



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.

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GATHERING SONG

"All Creatures of our God and King"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

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Children from 2 years to 6th grade are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for our Godly Play time. You can collect your child(ren) after the service upstairs.

TIME OF CONFESSION

- Chickwendu Okereke

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Don't Be Afraid"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Chickwendu Okereke

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

"Amen Chorus"

- Blue Hymnal #299

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Chickwendu Okereke

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 & Matthew 6:25-34

insert

SERMON

"Connectivity"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Blessing of the Animals

You are invited to come forward with your pet for a blessing. Dogs should be on a leash. Please form a line along the pathway as you approach, and then return to your seat via the far side along the fence.

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"God Of The Sparrow"

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"All God's Critters Have A Place In The Choir"

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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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"La pace di Dio"

(Italian)

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

September Birthdays

2	Betty Trowbridge	11	Linda Davis
3	Mercy Beatty	17	Olivia Wenzler
7	Michael Mendonca	27	Linda Trowbridge
8	Rev Monte McClain	28	Lisa Ko

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | starts back up today after the service! Wed 6-7pm and Sun at 11:50am. Talk to Pete for more information.

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

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30-10:15am.
Starts up again next week.

FACING RACISM :: multi-church discussion/class on the challenge and reality of racism facing all of us both within and outside our church communities. Thursdays evenings 7-8:30pm beginning September 15th at First Presbyterian Church of Oakland [2619 Broadway]. Led by diverse pastors. If there is significant interest, Monte will lead the same class on our campus Sundays 9:30-10:15am.

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.

Book Club : Tuesday October 4th at noon in the CH Room. Join us for a group discussion on the book A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Bring a sack lunch

E Waste Fundraiser Drive: Bring eWaste materials to recycle with you to worship on Sunday, October 16th. They'll be picked up on Thursday 10/20 and the proceeds will go towards paying off the remaining expenses of our retreat. This is an easy way to raise money - and helpful in clearing out your house! *Pick up a flyer today.*

Movie Night : Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm Next film: Cinema Paradiso.

Rockridge Halloween Parade: Annual Halloween Parade along College Avenue | Sunday, October 30th beginning at 12 noon. Come to worship in your costume! Monte needs help planning and decorating. Contact him to help

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Al Hussian
Liturgist: Chickwendu Okereke
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Godly Play: Linda Davis, Fredora Darmstadt
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim
& Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 10/02/16:

Ushers: Sharon Nelson, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist:
Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers
Godly Play: Children in worship

SONGS FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP GATHERING

All Creatures Of Our God And King

St. Francis of Assisi 13th cen;

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, Alleluia

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace

St. Francis of Assisi 13th cen;

1. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt true faith in you

chorus

Oh master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

2. Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

3. Make me channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving our ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

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

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

Jaroslav J. Vajda 1983

1. God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
2. God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
3. God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
4. God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
5. God of the neighbor God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
6. God of the ages, God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

All God's Critters

words & music by Bill Staines

- 1 All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they've got now

2 Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over everything
And the mockingbird disagrees.

3 Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When little duck quacks, and he's on his way.
And the otter aint got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself

4 The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old gray badger sighs...

5 Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo.

6 It's a simple song a little song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The dopey alligator and the hawk above,
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove.

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Genesis 37:3-8

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵ Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷ There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

Genesis 37:17-22

[One day Israel sent Joseph to catch up with his brothers watching the flocks in the fields.] ¹⁷ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him

from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.”

²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.”

²² Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

Genesis 37:26-34

²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?” ³¹ Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” ³³ He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though

you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Matthew 6:25-34

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

[Jesus taught saying,] ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Love is at the root of Joseph’s story of radical reversal of fortune. He is both the most loved and hated in his family. Why? How does he choose love over bitterness, hatred and vengeance?

2. Jesus teaches a way of love based in unity and wholeness. If worry is the division of our person and feelings, our love; how is Jesus calling us to love and be love-ers present in our world?

