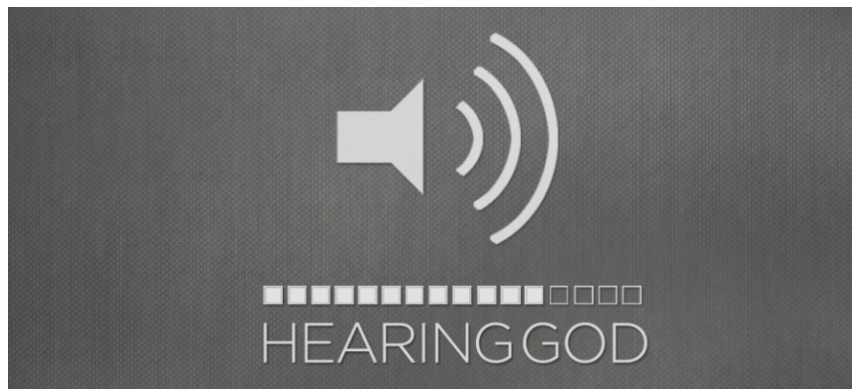


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## Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

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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October 15, 2017

GATHERING SONG "Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "There's A Leak In This Old Building" - 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.*

TIME OF CONFESSION

*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

*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 Pastor Monte after today's service*

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

OFFERTORY SONG "Amen Chorus"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-21 & John 20:21-23

- Emma Fleming  
pp. 263, 1052

SERMON "Hearing is more than Turning Up the Volume" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONGS OF RESPONSE "Hymn of Calling" - insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!  
**People: All the time!**

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

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST "Ping An" (Chinese, Mandarin)

*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 Scriptures

### 1 Samuel 3:1-21 & John 20:21-23

This week we jump from the story God's Manna and provision for the Israelites in the wilderness of their Exodus freedom to the story of the call of Samuel, the great priest of Israel who ordained the first monarchs. It's the first in a series of four stories about how God calls us. We continue moving between stories of vocation in the First Testament.

In the unfolding history of Israel, we skip over the wandering of the people of God in the wilderness, their arrival and establishment in the promised land as well as the stories of the Judges and Ruth. Today's story is one of endings and a new beginning, law and gospel, of death and resurrection.

Today's story begins before the text we have. Samuel exists because of his mother Hannah (her name in Hebrew means "grace"); a barren woman who prays desperately for a child. Deemed drunk and crazy by the priests who hear her passionate prayer, she is vindicated by God's grace, giving birth to a son, Samuel, giving him to God to serve as a minister. Hence how he comes to be with Eli the priest. That crucial, yet often overlooked story of how women are yet again essential in the story of God's people, is told in 1 Samuel 1 and 2.

This also happens at a time of great spiritual malaise, institutional collapse and societal change. The sons of Eli were known as bad "pastor's kids," consistently using their power, privilege and institutional position to harass, steal and intimidate the people of God as they came to worship at the Tabernacle. They stole from the offering and the treasury. The story of their abuse of power and profaning of God's name is told in 1 Samuel 2:12-17.

God calls to Samuel, calling him to action. He becomes the great priest and prophet of Israel. Yet here he is simply called to speak truth to power: to be a truth-teller to Eli, his sons and the people, calling out the clerical abuse and institutional corruption. It seems that this abuse is an essential part of what keeps the people from hearing God's voice, described as the rarity of the word of God in those days (1 Samuel 3: 1). Jesus in his words to his disciples gives them his authority, sending them (that's what the word "apostle" literally means "sent ones") as God has sent Jesus. This has implications of both authority and responsibility. Call seems to be more about a relationship than an action, a mutual interaction than a one-directional commandment. How are we called today to be apostles, to speak the truth of God in our world? What might prevent us from hearing that invitation individually?; as a church?

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this passage?
- How does the story of the call of Samuel intersect your own story?
- How have you experienced God's call in your life? Is there a biblical story that your story echoes? Possibly one of those we've looked at this season: Adam and Eve; Abram and Sarah; Moses; Aaron, or Samuel? How so?
- Talk with God about your sense of calling or your desire to have a clearer sense of call and God's presence in your life.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### October Birthdays

26 Chinyere Okereke      30 Josh Beatty

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CAPC Choir** | Sunday after worship and Tuesday nights 5:30-6:30pm

**No youth group tonight.** We'll see you next Sunday, 10/22 @ 7:00pm for Middle and High School Students –

**Care Givers Support Meeting today @ 3:00pm** Meets every 3rd Sunday. For caregivers and those who want to know how to support caregivers. Call Marda 540.7173 if you are new to the group and would like to attend.

