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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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January 7, 2018

GATHERING SONG "Blessed Assurance" - insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE "O Lord, You Called Disciples" - insert

TIME OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus Our Divine Companion" - 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 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 1: 35-51

SERMON

pp. 1027

- Rev. Sarah Reyes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" - Blue Hymnal # 369

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP : STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY

We're celebrating communion by intinction (taking a piece of bread and dipping it into a common cup). You're invited to come forward through the center of the sanctuary space, and return to your seat via the aisles along the walls. A plate of individual cups is available for those who prefer that form of communion.

COMMUNION SONG "There Is A Redeemer" - insert

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

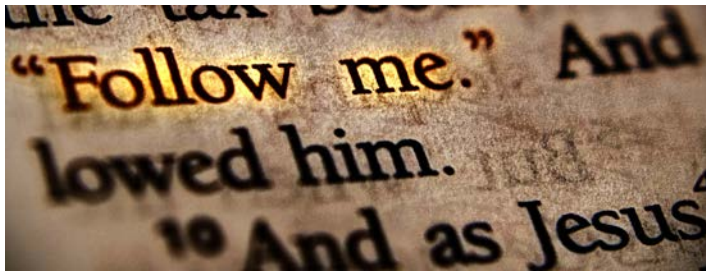
"Shalom Elohim"

(Hebrew)

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 1: 35-51



John tells the story of the call of the first disciples differently than the story told in the other gospels, even though at least two of the same characters (Peter and Andrew) are in both versions. Why? (You can read the story in Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20, and Luke 5:1-11.)

The story John tells of discipleship and vocation is one of faith as a journey. This idea of progression is reinforced through several literary elements, in particular the repetition of the temporal phrase "The next day," which structures the story (it's used in verses 29, 35, 41). Following Jesus seems to be lifted up as a daily progression, and movement. Underneath is the number 3, possibly referring to the three days it took for the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus sees the disciples and asks them an existential question, at the core of what it means to be human: "What are you looking for?" They are the very first words spoken by Jesus in the gospel of John. They express the basic need of humanity that causes him/her to come to God. We wish to stay with God, seeking to escape temporality, change and death, seeking to find something that is lasting. To that hunger, Jesus responds with the all-embracing invitation to faith "Come and see". Both words are used to portray the idea of Christian discipleship in John.

Nathaniel finds himself in the sight of Jesus. His affirmation of Jesus as the promised leader both spiritual and political, is turned back to him. Nathaniel - and we as the readers - will see that Jesus is truly Master, the son of God, the King of Israel. It'll be revealed in the first miracle of Jesus in John 2:1-11 when he turns water into wine. The journey begins, a journey that is told in the gospel, a journey that we are invited to in our lives. How will we respond, day by day? How do we see? How are we seen?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this passage?
- What word, phrase or image touches your life today?
- How have you experienced following Jesus as a relationship? as a journey?
- How does this story of first disciples intersect your own story of how you came to see and be seen by Jesus, to follow him on his Way of life?
- What word of grace, hope, life do you hear and receive in this story of call? How does it encourage you today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

January Birthdays

1 Margie Laverty	8 Bill Bryant
10 Thom Faulkner	18 Gary Yee
20 Daniel Geary	25 Joy Barnes
29 Bill Beatty	

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Youth Group Tonight

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 space above the gym. With at least half a dozen helpers it should only 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 and 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 of a few questions in your email next week or in next week's electronic newsletter.

Portrayal of Julia Morgan | Saturday, January 13 5:00-6:30pm. Save the date for this special event with Betty Marvin. Part of our continuing centennial celebrations!

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

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge
Preaching today: Rev. Sarah Reyes Gibbs
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 1/14/17:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams
Reader: Can you help? Talk to Monte
Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

*The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font.
The reader reads the plain font. ~ written by Rev. Kathleen Sheets,
Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jesup, IA.*

One: To the fisherman Jesus said:

**People: "Follow me
and I will make you fish for people.**

One: To the tax collector Jesus said:

People: "Follow me."

One: To the rich man Jesus said:

**People: "Go, sell what you own,
and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."**

One: At the last supper Jesus said:

People: "Follow me."

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

People: Follow me!

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Blessed Assurance"

Author: Fanny Crosby

1. Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

4. Filled with wonder and with awe,
at his cradle low we bow
to adore the holy child,
Son of God, and yet so mild.

"O Lord, You Called Disciples"

Tune: Henry Thomas Smart, 1835 ("The Day of Resurrection") (MIDI)

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1. O Lord, you called disciples,
proclaiming, "Come and see!"
And so an invitation began your ministry.
Then Andrew called his brother,
and Peter came to you;
More men and women followed,
and little children, too.

2. You met a busy woman
out in the noon-day sun.
You shared God's love, you listened;
you told all she had done.
She called her friends and neighbors
and brought them face to face
With you, the living water,
the bearer of God's grace.

3. O Christ, your invitation
has reached from year to year!
Through some who heard you calling,
a church was founded here.
As faithful people served you
so many years ago,
They soon invited others;
your church began to grow.

4. God, by your Holy Spirit,
now send us in your name
To serve the lost and outcast,
the poor for whom you came.
Through gifts of hope and healing,
through loving ministry,
May we reach out, inviting the world
to "Come and see!"

“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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

African-American Spiritual

Blue Hymnal #369

1. I’m gonna live so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time
I’m gonna live so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time

2. I’m gonna work so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time
I’m gonna work so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time

3. I’m gonna pray so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time
I’m gonna pray so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time

4. I’m gonna sing so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time
I’m gonna sing so God can use me.
Anywhere lord, any time

“There is a Redeemer”

Ketih Green

1. There is a redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One

2. Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh for sinners slain

(chorus)
Thank you Oh my Father
For giving us your Son
and leaving your spirit till
The work on earth is done

3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy place