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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.

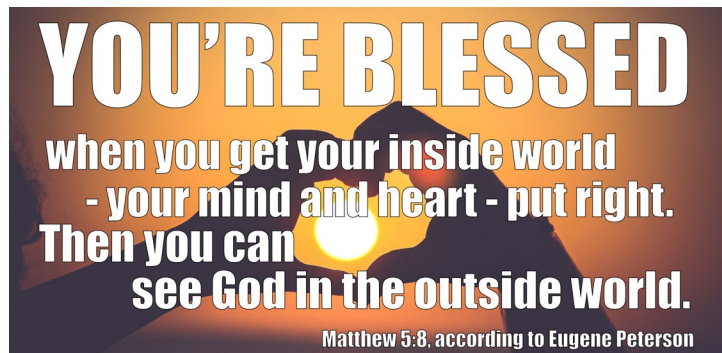
### WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

CCL #1137062



October 28, 2018

GATHERING SONG

"We Walk By Faith"

- Blue Hymnal #399

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Open Our Eyes Lord" & "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

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*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.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:1-23; Matthew 4:23-5:8

Pew Bible, pp. 975, 936

SERMON

"More than Lip Service"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Be Thou My Vision"

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SUNG CONFESSION. *OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE*

ACT OF CONFESSION. *REAFFIRMING THE PROMISE OF OUR BAPTISM IN CHRIST. YOU'RE INVITED TO COME FORWARD DURING THE RESPONSE SONG TO REAFFIRM YOUR BAPTISM WITH WATER AND A BLESSING – A MOVEMENT OF OUR BODY TO REFLECT OUR SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT TO PURE HEARTS: GENUINE INTEGRITY & AUTHENTIC FAITH*

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"

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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 GOD

"المسيح سلام" or "Salam almasih"

(Arabic)

*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 Mark 7:1-23; Matthew 4:23-5:8

Exhausted. That's how most people describe themselves these days. We're discouragingly overwhelmed by the us-versus-them thinking we experience as hypocritical and tribalistic. This self-preservation doesn't come from an innate sense of evil as much as it does from our most common habits, rejections, hurts, and fears of what might happen to us in the future. Such thinking is zero-sum, rooted in a world view dictating that there must always be a winner and a loser. But Jesus talks of a different sort of life together (the kingdom of heaven). Jesus presents the vision that to be a person of peace, love, and nonviolence (to be a person) is to be at peace within ourselves.



For Jesus, and the worldview from which the Bible testimonies are written, the heart is the center of life, literally, figuratively, and spiritually. It's the center of the circulation of our blood: the seat of life. That's why we say that "someone with a heart of stone is dead." Pure is a word that we associate automatically with sexuality or with naiveté. Yet biblically speaking the word, like heart, has a meaning that is physical, spiritual and ethical. It evokes precious metals refined by fire, vines pruned to bear fruit, cleanliness that prevents infection and disease, sincere faith, genuine integrity.

In the story from Mark Jesus describes the religious leaders as self-righteous fundamentalists concerned more with their public following than with sincere faith. Jesus condemns them for turning a deaf ear to the cries for help from family by claiming that their money is "corban": intended for God alone. They look to their own comfort as opposed to looking within for the peace which transcends understanding, makes all things new, comes only from God.

Faith all too easily becomes like that of the Pharisees: on in which we think that faith is more of a stance, a dogmatic position, or adherence to a teaching. Yet Jesus talks about it as an inner journey. One in which our heart is ever-widened in a prayerful awakening that we might see more and more. We see who we are. We see who our neighbors are. We see who God truly is. Such vision is relational more than physical, born of baptism more than knowledge, one that grows more than is achieved.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes you in these passages?
- How do you need to be "purified of heart" in order to have your vision awakened and centered in Christ?
- The word Jesus uses in Mark 7 to talk of washing is baptism. How do you need to renew your baptism?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

30 Josh Beatty

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Nenna Okereke      5 Harry Hussian (Jr.)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Uekelele Classes** | after worship | Talk to Karl

**Youth Group today** | @ 1:00-3:30pm – Helping with the Halloween Parade & YG Halloween Party!

**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

**Deacons Meeting** | Today after worship (*library*)

**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** | We're opening our sanctuary on election day (11/6) for prayer and reflection. Can you help "staff" it as we provide at least one person to be present all day? Sign up online or on the paper version in the entry.

**The Vocabulary of Faith** Sundays 9:30-10:15am we're working our way through the Beatitudes, focusing on the scripture for each service

**Next Sunday, 11/4 : Día de Los Muertos | All Saints' Day** || Bring a photo/memento of loved ones who have died and entered the great mystery to place on our communion table next week as we celebrate the multiple holidays around death at this time of year, in our community celebration.

**Thanksgiving is coming!** Sign up to help with our annual community meal effort. You do so online or via the paper board version this morning.

### Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Richard & Marge Harvey

Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Radman Beatty (DK)

### Leadership for next week, 11/4/18:

Fellowship: Richard & Marge Harvey

Godly Play: Children remain in worship

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

### "We Walk By Faith, and 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 Him 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 and 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,  
may we behold You as You are,  
with full and endless sight.

### GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

*This morning's gathering prayer is a responsive reading of Psalm 24 from the Message Translation composed by the Rev. Eugene Peterson who died this past week. **People read the bold font.***

One: God claims Earth and everything in it,  
God claims World and all who live on it.  
He built it on Ocean foundations,  
laid it out on River girders.

**ALL: Who can climb Mount God?  
Who can scale the holy north-face?  
Only the clean-handed,  
only the pure-hearted;  
[Those] who won't cheat,  
[Those] who won't seduce.**

One: God is at their side;  
with God's help they make it.  
This, Jacob, is what happens  
to God-seekers, God-questers.

**ALL: Wake up, you sleepyhead city!  
Wake up, you sleepyhead people!  
King-Glory is ready to enter.**

*Continued in the next column...*

One: Who is this King-Glory?  
God, armed  
and battle-ready.

**ALL: Wake up, you sleepyhead city!  
Wake up, you sleepyhead people!  
King-Glory is ready to enter.**

One: Who is this King-Glory?

**ALL: God-of-the-Angel-Armies:  
is King-Glory.**

### "Open Our Eyes Lord"

*Robert Cull, © Copyright 1976 Maranatha!*

Open our eyes Lord we want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him  
Open our ears Lord and help us to listen  
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

### "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

*Paul Baloche, based on Ephesians 1:18*

Open the eyes of my heart lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you,  
I want to see you

To see you high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of your glory  
Pour out your power and love  
As we sing holy holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you.

### **“Be Thou My Vision”**

*Translator: Mary E. Byrne;*

*Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull*

*Glory to God #450*

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **“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.