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## Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus seeking to live our faith seriously in word, deed and relationships in the East Bay.

If you've never celebrated with us, you can follow along using this paper or the projection on the screen. Hymnals and Bibles are in the pews. We invite you to join us for a moment of community connection afterwards with a drink and simple snack.

### CHILDREN

We have a quiet play area for children in the front of the sanctuary with toys and coloring sheets that can be played with during services. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where the service is broadcast if you need more space.

We invite children 3 years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade to depart for Godly Play following our second song. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

### PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern or gratitude by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and placing them in the glass vase on the table. We'll use them during today's service.

### WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

2wire927 is our open wifi. The password is 7304088568. If you do social media during the service we invite you to add #capcoakland to include others.

### NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We're able to park in the lot behind the church. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, using the pedestrian door there near Crossroads Trading.

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GATHERING SONG

"Gather Us In"

- Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

- insert

*Children from 2 years to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

ACT OF CONFESSION. OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE

SUNG RESPONSE

"Softly And Tenderly"

- Insert

DECLARATION OF GRACE. THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S GRACE DISRUPTS OUR HUMAN CONDITION OF SIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card*

Leader: God, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist after today's service*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY SONG

"Blest Are They"

- Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

*Pew Bible, p. 1114*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD IN TESTIMONY

- Ben Bencomo

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"My Tribute"

- Insert

COMMUNION: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

- Rev. Karl Shadley

*We celebrate by intinction, coming forward to receive the meal. If you'd prefer an individual cup or to be served at your seat, please raise your hand during our celebration as we'll attend to you.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- Blue Hymnal #276

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 GOD

"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 at work towards the healing transformation of the world.*

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.



World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

Davitt S. Bell (the late church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr’s younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside Church. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When asked about how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what Donald Kerr replied,

*“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn’t until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 5 Emma Fleming (1919) | 7 Cameron Beatty    |
| 14 Mike Castner       | 26 Chinyere Okereke |
| 30 Josh Beatty        |                     |

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Today’s Events & Worship: Welcome!** Today we’re sharing in a testimony by Ben Bencomo about one of his experiences of God’s purpose and presence. Rev. Karl Shadley is serving communion as we celebrate World Communion Sunday (more info to the right). Pastor Monte is on vacation this week at an out of town birthday party. After a rich summer experience listening each week to a member of our community share about their faith journey, we are continuing this community-building experience each first Sunday of the month

**No Youth Group tonight** | C u Next week @ 7pm

**ESL Class Ministry** | Monday, 7-9pm at Primera Iglesia (1945 High Street, 94605). Info in entryway.

**Choir Practice** | Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm (Sanctuary)

**Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group** | Wed 7-8:30pm, near CAL | Call Marda @ 540.7173

**Friday Night Meal** | Friday, 6-7pm!  
*Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help.*

**Women’s Group – 1,2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 8:30a**

**Letter Ministry** | Encourage another with a hand-written note. Find cards on the back wall!

**Faith in the Public Square** | Find info and get involved in our efforts to publicly testify to our hope in the cynicism of our hard days.

**The Vocabulary of Faith** Next week – 10/14 we return to the Beatitudes, specifically Matthew 5:6 *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

### Thank you to Today’s Leadership

Fellowship: The Women’s Group  
Liturgist: Albert Hussian  
Testimony: Benjamin Bencomo  
Communion Service: Rev. Karl Shadley; elders: Patt Schroeder, Louise Hirschman, Bob Brylawski, Albert Hussian

### Leadership for next week, 10/14/18:

**Stay tuned – a new schedule is coming out!**  
Godly Play: Linda Davis ST; Mercy Beatty DK

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **"Gather Us In"**

*Marty Haugen, 1991*

1. Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here will will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy  
And hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light-years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in - all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(Based on Psalm 150)*

*The congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT***

Leader: We have come together to praise God  
from whom all blessings flow.

**People: The firmament, the covering of earth  
and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**

Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God  
all the days of our lives as one people.

**People: We will sing songs of praise  
and give thanks for  
God's steadfast hope in us.**

Leader: Who today will bless God  
for God's surpassing greatness?

**People: Let everything that breathes  
worship and praise God!**

### **"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"**

*Helen H. Lemmel, 1922*

1. O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

*Chorus*

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace

2. Through death into life everlasting  
He passed and we follow him there  
Over us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conquerors we are

3. His word shall not fail you He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

### **Call to Confession** *(read by liturgist)*

When we come together and confess, we  
recognize our humanity and pray for peace over  
our brokenness. Together, let us pray the prayer  
of confession:

*Continued on the back of the page...*



## **Prayer of Confession**

**Jesus, we ask that you take these prayers to the heart of God.**

**We know the ways in which sin separates us from God. We confess our reticence to claim the sin in our lives.**

**Today may we move past the prideful notions of our piety and look closer at what we don't do.**

**For sometimes the greatest sin of all is our own complicity with what is wrong in the world.**

**We want to love as you commanded, Jesus, but too often catch ourselves justifying the injustice of hunger, poverty, war, and all the prejudices we didn't know we had. Forgive us so that we may catch ourselves righting our wrongs.**

**Forgive us so that the lessons we learn at the Spirit's nudging may help bring the peace and love you seek in our families, the church, and the world.**

**Help us to be more holy in our hearts.**

**Amen.**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Christ is our peace and reconciles us to God. In our confession, we are promised God's mercy and are assured that God's grace will follow us all the days of our lives. What wondrous love is this? In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

*Author: Will L. Thompson*

*Glory to God Hymnal #418*

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

*Refrain:*

"Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

## **"Blest Are They"**

*Author: David Haas*

*Glory to God Hymnal #172*

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
They shall be consoled.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you; Holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours in the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

## **"My Tribute"**

*Andraé Crouch*

1. How can I say thanks  
For the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved  
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;  
The voices of a million angels  
Could not express my gratitude  
All that I am and ever hope to be  
I owe it all to Thee

*Chorus*

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

For the things He has done

2. With His blood He has saved me  
With His power He has raised me;  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done

*Bridge*

Just let me live my life

Let it pleasing, Lord to Thee

And if I gain any praise

Let it go to Calvary



## "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Thomas Obediah Chisholm (1923)

Blue Hymnal #276

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Refrain:*

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)



Love Is \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 Corinthians 13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

# Here in This Place

Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

TEXT AND MUSIC: many Haugen, 1979

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GATHER US IN  
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# Blest Are They

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir-it; theirs is the  
2 Blest are they, the low-ly ones; they shall in-  
3 Blest are they who show mer-cy; mer-cy  
4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
5 Blest are you who suf-fer hate, all be-

king-dom of God. Blest are they, who  
her-it of the earth. Blest are they, the  
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
chil-dren of God. Blest are they, who  
cause of me. Re-joice, be glad;

full of sor-row; they shall be con-soled.  
hun-ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
pure of heart; they shall see God.  
suf-fer in faith; the glo-ry of God is theirs.  
yours is the king-dom; shine for all to see.

Re-joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you;  
Re-joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you;  
ho-ly are you! Re-joice and be glad!  
Yours is the king-dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985

MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Jonca, 1985

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BLEST ARE THEY  
Irregular