**Prayer Flags – Make one today!** : We've engaged the larger community at Out and About (and on our campus) in making prayer flags to adorn our garden in our centennial celebration season. Today's your chance to make one to add by drawing or writing your prayer(s) for Oakland and the world.

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

**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 in the Library Find the text we study copied in the entry or online.

**Men's Breakfast Group Gathering Saturday, October 21st, at 8:30 a.m** | Meets at the home of Bill Beatty for breakfast, sharing and prayer. Call Bill at (510) 851-2237

**Regional Presbytery Meeting | Tuesday, 10-17 – 5:30-8:30pm** | Meeting on our campus. More info in the entry.

**Halloween Sunday** : Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> is the Rockridge District Trick or Treat Event, based out of our campus garden. We're also celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation – come to worship in a costume, or dressed as your favorite reformer!

**Pictures for the Directory** : Can you bring a photo to Monte to share in our forthcoming member directory?

### Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist: Emma Fleming

Fellowship: Marge & Richard Harvey

Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Cameron Beatty (DK)

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

### Leadership for next week, 10/22/17:

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Liturgist: Can you help? Contact Monte if you can.

Fellowship: Margaret Smith

Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski (ST); Emma Fleming (DK)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*This morning we're reading the Song of Hannah (Samuel's mother) from 1 Samuel 2 responsively as our call to worship. The community is invited to respond to each phrase with the response printed below. Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.***

Leader: Hannah prayed and said,  
"My heart exults in the Lord;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory."

**People: "There is no Holy One like the Lord,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.**

Leader: The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves  
out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

**People: The Lord kills and brings to life;  
God brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
God brings low, and also exalts.  
Raising up the poor from the dust;  
Lifting the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.**

Leader: For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them the Lord has set the world.  
"The Lord will guard the feet of faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.

**People: The Lord!  
The adversaries of God shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
and will give strength to the king,  
and exalt the power of the anointed one."**

## LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

### **"Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble"**

*Written by Martin Smith ©1995*

Did you feel the mountains tremble,  
Did you hear the oceans roar  
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ, the risen one  
Did you feel the people tremble?  
Did you hear the singers roar?  
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving one  
And we can see that God, You're moving  
A mighty river through the nations  
And young and old return to Jesus  
Fling wide You heavenly gates  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

#### *chorus*

Open up the doors and let the music play  
Let the streets resound with singing  
Songs that bring Your hope and songs that bring Your joy  
Dancers who dance upon injustice

Do you feel the darkness tremble,  
When all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river,  
to wash away our brokenness  
And here we see that God You're moving,  
A time of Jubilee is coming  
When young and old will turn to Jesus  
Fling wide you heavenly gates,  
Prepare the way of the risen Lord

#### *chorus*

### **"Don't be Afraid"**

*John Bell; The Iona Community*

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

### **"There's A Leak In This Old Building"**

*African American Spiritual*

1. There's a leak in this old building,  
and my soul has got to move.  
My soul has got to move; my soul has got to move.  
There's a leak in this old building, and my soul has got to move  
To another building not made by any man's hands.

2. This building keeps on leaning, and my soul has got to move.  
My soul has got to move; my soul has got to move.  
This roof is slowly crumbling, and my soul has got to move  
To another building not made by any man's hands

*Continued on back...*

### **“There’s A Leak In This Old Building” ... continued...**

3. These pipes are old and rusty, so my soul has got to move.  
My soul has got to move; my soul has got to move.  
These pipes are old and rusty, so my soul has got to move  
To another building not made  
by any man’s hands.

4. There’s a leak in this old building,  
and my soul has got to move.  
My soul has got to move; my soul has got to move.  
There’s a leak in this old building, and my soul has got to move  
To another building not made by any man’s hands.

### **“A Hymn of Calling”**

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1. For all that we are called to, God, we give thanks this day.  
For people, partners, places, at home, at work, at play.  
You gift us for our calls as you make the world’s needs known.  
Bless us with strength and courage to serve where we are shown.

2. For those who need our work, God, the ones that we’re called for.  
We strive each day to serve them, to give and love them more.  
Vocation is for others, lives given in exchange—  
the good of all your children, our common hopes and dreams.

3. For all that we are called from, transitions we must face.  
When journeys end or change course, and we must turn away.  
The old and new both challenge; we question though you guide.  
Be with us through our leaving, lead to the other side.

4. The people we are called as, diverse and none the same.  
Created for vocation, baptized and called by name.  
To witness as disciples, our universal call  
Yet each uniquely serving the God who cares for all.

5. To You, God, we sing praises, the One who calls each one.  
Transforming and inviting, you call and we respond.  
Creator and Redeemer, the Spirit’s stirring song—  
Your Trinity uniting to call our whole life long.