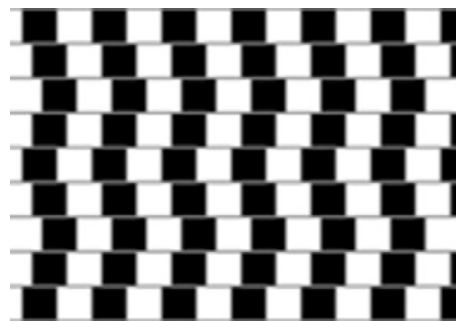


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"For the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

October 22, 2017

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 And Not By Sight"

- Blue Hymnal #399

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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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

- Ben Bencomo

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

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 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

- Ben Bencomo
pp. 309, 556

SERMON

"What You See Is Often Less the What You Can Get"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"The Summons"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Friede sei mit dir"

(German)

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 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

This week we hear another story of Call – that of David as the king of Israel. He is subversively crown (or anointed) by the priest Samuel (called to be a truth-teller in last week's scripture of 1 Samuel 3). Here he is afraid of the current king, Saul. For Samuel is commanded by God to commit treason: to anoint a new king while the old one is still on the throne. He is afraid of the King, Saul, and is divinely directed to Bethlehem: a city outside of the royal reach of Saul's Northern Kingdom. Yet even there the people are afraid too of the political implications of the prophet's arrival (9:4). This story of a new beginning, of God's sovereign power working within the happenings of human history, of the divine import not on the physical appearance but on something else, all of this begins in the tension of fear, anxiety and human trembling.

Saul is out as king for his disobedience and covenant breaking with God. Royal power flows first and foremost from a relationship with the Divine Maker, the Holy One in whose image we all are created. This is proclaimed by the prophet Samuel in 1 Samuel 13:13-14 and 15:26-28. Yet the new king, seems to be the farthest from what one would imagine – even the prophet Samuel. He thinks that the eldest son of Jesse will be the king, Eliab, who like Saul, is big, strong, handsome. Yet God sees beyond the physical, more than the visible. God chooses the youngest, smallest: the family runt – David (who still happens to be strikingly handsome!) The Apostle Paul talks of this paradox in saying, "God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God." 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.

Great philosophers and scientists have also remarked on the ways in which our vision is limited, and often fools us. German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the fathers of post-modernism wrote "Sometimes people don't want to hear the truth because they don't want their illusions destroyed." Francis Bacon, father of the modernist scientific method observed, "We prefer to believe what we prefer to be true." John Stuart Mill, the father of Liberalism – our current belief in the primary importance of individual liberty – described our limited vision saying "He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that."

What does this paradox mean for our own calls, and the ways in which we see (or don't see) what God is up to, observe each other, or even envision ourselves? What does this mean for us in a technological culture consumed with images, being liked and followed by the masses on social media, being "right" in our deepening political polarizations?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What shimmers for you in this passage?**
- **What word, phrase or image touches your life today?**
- **How, when and where have you experienced this mysterious paradox of God's calling – that God often chooses what we wouldn't, seeing more than we can or do?**
- **Talk with God about how your limited vision might be keeping you from knowing all of the fullness, goodness and peace God wants for you to know.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

October Birthdays

26 Chinyere Okereke 30 Josh Beatty

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT youth group tonight@ 7:00pm for Middle and High School Students – it's "spooky night"

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

Prayer Flags –Today is your last chance to make one! : Make a prayer flag, or blessing banner, on the table at the back of the sanctuary by drawing or writing your prayer(s) for Oakland and the world. This is part of centennial party!

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

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30 in the Library Find the text we study copied in the entry or online.

Halloween Sunday : Next Sunday, October 29th is the Rockridge District Trick or Treat Event, based out of our campus garden. We're also celebrating the 500th 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? This is your last week to submit something!

