



College Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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.

GATHERING SONG

"Out of Deep Unordered Water"

- Blue Hymnal #494

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"God Folds the Mountain out of the Rock"

- Blue Hymnal #287

*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

- Benjamin Bencomo

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Don't Be Afraid"

- insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Benjamin Bencomo

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

"Morning Has Broken"

- Blue Hymnal #469

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 & Matthew 4:1-11

- Benjamin Bencomo  
Pew Bible, p. 2, 935

SERMON

"Fallen or Frustrated?"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"In the Garden"

- Red Hymnal #488

MOMENT FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE DEACONS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annette Laverty

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

"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

5	Jeff & Linda Trowbridge	12	David Kittams
5	Lori Castner	20	Todd Barnes
5	Ellen Raskin	22	Patrice Trowbridge
8	Anne Marie	24	Bob Brylawski
8	Bob & Ellen Brylawski	25	Margaret Smith
9	Thom & Tina Faulkner	30	Monte & Kristy McClain
12	Sharon Nelson		

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CAPC CHOIR** | on vacation, starting up Sunday 9/11.

**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.  
*The Great Emergence*. Find pre-class resources and study materials on our blog at [www.capcoakland.me](http://www.capcoakland.me).

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

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

**Next week in Worship** : Communion and our monthly collection of canned foodstuffs for the Deacons' Food Closet.

**Recreation VBS Camp** | We had a great week of camp! You can see photo memories at [www.recreationvbs.org](http://www.recreationvbs.org). Then click on 2016 PHOTOS in the principal menu.

**Coffee & Conversations : Tuesday 9/13 10-11am** Join us for a no-host informal, safe, open conversation time about faith and ethics. We met on the plaza in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College Aves.

**Church Retreat Registration Monies** : you can turn in your retreat monies to Anne Marie Adams today. She's teaching Godly Play, but will be at Coffee Hour.

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

**Staff Vacations:** Monte will be on vacation this next week. Rev. Nancy Martin Vincent will be preaching Sunday 9/4.

#### Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams  
Liturgist: Ben Bencomo  
Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman  
Godly Play: Beth Beatty, Maya Patil  
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Andre Schoch, Roger Kim  
& Pete Feltman !

#### Leadership for next week, 9/04/16:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes  
Liturgist:  
Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt, Kristy McClain  
Godly Play: Children in worship

## Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17, 3:1-8 & Matthew 4:1-11

We start a new Sunday series today: a journey through the foundational stories that comprise the First Testament. We trace the story of the people of God from their creation-giving vocation to the tumultuous transformation of their vision in the Babylonian Exile. Today we start with a test that may be all too familiar. What I mean is that it might be so familiar that we hear what we think we've heard, rather than what the texts presents us with.

The collection of readings from Genesis presents the second story of creation in the Bible. Yes! There are two. The first is in Genesis 1:1-2:4a. It deals more with the cosmic aspect of creation, whereas the one we listen to today deals with the ordering of life on Earth. Oftentimes we describe this story as the Fall of Man. We've associated it with the sin of eating an apple, and connected it with the ideas that sin is transmitted from generation to generation by sex. Upon a closer look those notions don't seem to be present in the text.

Freedom  
is found in  
remembering  
that God  
is God, and  
I am not.

God creates the man (and woman) from the breath of life. It's what makes life possible, and special. This nasham [נשמה] is breathed into the nostrils of the man, like a breath blown to flame fire, to kindle a gift. God is clearly in charge, has an intention, is entering into a relationship of mutuality and trust. God gives the human creatures the vocation of caring for the garden. God gives them permission to freely enjoy the fruits (literally) of creation, and also one prohibition (a boundary or limits or sorts).

Quickly (at least in the narrative of the story) things change: God's original intent is frustrated and subverted. The serpent reframes things. Suddenly creation is all about the prohibition – what you can't do. Everything else is forgotten. Humanity is no longer defined by freedom and vocation, in a relationship of trust and mutuality with God, rather only by what they can't do. What the humans understood as God's will, the given order of creation, is now presented as an option, a choice (which is hinted at as being not in their best interest). Mistrust enters the scene. And with it comes competition, jealousy, envy, self-centeredness and a desire to be more, to have more, to fear that there must be more.

#### Questions for Reflection:

1. How have you always heard this second creation story? What was it about?

2. Are we fallen or frustrated? Is there a difference?

3. Adam and Even choose knowledge over trust, wanting control over equality. How is that story part of your story?; our story? How is God inviting you today to choose trust over mistrust, community over control, faith over fear?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2016

**Call to Worship Prayer:**

Our ways are not your ways,

**Turn our hearts to You, O God.**

We seek power to have control,

**May we remember that You are the Creator of All.**

We strive for the things that please us,

**Help us to do what You have called us to do:**

**To do justice, to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with You.**

As we enter this time of worship,

**May we give over our desire**

**for power and control,**

**Knowing that You gave Your life for us. Amen.**

**“Out of deep, unordered water”**

*Author: Fred Kaan (1965)*

1 Out of deep, unordered water  
God created light and land,  
World of bird and beast and, later,  
In God's image, woman, man.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver;  
There is water in the font.

2 Water on the human forehead,  
Birthmark of the love of God  
Is the sign of death and rising  
Through the seas there runs a road.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver;  
There is water in the font.

3 Standing round the font reminds us  
Of the Hebrews' climb ashore.  
Life is hallowed by the knowledge:  
God has been this way before.  
There is water in the river  
Bringing life to tree and plant.  
Let creation praise its giver;  
There is water in the font.

**“God Folds the Mountains out of Rock”**

*Author: Thomas H. Troeger (1985)*

1. God folks the mountains out of rock  
And fuses elemental powers  
In ores and atoms we unlock  
To claim as if their wealth were ours.  
From veins of stone we lift up fire,  
And too impressed by our won skill  
We use the flat that we acquire,  
Not thinking of the Maker's will.

2. Our instruments can probe and sound  
The folded mountain's potent core,  
But wisdom's ways are never found  
Among the lodes of buried ore  
Yet wisdom is the greater need,  
And wisdom is the greater source,  
For lacking wisdom we proceed  
To waste God's other gifts on force.

3. Lord, grant us what we cannot mine,  
What science cannot plumb or chart:  
Your wisdom and your truth divine  
Enfolded in a faithful heart.  
Then we like mountains richly veined  
Will be a source of light and false  
Whose energies have been ordained  
To glorify the Maker's name.

**Don't be afraid**

*John Bell (Iona)*

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

### **“Morning Has Broken”**

*Author: Eleanor Farjeon (1931, alt.)*

1. Morning has broken  
Like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken  
Like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
Fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall  
Sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
Of the new day!

### **“I Come to the Garden Alone”**

*Author: C. Austin Miles (1913)*

1 I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

[Refrain]

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Tho' the night around me be falling;  
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.

[Refrain]