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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.

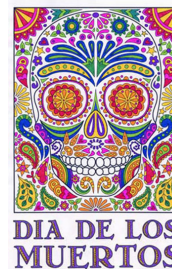
### WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

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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November 4, 2018

GATHERING SONG

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

- Blue Hymnal #464

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"O When The Saints Go Marching In"

- Insert

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

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"

- Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121, Luke 2:8-11

*Pew Bible, pp. 603, 992*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD IN TESTIMONY

- Lori Castner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

For All The Saints"

- Blue Hymnal #526

COMMUNION: WE'RE PART OF A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

*As we prepare to celebrate the meal that symbolizes the community of God you're invited to pronounce aloud the name of those who have died - this past year and before - as we recognize that those "saints" are also with us at the table today and the table that we will one day know intimately in the full reign of God.*

COMMUNION: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

*We celebrate by intinction, coming forward to receive the meal. If you'd prefer an individual cup or to be served at your seat, please raise your hand during our celebration as we'll attend to you.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION

"I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever"

- 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 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 Psalm 121, Luke 2:8-11

Psalm 121 is part of a larger grouping of psalm-poems that were intended to be sung during pilgrimage journeys to the Temple in Jerusalem for festivals such as Passover, Tabernacles and the Feast of Weeks. They may have been sung by families and groups walking towards the capital city, climbing from the low lands of the valley of Jericho towards the mountain heights of Jerusalem or as they walked up the steps into the Temple. Or maybe both!

Psalm 121 is a sung petition for protection and preservation. God will keep them. God does keep them. God has kept the people. It's not just what God does. It's who God is. We see this reflected in the ancient Priestly Blessing of Numbers 6:24-26 (which we still use today in our worship services).

*<sup>24</sup> The Lord bless you and keep you;*

*<sup>25</sup> the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;*

*<sup>26</sup> the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace."*

This morning as we gather we're celebrating our history. In the Middle Ages the Church in Europe instituted the celebration of "All Saints Day" around the Celtic celebration that became Halloween. In our hemisphere the ancients had similar celebrations around the harvest (***Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead/Todos Santos***) which insisted upon our connection to our ancestors, to those who lived before us. This morning as we worship we're claiming all of that festival history. We remember those who have gone before us in the faith; we remember their legacy and their witness. We remember that death does not have the final word, and that the most important thing we can do, as Jesus declares, is to love one another and to serve one another. Love never ends; love never dies. The most important thing we can do now is to love one another in this lifetime, and to let those around us know they are loved. That love will carry us on when our loved ones are gone, until we are at home with our God at last, at the great banquet table, where there will be no more weeping and mourning.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes you in these passages?
- Who has nourished & encouraged you in the journey of faith?
- How do you need God's help in your pilgrimage journey of faith and life?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Nenna Okereke	5 Harry Hussian (Jr.)
11 Albert Hussian	13 Elaine Price
15 Pete Feltman	16 Ruth Ann Friedland
Elodie McClain (2005)	19 Radman Beatty (2006)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Today we're celebrating Día de Los Muertos | All Saints' Day** || You can place the photo/memento of loved ones who have died and entered the great mystery on our communion table before we begin worship as you arrive.

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

**Youth Group today** | @ 7-8:30pm.

**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

**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 handwritten 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. You can help "staff" our sanctuary space Sign up on the paper board.

**The Vocabulary of Faith** Sundays 9:30-10:15am

**Next Sunday, 11/11** || Guatemala Mission. In worship we'll be sending out the team of CAPCers who are headed to Palín, Guatemala Nov 17-25<sup>th</sup>. We'll also collect a special offering for the work we do with mission partners there.

**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: Margaret Smith

Godly Play: Godly Play: Children in worship

**Leadership for next week, 11/11/18:**

Fellowship: Bill & Beth Beatty

Godly Play: Bill Beatty (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

### "Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

Author: Henry Van Dyke (1907)

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Blue Hymnal #464

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
Joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

### GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

*This morning's gathering prayer is a responsive from Mindi @ <http://rev-o-lution.org>. People read the bold font.*

One: There will be a new heaven and a new earth;

**ALL: We are waiting for the reign of God.**

One: The home of God will be among us;

**ALL: We are preparing for the reign of God.**

One: God will wipe away every tear from our eye;

**ALL: We are expecting the reign of God.**

One: Death will be no more! Crying and pain and sorrow will be no more!

**ALL: Until that day comes, we are waiting, preparing, and expecting the reign of God to come.**

One: We gather our hearts to worship our God, who is eternal, and whose love knows no end.

**ALL: Amen and Amen!**

### O When The Saints Go Marching In"

*Traditional Spiritual*

O When the Saints  
We are traveling \ in the footsteps  
Of those who've gone before  
But we'll all be reunited  
On a new and sunlit shore

O when the saints \ go marching in  
When the saints go marching in  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

On that \ hallelujah day  
When the trumpet sounds the call  
O Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in

### Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

*from Mindi @ <http://rev-o-lution.org>*

**Almighty God,  
we come to You  
knowing that we have not done our best,  
loved our best, hoped our best.  
We have given up, we have broken up, and  
we have failed to do what we ought to have  
done. We have not served one another, but  
have served ourselves first.  
We have not loved one another as we love  
ourselves.**

**We have failed to be an example as the  
saints before us; we have failed to witness  
to Your love in this lifetime.**

**Forgive us.**

**Call us back to Your ways.**

**Open our hearts to our neighbors,  
to the strangers in the world around us,  
to all of Your children,  
and may we remember we are one of  
them.**

**In the name of Christ,  
who served us all,  
giving himself up for us  
in the greatest act of love imaginable,  
we pray.  
Amen.**

### **"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?

### **"For All The Saints"**

*William Walsham  
Blue Hymnal #526*

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **"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.

### **"I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever "**

*Songwriters: Jason Ingram / Stuart Garrard /  
Meredith Andrews*

*Verse:*

Over the mountains and the sea,  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth,  
And I will daily lift my hands:  
For I will always sing of when  
Your love came down.

*Chorus:*

I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever.  
I could sing of your love forever.

*Bridge:*

Oh, I feel like dancing  
It's foolishness I know;  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy,  
Like we're dancing now.