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-Blue Hymnal #260

July 3, 2016

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

"A Mighty Fortress"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"This Little Light Of Mine"

- insert

TIME OF CONFESSION

- Marge Harvey

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

Children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for the Godly Play program at the conclusion of this song.

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Cares Chorus"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Marge Harvey

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"

- insert

HEARING GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Job 1:1-22 & Luke 17:5-6

- Marge Harvey

Pew Bible, p.

SERMON

"Faith: What Are We For?"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

- Blue Hymnal #420

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE FROM THE COMMUNION TABLE

All who seek to be disciples and followers of Jesus are invited to join in our table celebration
 In our effort to welcome all to the table we have nut free & gluten free bread available

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

"La Paix de Dieu"

(French)

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

July Birthdays

11 Ward Stothers	21 Chickwendu Okereke
11 Dave Eagle	22 Kaya Ramirez Blake
13 Alana D'Attilio	24 Maya Patil
15 Chris Olsen	27 John Fonua
17 Rachel Brylawski	27 John LaMotte

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers of praise and gratitude for: 51 years of marriage that we celebrate today! (Bill & Beth Beatty); the blessing of help from family, especially Dave!

Prayers for God to intervene for: my stepfather Cal, who moves tomorrow, our family needs strength, clarity and patience; a friend Lisa who is withdrawing from her meds after a back injury; my brother André caring for his wife Lee who is now bedridden; Elodie as she goes to camp this week: may the Spirit of God bless and speak the Word to her; Mike Castner and his broken foot; Carole Peters (and her husband Henk) as she faces a devastating cancer diagnosis and has to make some very hard decisions; Ray, Biruta's friend, now in hospice care at home; prayers of strength for Biruta; Jeff Trowbridge as he continues to mend after his knee surgery; healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph and Jewel Sierra; Tyler Conant Martin; healing for my daughter Amy.

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. We're reading and working through the book *The Great Emergence*. Find pre-class stuff on our blog at www.capcoakland.me.

Women's Group | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays 8:30-10:00 am at the church in the library - discussing the Acts of the Apostles.

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 pm
Questions: contact Marda Stothers 510.540.7173

Faith & Family Day with the Oakland A's | Saturday, 9/10 @ 1:05pm. Are you interested in going to an A's game as church community? (or to help organize it?) Sign up this morning!

Recreation VBS Camp | August 15-19th | Registration online at www.recreationvbs.org *If you'd like to help talk with Monte!*

Piano Dedication & Fundraiser :: July 17th! We're dedicating our new piano on Sunday, July 17th in a special music-rooted worship celebration. We're also beginning a fundraising push to pay off the investment we've stepped out in faith to make.

Summer Camp Video | Monte made a video from memories at Westminster Woods this past week, including photos of Avery, Elodie, Larisa and Taylor! Look for it on our blog or facebook

Church Retreat | September 16-18th @ St. Dorothy's Rest | Register online at www.capcoakland.org/church-retreat

Monte will be off a few days this week, back in on Friday.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: Marge Harvey
Fellowship: Joy & Al Barnes
Godly Play: Children in worship
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Swen Hendrickson (Bass),
Roger Kim (Guitar) & Pete Feltman (a bit of everything)

Leadership for next week, 7/10/16:

Ushers: Al Hussian, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist: Margaret Smith
Fellowship: Michael Mendonca, Toni Proulx
Godly Play: Beth Beatty, Maya Patil

Job 1:1-22 & Luke 17:5-6

Does God bless those who are faithful? Does God help those who help themselves? If faith in God doesn't spare us pain, loss and suffering, what's the use of it? Is God personable, desiring a real relationship with us, or are we merely vassals of divine power, or worse yet indefensible victims of either God's whims or God's inadequacy to build a hedge between us and evil? These are the foundational questions of existence and faith asked by the book of Job.

Called "wisdom literature" (along with Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and the Psalms) this book is important and difficult to read. It's not just the message that is key, but also the how of how the questions are asked: in dialogue, using rhetorical questions, irony and poetic language. We get this from the first words: the name Job has several meanings in ancient Hebrew. It can mean "where is the divine father?" It come from the passive verb meaning "to hate" as in "the hated, or persecuted one." The very name of Job is a word-play that asks the question : if God is loving, why do we suffer? And If we suffer, can we truly say that God is loving?

The book begins with wording similar to "once upon a time, in a faraway land there lived a man." No one knows where Uz was located. Job's name is a word-play. Many scholars would exhort us to read the book as wisdom literature more than as historical reporting. For the point of the book is not exact historicity, but to pull us in as participants in this eternal and truly human existential dilemma about the person, purpose and power of God. That's what scripture is.

Job is perfect in faith, we're told that his authentic piety is inseparable from his genuine morality: he loves and serves God inside and out, in all that he does. And so the stage is set with the question to explore: What does it mean to be a sentient, suffering and solitary consciousness before God and the world?

God is shockingly presented. This doesn't seem like the Adonai who created the world with the Word. Is this the almighty Yahweh who sees all, knows all and speaks from the burning bush to Moses? Is this the Abba God that Jesus speaks of when he asks rhetorically "what father, who when his child asks for a fish, gives a snake instead?" (Luke 11:11) Yet in all the sudden horrors, unimaginable loss and grief, we're told Job, while recognizing the pain and difficulty of the human condition remains steadfast, a lover of God both inside and out. Is such faith true?; possible?; or merely a metaphor?

In our gospel reading Jesus talks of such faith, describing it as one that can move mountains. Yet it's qualified not by vastness but by authenticity, compared to the smallest of all seeds: the mustard seed. It's not size, privilege or piety that matters.

Questions for Reflection:

- How does the God portrayed in the opening of Job compare to how you imagine and envision God?
- How do you struggle with faith in God's presence, purpose and goodness?
- What might you need to let go of in order to let God be God, not just the God you imagine?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8; the Message Translation

One: God, brilliant Lord,
yours is a household name.

**ALL: Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;
toddlers shout the songs
That drown out enemy talk,
and silence atheist babble.**

One: I look up at your macro-skies,
dark and enormous,
your handmade sky-jewelry,
Moon and stars mounted in their settings.
Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,

**ALL: Why do you bother with us?
Why take a second look our way?**

One: Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,
bright with Eden's dawn light.
You put us in charge of your handcrafted world,
repeated to us your Genesis-charge,

**ALL: Made us lords of sheep and cattle,
even animals out in the wild,
Birds flying and fish swimming,
whales singing in the ocean deeps.
God, brilliant Lord,
your name echoes around the world.**

"A Mighty Fortress"

Author: Martin Luther (1529); Blue Hymnal #260

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

Continued in the next column...

3 And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath
willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo,
his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

"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

"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. Wont let satan blow it out

"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

"I Want Jesus To Walk With Me"

African-American spiritual

1. I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

2. In my trials Lord walk with me (walk with me)
In my trials Lord walk with me (walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

3. When I'm in trouble Lord walk with me (walk with me)
When I'm in trouble Lord walk with me (walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me (walk with me)

"Oh Happy Day"

Author: Edwin Hawkins

1 Oh happy day (oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

He taught me how to walk,
fight, and pray, fight and pray
And live rejoicing every day,
every day

Unison N.C. Dm A⁷/E Dm A⁷ Dm Am

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me:
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

4 Dm N.C. F C⁷/G F/A F A⁷/E Dm

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

8 A⁷/C# A⁷ Dm C⁹/E C⁷ Dm Dm⁷/C

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

12 Bb C⁷ Dm Bb Gm⁷ A⁷ Dm Gm⁶ Dm

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.