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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 6th 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

"We Walk By Faith Not By Sight"

- Blue Hymnal #399

CALL TO WORSHIP – responsive reading

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus Is The Answer"

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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

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Our Divine Companion"

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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

"Though I May Speak"

- Blue Hymnal # 335

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

- Karl Shadley

pp. 1028

SERMON

"Through Thick and Thin"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"In Cana at a Wedding Feast"

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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

["hananim-ui pyeong-gang"]

(Korean)

하나님의 평강

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.

Thoughts on Today's Scripture

John 2: 1-11

John is the fourth gospel, significantly different than the other three (Matthew, Mark and Luke – often called the Synoptic Gospels). In John the first words out of Jesus' mouth is the existential question, "What are you looking for?" His first miraculous action is to transform a mundane, and socially awkward situation into a never-to-be-forgotten party. It's a sign...but of what? John structures his story-telling around seven signs, or miracles, which tease out the theological themes of Jesus as the revelation of God.

**There are
no ordinary
moments.**



**What are you
looking for?**

Come and See.

Today's scripture is the first of the seven signs, the only one of which is unique to John, not occurring in any of the other gospel tellings. It occurs in the context of Mary telling the wedding waiters (and us as the reader of the gospel today) to "Do whatever Jesus tells you." When that happens, belief is found, and the glory of God made known.

What happens when our life doesn't turn out like we want and hope, no matter how much we've planned? What happens to us when we're running on empty? Where do we find the presence of the Holy Divine...in the extraordinary and sacred, or in the habitual and mundane? Who is it that can first and best sense the movement of God? This miraculous sign of Jesus transforming a poorly planned party, which should have been perfect as what was required was well known, into something else. What seems ordinary is transformed by an impossible to expect abundance. Where those at the party see scarcity, failure, and trouble, Jesus brings abundance, hopeful light, a new beginning.

I often find that my carefully laid plans, and best intentions come up short. Where I expect to see God, or to witness God's action, I don't. Where I often feel like there isn't enough...time, resources, or help....where I feel like I'm not enough....Jesus turns things upside down, changing my perceived darkness by a shining light which cannot be overcome.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What shimmers for you in this passage?**
- **What word, phrase or image touches your life today?**
- **Of what is this story a sign? What do you see when you look at the story, wrestling with it on a literal, symbolic, narrative and emotional level?**
- **How does this story inform and shape your own story of following Jesus?**
- **What questions does this story breathe into you, and leave you with...about God?, about yourself?, about life?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

January Birthdays

10 Thom Faulkner	18 Gary Yee
20 Daniel Geary	25 Joy Barnes
29 Bill Beatty	

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group | meets tonight at 7:00pm

CAPC Choir | after worship & Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm.

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

Friday Night Meal Fridays 6-7pm

Help Put Christmas Away | Can you help today? We need you! We need to dismantle all of the Christmas Trees in the choir loft and move them up to the storage above the gym. With 6 helpers, it'll take 15 minutes.

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:20am, starts again on Sunday, January 7th at 9:30 in the Library Find the text we study in the entry or online.

Spiritual Journey Groups are beginning this month through Easter, around both a reading of the gospel of John and spiritual practices. More info & sign-ups online at www.capcoakland.org/journey-groups or contact Monte.

La Ceiba Coffee | Purchase a bag of coffee to support our emerging relationships with the community of Palín, Guatemala. Talk with Karl Shadley.

Feedback survey on Christmas Season | Look for a digital survey in your email next week or in next week's electronic newsletter.

