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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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October 29, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud "

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Take Up Your Cross"

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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

"Silently We look for God"

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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

"Cares Chorus"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13; John 2:13-22

pp. 328, 332, 1029

SERMON

"Ecclesia semper reformanda est"

- Rev. Martin Luther

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"Let Us Build A House"

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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

"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 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13; John 2:13-22

This week we hear another story of Call – that of King Solomon, who built the first Temple in Jerusalem. Envisioned by his father David, it was Solomon who finished the completion and dedicated the sanctuary. Today's passages are selected from the larger narrative of the preparation (1 Kings 5); construction (6 & 7) and dedication and official putting into operation (8) of the Temple in Jerusalem. We read of the glory given to God, as Solomon is able to build a house worthy of God's name. He's able to do this because his reign knows great peace, and so consequently the neighboring countries are allies and cooperate in this massive construction project in Israel's capital city. And yet...

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: Our selection jumps from 1 Kings 5:6 to 8:1; parts of which are key in knowing what was going on.

THE COST OF OPPULENCE: The construction of the Temple is done with the help and generosity of Gentiles (King Hiram, for example), it involves costly materials, the best possible, daigned worthy of God. This includes in particular cedar and cypress (the best woods) from Lebanon – 1 Kings 5:8-12. This is done with the awareness that "cedar" has long been taken as a social symbol of affluence that invites a sense of autonomy from God, a self-indulgence and indifference to the needs of the poor. See Isaiah 2:13; Isaiah 37:24; Jeremiah 22:14-15; and Zephaniah 2:14. It's a sign of oppulence and extravagance, indicating a move away from genuine neighborly care towards multinational trade, and an impersonal economic structure. Solomon assumed such heavy debts in this construction that he is forced to pay off King Hiram by handing over twenty towns in the Galilee (1 Kings 9:11).

WORK DONE BY SLAVE LABOR. Solomon uses a "huge work force" to accomplish this great construction. In straight language, he uses conscripted, or slave labor, 1 Kings 5:13-17. Solomon seems to forget the history of his people who were slaves in Egypt, the very thing Yahweh delivered them from in the Exodus, calling them to a life of freedom, worship God-centered communal living. Solomon becomes a new Pharaoh. See Exodus 5:10-14

CHANGING ISRAEL'S IDENTITY TO BIT IN WITH OTHER NATIONS.

Solomon enters into a trade pact with foreign powers to acquire these costly, foreign materials, a self-indulgent cooperation with a world of trade and commerce viewed as fundamentally alien to the covenant identity of Israel. "Like Tyre, Israel becomes a global economic power in which the needs and yearnings of citizen-subjects are completely submerged in ambitious royal schemes." (Bruggemann) See Isaiah 2:6-22 & 58:2-3, 13.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this passage?
- What word, phrase or image touches your life today?
- How does the story of the call of Solomon intersect your own story?
- How have you misunderstood God's call in your life?
- Talk with God about your own times of being lost in how you perceive God, perceive yourself; or perceive others?
- How are you in need of being re-formed into the creation that God made you to be? How does Jesus show you the Way to that?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

October Birthdays

26 Chinyere Okereke 30 Josh Beatty

November Birthdays

3 Nenna Okereke 5 Harry Hussian (Jr.)
11 Al Hussian 13 Elaine Price
15 Pete Feltman 16 Ruth Ann Friedland
16 Elodie McClain 19 Radman Beatty

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT youth group tonight@ 7:00pm. it's "spooky night" bring a pumpkin and come in costume for our fun!

CAPC Choir | Sunday after worship & Tuesday 5:30pm

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, | 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.

Centennial Celebration of our Church Building – Sunday, November 5th at 10:30am : Join us for a special worship services designed by many of our congregants, celebrating the 100+ years (and continuing!) ministry of our church from our building here on College Avenue. We're inviting the whole 94618 neighborhood to join us for birthday cake in the garden at 12:00pm. If you want more than cake, bring what you'd like to share and stay for a potluck lunch. Check with Marda Stothers to help with the potluck, as she is organizing that event.

Church Work Day – Saturday, November 3th at 10:00am : Come help us clean, work and tidy up for our centennial birthday celebration. There will be jobs for all bodies, skill levels and interest.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 12th.
After worship to elect a nominating committee.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Chickwendu Okereke & Family

Liturgist: *Can you help as liturgist?*

Fellowship: Margaret Smith

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

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Eli Torrez, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 11/5/17:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist: *Can you help as liturgist?*

Fellowship: Michael Mendonca, Toni Proulx

Godly Play: Children Remain in Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

*This morning we're using a prayer written by Sarah E. Weaver (C) 2011 for Reformation Sunday. **The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font.** The reader reads the plain font.*

Leader: Today is Reformation Sunday, a day when we think about the sacrifices made and the risks taken by Martin Luther and other reformers in the 15th and 16th centuries.

People: We celebrate the Church that was, the Church that is and the Church that will be.

Leader: We give thanks for living in a time and place where we experience the freedom of religious belief, gathering and expression.

People: Help us, O God, to strengthen our own faith, and to strengthen our acceptance of those who think differently than we do.

Leader: The differences that exist among us only prove the extravagant mosaic beauty of God's creation.

People: We are all children of God, creatures of a creator that knows and loves each and every one of us.

Leader: History has proven that we may never be able to predict where our journey through life may take us, but that our journey will always be filled with God's grace.

People: Let us journey together.

Leader: That journey together starts right here.

People: Let us worship God!

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"

Author: Thomas H. Troeger (1986)

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #11

1. Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain,
Shelter, Light, Judge,
Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life all endowed:

Refrain:

May the church at prayer recall
that no single holy name
but the truth and feeds
them all is the God whom we proclaim.

Continued in next column....

2. Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant,
Lamb, Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to the I AM:

Refrain

3. Storm and Stillness, Breath
and Dove, Thunder, Tempest,
Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor,
Presence Love, Energies that never Tire.

Refrain

"Take Up Your Cross"

Ray Boltz

Take up your cross and follow Jesus
Take up your cross every day
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him
Count up the cost, take up your cross and follow Him

Verse

What are you doing for the King
Have you really given everything
To the One who gave His all for you
Don't you be satisfied just to know
That the Lord has saved your soul
Have you forgotten what you need to do

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Bridge

I know sometimes the road is long
And I know sometimes you feel like you can't go on But you
can make it, you just

"Silently We Look with God"

John Bell

Silently We Look with God
On all that God has done

"Cares Chorus"

Kelly Willard, 2010

I cast all my cares upon You
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet
And anytime that I don't know what to do
I will cast all my cares upon you

"Let Us Build A House"

*Marty Haugen (1994); Glory to God Hymnal #301
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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.
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Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther, found at
2cherish2commend.com*

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;
make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes.
Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.

Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make
disciples of all nations.

Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own
slowness to make You our greatest love.

Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent,
and treasure not invested in eternity.

Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of
Your unfailing mercy.

Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation
and unending glory with You when we suffer and are
afflicted.

Rekindle in us a renewed desire
for the coming of Your glorious kingdom
when all wrongs will be made right,
when everything that is broken will be made whole,
and when we will trade a cross for a crown.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.