Session Meeting Thursday, 10/26 @ 7:30pm

Centennial Celebration of our Church Building – Sunday, November 5th at 10:30am : We're celebrating with a special worship service. Marda Sothers is organizing a potluck lunch, talk to her to help. We're inviting all our neighbors to celebrate with us and a birthday cake in our church garden at 12:00pm.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Liturgist: Ben Bencomo

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski

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

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 10/29/17:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke & Family

Liturgist: *Can you help as liturgist?*

Fellowship: Margaret Smith

Godly Play: Linda Davis (ST); Elaine Price (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

This morning we're reading various stories of call from the Bible, taken from Genesis 1:26-31; Exodus 3:1-14; Ruth 1:1-16; Matthew 28:18-20. The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font. The reader reads the plain font.

Leader: God created them male and female, calling Adam and Eve to reflect the image of God in the world.

People: God blessed them:

**"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!
Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in
the air, for every living thing that moves on
the face of Earth."**

Leader: The LORD Adonai called to Moses from the bush which was blazing away but it didn't burn up. I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob. Remove your sandals from your feet. You're standing on holy ground. I've taken a good, long look at the affliction of my people in Egypt. I've heard their cries for deliverance from their slave masters; I know all about their pain. And now I have come down to help them, pry them loose from the grip of Egypt, get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide-open spaces, a land lush with milk and honey.

**People: Moses answered, begging "But why me?
What makes you think that I could ever do such
an impossible thing? Don't send me. They won't
believe me. I stutter. Send someone else.
God said to Moses, "I-AM-WHO-I-AM. Tell the People
of Israel, 'I-AM sent you to them.'"**

Leader: In the days when judges led Israel, before Samuel — there was a famine in the land. Ruth, a Moabite woman, married to an Israelite saw her husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law die in the famine. Her mother-in-law released her from the marriage covenant, sending her away to find food. But she demurred, moved by faith, by her call from God, saying

**People: "Don't force me to leave you; don't make me
go home. Where you go, I go; and where you live,
I'll live. Your people are my people, your God is
my god; where you die, I'll die, and that's where
I'll be buried, so help me God—not even death
itself is going to come between us!"**

Leader: We too – rich and poor, young and old, black and white, weak and strong – we are called today, in this time of a new emergence: great change thanks to technology, economic power, a growing population, renewed migration, leading to anxiety-caused polarization, hatred, mistrust and fear.

**People: God calls us today, through Jesus to fish for
people, going out to train everyone we meet, far
and near, in the Jesus way of life, marking them by
baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit; instructing them in the practice of all
Jesus has taught us for he will be with us as we do
this. right up to the end of the age.**

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight"

Henry Alford (1844; alt.)

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

"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

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“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Author: Helen Howarth Lemmel (1922)
Tune: LEMMEL

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

Refrain:

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

“The Summons”

Author: John L. Bell, Graham Maule (1987)
Tune: KELVINGROVE

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let my love be shown Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me

4. Will you love the “you” you hide of I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to Confession – corporate reading before the Prayer of Confession – *(based on Psalm 51)*
The Leader reads plain font, **the people bold.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness.
In your great compassion blot out our offenses.

**People: Wash us through and through from our wickedness
and cleanse us from our sins,
for we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us.**

Leader: Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments.

**People: Purge us from our sins, and we shall be pure as you are pure.
Wash us, and we shall be clean, clothed in your righteousness.**

Leader: Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.
Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Leader: Give to us the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.

**People: Open our lips, O God,
and our mouths shall declare your praise.**

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1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No
 2. Through death in - to life ev - er - last - ing he
 3 His Word shall not fail you— he prom - ised; be -

light in the dark-ness you see? There's light for a
 passed, and we fol - low him there; o - ver us sin no
 lieve him, and all will be well: then go to a

look at the Sav - ior, and life more a - bun - dant and free!
 more hath do - min - ion—for more than conqu'rors we are!
 world that is dy - ing, his per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!

Trinity Hymnal 481
 TEXT: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922
 TUNE (LEMMEL 9.8.9.8, ref.): Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

REFRAIN
 Turn your eyes upon Je - sus, look full in his won - der - ful

face;
 and the things of earth will grow strange - ly

dim in the light of his glo - ry and grace.

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Will You Come and Follow Me

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Will you come and fol - low me, if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your-self be - hind, if I but call your name?
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see, if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide, if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 > Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 > Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?
 > and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

Chords: F, C7, Dm, Gm7, Csus, C, Bb/C, Bb, Am7, Bb6.