Coffee and Conversation: | Tuesday, January 9th 10-11am on the patio in front of Safeway at College @ Claremont. BYO Safe, Open, Conversation

Daffodil Party: | We have 400+ daffodil bulbs to plant in the front yard. Will you help organize a planting day – to which we can invite our neighborhood – talk to Monte today! *This is a fun outreach opportunity!!!*

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams
Reader: Karl Shadley
Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 1/21/17:

Ushers: Bill Beatty, Sharon Nelson
Reader: Can you help? Talk to Monte
Fellowship: Michael Mendonca, Toni Proulx
Godly Play: Cameron Beatty (ST); Beth Beatty (DK)

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

"We Walk By Faith Not By Sight"

*Author: Henry Alford (1844)
Blue Hymnal #399*

1. We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as None e'er spoke
But we believe him near
2. We may not touch his hands and side
Nor follow where he trod
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry my lord my god
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found
4. That, when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
With full and endless sight

Call to Worship || Responsive Reading

*The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font.
The reader reads the plain font. ~ written for a retreat at Montreat.*

One: You call us, Lord, to share your story,

**People: to follow where you lead,
to live as you live, to love as you love
to preach the good news of God's Kingdom
of justice and joy, of peace and hope.**

One: If we are to share your story, Lord,
then we have to invite you to share ours,
to be part of all we do and say.

**People: "We can't share your story if we're not
prepared to let you into our story.**

One: Come into our lives, into our stories,
and worship, Lord,
broaden our minds,
strengthen our convictions

**People: Lead us the way you want us to go,
So we, too, may be disciples in the world.**

"Jesus Is The Answer"

Andraé Crouch

Chorus

Jesus is the answer, for the world today
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way
Jesus is the answer, for the world today
Above him there's no other, Jesus is the way
Jesus is the way, Jesus is the way

1. If you have some questions
in the corners of your mind
Traces of discouragement,
the peace you cannot find
Reflections of your past,
seem to face you everyday
But this one thing I do know,
that Jesus is the way

Chorus

2. I know you've got mountains,
that you think you cannot climb
I know your skies have been dark
, the think that sun won't shine
But in case you don't know
that the word of God is true
Everything God's promised
God will do it all for you



"Jesus, Thou Divine Companion"

Author: Henry Van Dyke (1909; alt.)

1 Jesus, Thou divine Companion,
By Thy lowly human birth
Thou hast come to join the workers,
Burden-bearers of the earth.
Thou, the Carpenter of Nazareth,
Toiling for Thy daily food,
By Thy patience and Thy courage
Thou have taught us toil is good.

2 They who tread the path of labor
Follow where Thy feet have trod;
They who work without complaining
Do the holy will of God.
Thou, the Peace that passeth knowledge,
Dwellest in the daily strife;
Thou, the Bread of heaven, art broken
In the sacrament of life.

3 Every task, however simple,
Sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and kindness
Done to man is done to Thee.
Jesus, Thou divine Companion,
Help us all to work our best;
Bless us in our daily labor,
Lead us to our Sabbath rest.
Amen.

"Though I May Speak"

Author: Hal H. Hopson (1972)

Tune: O WALY WALY

Blue Hymnal # 335

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

2. Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

3. Come spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

4. And as we talk of things in our world
Help us to hear your word unfurled
That we may live beyond compare
Until that day we meet you there.

"In Cana at a Wedding Feast"

New words to an old song.

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"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Blut Hymnal #288

1. I In Cana at a wedding feast,
Christ worked his first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son,
"They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars;
they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day,
his friends believed in him.
2. Far from the town, the crowds pressed in
on Jesus' prayer retreat.
He healed their sick, then told his own, "
You give them food to eat!"
Five loaves of bread and two small fish
were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed,
with baskets left to spare.
3. Out on the sea, the winds were strong;
the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear
when he came walking by.
"Take heart, for it is I!" he said,
and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts;
God's world was in his hand.
4. The blind, the poor, the outcast too,
found Christ to be their friend.
"Have mercy!" Bartimaeus said.
"I want to see again."
With great compassion and with grace,
Christ gave him back his sight.
Through deeds of power, deeds of love,
he filled our world with light.
5. O Lord, we see your wondrous signs
and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy,
true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church,
you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough;
for you are in control!