in the One who is faithful and true!**

### **“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”**

*African American spiritual*

*chorus*

Every time I feel the spirit moving  
in my heart I will pray.  
Yes every time I feel the spirit moving  
in my heart I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke.  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me; it looked so fine  
'til I asked my Lord if all was mine.

2. Jordan river is chilly and cold.  
It chills the body but not the soul  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven and then right back

3. Down in the valley rings my Lord's voice.  
It gives me freedom, and all my choice  
I breathe so deeply, and breathe so well.  
I know my Lord has triumphed o'er hell

4. Out in the desert amidst the sand;  
it's only my God that helps me stand  
No trial too big to hinder my strife;  
I will push onward, all through my life

### **“Be Still My Soul”**

*Author: Kathrina von Schlegel (1752) ; Translator: Jane  
Borthwick (1855) Tune: FINLANDIA*

1. Be still, my soul; the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; thy best, thy heavenly, Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul; thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**“Amazing Love | Amazing Grace”** *(mashup)*  
*Chris Tomlin | TJohn Newton (1772)*

I'm forgiven cause You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me  
'Cause You died and rose again  
*(repeat)*

Amazing love, how can it be?  
That You, my King would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know its true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do, I honor You

You are my King  
You are my King  
You are my King  
You are my King  
*(repeat)*

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
and mortal life shall cease:  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
a life of joy and peace.

**“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