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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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August 7, 2016

GATHERING SONG "Come All You People" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" - insert

TIME OF CONFESSION - Ruth Ann Friedland

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE "Cares Chorus" - insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 31:35-37; 38:1-11, 34-41 - Ruth Ann Friedland

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Pew Bible, p. 515, 522

SERMON "A Whirlwind Word Tour" -Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "We Sing the Mighty Power of God"

During our singing you're invited to bring a question you have for God and place it under the whirlwind as a symbol of your searching to know God and to let God by God.

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! Leader: And all the time! **People:** God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION - Monte

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST "المسيح سلام" or "Salam almasih" (Arabic)

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

August

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jeff & Linda Trowbridge
Lori Castner
Todd Barnes
Ellen Raskin
Patrice Trowbridge
Anne Marie
Bob Brylawski
Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Margaret Smith
Thom & Tina Faulkner
Monte & Kristy McClain

10 Chan Naharaumaner

12 Sharon Nelson

PRAYERS & PRAISE

Prayers of praise and gratitude from last Sunday for: The life, love and service of Danny Gee, prayers for his family in mourning; the most awesome wedding for my daughter Amy and her husband Alvaro; Maya Patil, celebrating her birthday today!

Prayers for God to intervene for: The community of First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley as their senior pastor has resigned; Wisdom and grace for a family meeting today; Wisdom in whether or not to choose a new job and a possible move; All those involved in the Soberantes Fire; Larisa Banoff working at Westminster Woods on summer staff; healing for Cecilia Jackson, Terry Joseph; Tyler Conant Martin; My brother André caring for his wife who came home with 2 ambulances and 6 caregivers to get her there. Grace and strength for him in his caregiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | on vacation until late August.

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30-10:15am. *The Great Emergence.* Find pre-class stuff on our blog at www.capcoakland.me.

Coffee & Conversations : Tuesday, August 9th, 10am in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College. Open, safe conversation.

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

VBS Art Show: Thursday, August 18th 7-8pm in our sanctuary

E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser : Saturday, August 27th 9am-4pm. Volunteers are needed! Sign up today for a 2 hour shift.

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Questions: contact Marda Stothers 510.540.7173

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

Men's Breakfast: August 20th **8:30 a.m.-10:30am** at the home of Bill Beatty @ 5653 Ocean View, Oakland 94618.

Blessing of the Backpacks : Sunday, September 11th Kicking off the new school year in worship with a blessing and community-wide invitation to teachers to be celebrated.

Staff Vacation: Pete Feltman will be on vacation 8/1-20.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Al Hussian

Liturgist: Ruth Ann Friedland Fellowship: Elaine Price, Chris Olsen Godly Play: Children in worship

Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Roger Kim (Guitar), & Andre

Leadership for next week, 8/14/16:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams

Liturgist:

Fellowship: Joy & Al Barnes

Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Elaine Price

Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11, 34-41

As we draw near the end of the story of Job, a twist occurs. Another "friend," Elihu, suddenly appears. He speaks like a prophet, to set everyone straight (chapters 32-37). Until now the three friends and Job have wrestled with God's goodness and power (the question of theodicy) with questions based upon human experience and observation. Is there a divine wisdom that we can be given in order to make all things clear?

The answer to that question is indirect. God speaks suddenly in 38:1, taking Job on a whirlwind tour of the cosmos, displaying creation in all its wildness and beauty. From 38-42 Job journeys with God throughout the cosmos and carries on a discussion with the Divine One. This section is a soaring poetic portrayal of the greatness of God who soars above the limits of human experience, observation, rationalization and even prophetic wisdom.

Curiously humanity is hardly mentioned in this God talk. "In fact, there are passages that seem to suggest that humanity is not the center of creation (38:25-27; 40:15). God seems to take delight in exactly those creatures and places over which humanity has no control. The Sea, the wild animals, Leviathan -- these all have an intrinsic value that has nothing to do with their usefulness for humanity. This vision, of course, has major implications in our ecologically-minded age.

Another observation: God gives a place in creation to forces of wildness, including the Sea (the ancient symbol of chaos), but God also places boundaries on them (38:8-11). The world is not allowed to descend into chaos, but neither is it rigidly controlled by its Creator. God gives his creatures the freedom to be who they were created to be, and that freedom is a great gift to human and animal alike. In this vision of creation, the world is not an entirely safe place for human beings, but it is a world of order and of beauty, and its Creator delights in it."

From Genesis 1 onwards, we see that God is the one calling creation into being and setting it in motion before humans even existed. This is a God who just has to say the word and the forces of nature obey. These chapters, though, with question upon question, are clearly not a response, an answer to Job on Job's terms or to his particular concerns. In fact, God's many questions seem to be a pretty straightforward way of showing, that "God is God, and Job is not." But this isn't the only point that the biblical writer is making about the relationship between God and humanity in this book. God's not belittling Job as insignificant, but rather showing that God is not an automaton, rewarding the righteous and punishing the wicked.

In the end Job – and we as extension through our reading of the text – are given two primary "answers": 1) the world is orderly, a continuing motion begun in the first utterance of creation; and 2) tragedy and evil don't always have a reason.

Questions for Active Reflection:

Have you ever felt as if you heard the voice of God in your life? When? Where? What did you hear?

What questions do you have for God? What would you ask if you were taken on a whirlwind tour of the universe? How do you hear hope and good news in God's speech?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 104:1-11, 24, 35

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

All: you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

One: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

All: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.

One: You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

All: You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Let sinners - the godless - be cleared out from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

"Come All You People"

Author (st. 1): Alexander \bar{G} ondo; Translator (st. 1): I-to Loh Tune: UYAI MOSE

- 1. Come all you people, come and praise your maker Come all you people, come and praise your maker Come all you people, come and praise your maker Come now and worship the lord.
- 2. Praise our Savior....
- 3. Praise the Spirit

"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

"All Creatures Of Our God And King" Francis of Assisi, 1225, Glory to God Hymnal, #15

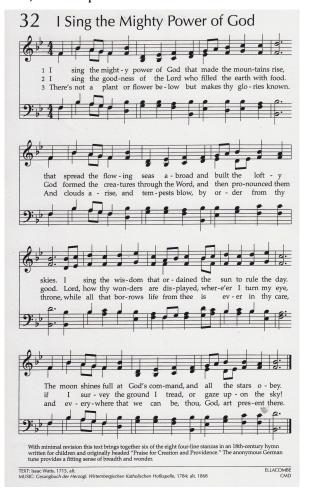
1. All creatures of our God and king, Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia O Brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam Sing praises Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

- 2. O brother wind with clouds and rain you nurture gifts of fruit and grain Alleluia, Alleluia
 O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear Sing praises Alleluia
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
- 3. O brother fire, so warm and bright chase off the shadows of the night Alleluia, Alleluia
 Dear mother earth who day by day unfolds such blessings on our our way Sing praises Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
- 4. All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve Alleluia, Alleluia Christ bears your burdens and your fears, so even in the midst of tears Sing praises, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
- 5. And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6. O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart. Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia!

"We Sing The Greatness Of Our God"

Issac Waats, 1715, Glory to God Hymnal, #31

- 1. We sing the greatness of our God that made the mountains rise That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey
- 2. We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where'er we turn my eyes In every season of the year and through the changing skies
- 3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God are present there



"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

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

15 All Creatures of Our God and King



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