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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.

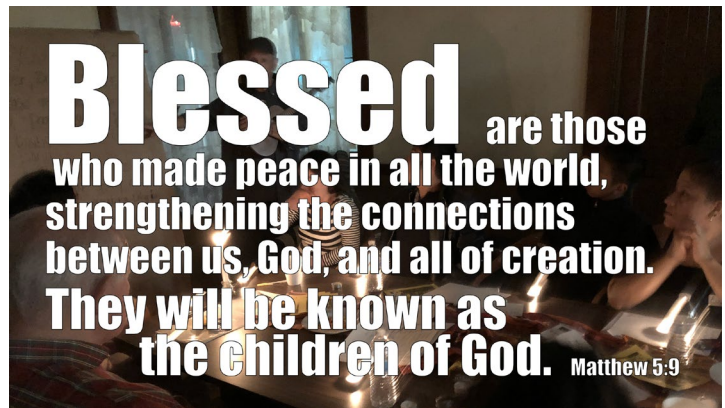
WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

CCL #1137062



November 11, 2018

GATHERING SONG

"We Are Marching/Siyahamba"

- Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

- Blue Hymnal #368

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.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5; John 14:23-27; Matthew 4:23-5:9

Pew Bible, pp. 664, 1046, 936

SERMON

"Make Peace"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

- 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

PRAYERS FOR THE TEAM HEADED IN MISSION TO PALIN, GUATEMALA

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY SONG

"Blest Are They"

- 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

"עֲלֵיכֶם שָׁלוֹם" or "Shalom Aleikhem"

(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
Isaiah 2:1-5; John 14:23-27; Matthew 4:23-5:9

Peace. We long for it in our genes, our relationships, our communities, and our world. It's shared universal value (*by almost all people, at least as the ultimate goal*). But it can mean different things to different people in function of our language, culture, life experience, and freedom in the sense of classic liberalism. In modern English it seems to be most often associated, at least in our vernacular, as the partner of "quiet". The Greek Stoic philosopher Epictetus (55 – 135 CE) defined peace as "calm detachment from surrounding circumstances" – a sort of serene detachment. And the peace of the Roman Empire (the dominant global power at the time of Jesus) is referred to as the Pax Romana. In the time of Jesus, peace was culturally associated with Rome's peace (the Pax Romana) consistent of Rome's "gift" of order, security, and prosperity, guaranteed by the emperor as commander of Rome's military to all peoples conquered and subject to the power of Rome. Often in human history, peace has been seen through the eyes of the victors, envisioned as the chosen, or beloved of the powers or gods.



Biblically speaking peace שָׁלוֹם [shalom] is much more. It's both the gift and work of God, a cosmic peace in which all things are in just relation with each other and their creator. It's the well-being of the whole created order. Peacemakers describes those who work to halt wars among nations and those who seek harmony in personal relationships. It doesn't come at the expense or subjection of someone else. It is not complacent or indifferent. It's the thing that the Messiah – the prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) will bring.

Sometimes peacemakers are seen to be troublemakers or unrealistic dreamers. They refuse to give themselves over to retribution. They insist on justice for those who bring and receive the peace. Isaiah links justice and the teaching of God's word (what we might call "evangelism") inseparably together. Jesus talks of the peace brings as different than the world's: a peace that is for all, eliminates the fear of retribution and troubled hearts around the unjust possibility of being left out or behind. Those who live as Jesus did (as a peacemaker), become what God is, and are recognized as children of God here and now.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What strikes you in these passages?**
- **How do you need the shalom of God in Christ? How do we need it, in particular after the mid-term elections and common desires for retribution or the elimination of resistance?**
- **What does it look like to be a peacemaker? How do we (you) do that concretely and pragmatically in daily life? How is that our vocation as children of God?**

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

Ukelele 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 6:45-8:15pm, near CAL | Call Marda @ 540.7173

Friday Night Meal | Friday, 6-7pm!
Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help.

Women's Group – 1,2, 3rd Saturdays, 8:30a

Letter Ministry | Encourage another with a handwritten note. Find cards on the back wall!

The Vocabulary of Faith No meeting next week

Meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco | Tuesday, November 13th 3:00-9:00pm (or any part thereof) at Lakeside Presbyterian in San Francisco
Meeting info online at www.presbyteryofsf.org

Guatemala Mission Reporting | Monte will be reporting back in real time on the developments during the mission time in Guatemala next week. Look for those posts on the church Facebook page.

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.

Next Sunday, 11/18 || Rev. Bill Beatty is preaching. At the end of our service we'll be distributing turkeys to cook at your home and then return to the church kitchen on Thanksgiving morning before 10am. Sign-up today to help!

Thank you to Today's Leadership
Fellowship: Bill & Beth Beatty
Godly Play: Patt Schroeder (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

Leadership for next week, 11/18/18:
Fellowship: Elaine Price; Chris Olson
Liturgist: Patt Schroeder
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Elaine Price (DK)

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

"We Are Marching/Siyahamba"

This is a protest song from South Africa and was sung by those protesting against apartheid. It can still be sung as a call for freedom, in solidarity with those who are oppressed, or simply as a commitment to living in the light, love and power of God.

1. We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, we are marching oh
We are marching in the light of God
2. Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
(Repeat)
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
(Repeat)
3. We are living in the love of God
4. We are moving in the power of God

GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

Iona Abbey Worship Book **People read the bold font.**

One: Creator of the cosmos,
Of eternity and time:
ALL: Be with us in *this* time.

One: Savior of the world,
Healer of the nations:
ALL: Be with us in *this* place.

One: Breath of all that lives,
Of people near and far:
ALL: Stir within *our* lives.

One: Maker-Spirit-Son,
God of here and now:
**ALL: Be present in our worship,
That we may find new ways
To be present in your world.**

"I've got Peace like a River"

*African-American spiritual
Blue Hymnal #368*

1. I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
(next column...)

2. I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

3. I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

*om Prayer for Peace, adapted from materials from the World Council of Churches International Day of Peace. Produced by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Copyright © 2009 World Council of Churches. Posted on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website. www.elca.org/
People read the bold font.*

One: Christ sets before us this day life and death
and calls for us to choose life
that we and our children may live.

ALL: We accept life, so teach us to live.

One: Christ sets before us this day
the challenge to seek peace and to pursue it.

**ALL: We accept the challenge of peace,
so enable us to pursue it.**

One: Christ sets before us this day
the call to be peacemakers;
**ALL: to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
to a suffering world.**

One: We gather to embody God's love
and desire for peace for all people;
**ALL: to hear and give voice to creation's cry
for justice and peace.**

One: We gather to name and confront the influence
of evil within and among us;
**ALL: to repent of our silence and complicity
with the powers of chaos and death.**

One: We gather to join with the oppressed
and troubled people of the world
in the struggle for liberation and peace;
**ALL: to work for justice, healing
and wholeness of life.**

One: We gather to embrace the unity
of God's people and Christ's church;
ALL: to make peace a reality.

Prayer of Action *(attributed to Francis of Assisi)*

ALL:

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O Divine Master,
grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
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?

“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.

(continued next column...)

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.

3. Blest are they who show mercy,
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they the pure of heart,
they shall see God.

4. Blest are they who seek peace
They are the children of God.
Blessed are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

“Let There Be Peace On Earth”

*Author: Jill Jackson; Author: Sy Miller
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Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me