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*We're continuing to observe Día de los Muertos / All Saints' Day today in worship.
 If you brought a photo or memento of loved ones who have preceded us into the great mystery
 of life in death you can place them on the main table as worship starts this morning.*

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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GATHERING SONG

"Lord You Have Come To The Lakeshore" - Blue Hymnal #377

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Lift Every Voice"

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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

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24; John 7:37-38

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SERMON

"More than Just Thoughts & Prayers"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"Canticle of the Turning"

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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

"Salam almasih"

(Arabic)

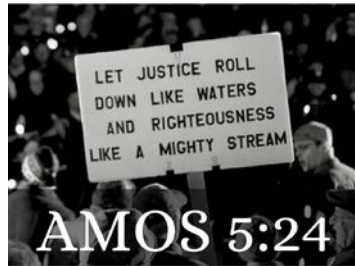
We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God at work towards the healing transformation of the world.

**TODAY WE'RE HAVING A CONGREGATION MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE POSTLUDE
 TO ELECT 4 MEMBERS AT LARGE TO OUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Thoughts on Today's Scriptures
Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24; John 7:37-38

This week we move from narrative stores of call to written prophetic texts. While Amos wasn't the first prophet, think of Elijah who we read of last week, he was the first whose words were written down. He lived, was called and served as prophet during the 8th century BCE in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. It was a time in which Israel was being made great again by its king Jeroboam II, following an earlier defeat at the hands of the Assyrians. Prosperity increased and the economic engines roared anew in a (short-lived) time of security, stability and peace.

We're most familiar with the words of Amos in North America because of the prophetic example of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who often used quotes and metaphors from Amos in his speeches, in particular today's portion 5:24 about justice and righteousness flowing like raging waters. Dr. King appropriated and contextualized the Word of God given to Amos for his time, calling not just for equality and justice, but for righteous living among all peoples. The dream he portrayed was one in which we would all recognize each other in the fullness of their identity as the combined interdependent created image of God.



Amos while not that different, was particular in his context, pronouncing God's judgement and eventual punishment of Israel for its sin. This was primarily from an inauthentic practice of faith, in which they invoked and talked of God's covenant of peace and justice while at the same time doing such things as selling their neighbors into slavery if they couldn't pay their debts, having a father and son share a girl forced into prostitution, and oppress the poor without recognition of God's call to respect, equality and fraternity (see Amos 2:6-8 & Exodus 22:25-27)

Amos challenges his people to practice what they preach (or read in worship); to not just observe the letter of the law but also the spirit, to realize that God wants to be God of all of who we are. Some might interpret Amos as judging Israel primarily for their idolatry, but more than worshiping a foreign god, their sin was worshipping themselves without any sort of intersectional thought or mindfulness of their neighbors.

A biblical scholar wrote "Anyone who claims to like the book of Amos hasn't understood it." How then do we understand this prophetic word for us today in 21st century America?

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 the pursuit of justice and/or righteousness in the Church?
- How does our worship reflect justice? How does our just or righteous living reflect worship of the God of life?
- How did this prophetic word speak to ancient Israel in the 8th century B.C.E.? How might it be speaking to us in the America, California, Oakland of 2017 today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Youth Group tonight at 7pm

CAPC Choir | after worship & Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wed 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Call Marda @ 540.7173

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

Congregational Meeting. Today Sunday 11/12 to elect 4 members at large to the Nominating Committee

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30 in the Library Find the text we study copied in the entry or online.

Coffee & Conversations : Tuesday, November 14th @ 10-11am on the patio in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College Aves. Safe, open, real no-host conversation.

Presbytery of SF Meeting | Tuesday, Nov 14th 3-9pm at First Pres Concord. More info @ www.presbyteryofs.org

Retreat Reunion Potluck Dinner Saturday, November 18th at First Presbyterian Church, Alameda.

Rev. Sarah Reyes will be preaching in worship net Sunday, November 19th. Monte will be leading worship at Bethel Presbyterian, San Leandro.

Thanksgiving Meal 11/23rd 11am-1pm. Donate & volunteer online at www.capcoakland.org/thanksgiving-meal

Thanksgiving Turkeys We usually give them out to cook in advance at your home, the Sunday before T-Day...that's next week. Sign up today if you can help.

Rev. Sarah Reyes will be preaching in worship net Sunday, November 19th. Monte will be leading worship at Bethel Presbyterian, San Leandro.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist:

Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Eli Torrez,
Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 11/19/17:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian
Liturgist: *can you help as liturgist/reader?*
Fellowship: Anne Marie, Sharon Nelson
Preaching: Rev. Sarah Reyes Gibbs
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font.
The reader reads the plain font.* ~ adapted from a prayer written by by
Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org> based on
Matthew 5:1-16

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
the downtrodden and despairing,

Many: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

One: Blessed are those who mourn,
who are grieving

Many: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

One: Blessed are the ones who seek
justice and righteousness

Many: They will find it in God's reign forever.

One: Blessed are we when we love our neighbors
and seek their needs

Many: We will live in God's reign forever.

One: Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others
in God's name.

**Many: Jesus says we are salt of the earth,
light of the world.**

One: Our faith, our love, our hope —

Many: essential as salt and light.

One: But if salt isn't salty?

Many: It isn't what it's meant to be.

One: And if a light doesn't shine?

Many: It isn't what it's meant to be.

One: Jesus says we are salt of the earth,
light of the world.

**Many: Briny and bright,
we are God's faithful people.**

One: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:

**Many: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community,
a justice-making people, giving glory to God!**

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Lord You Have Come To The Lakeshore" or "Tú Has Venido a la Orilla"

*Author: Cesareo Gabaraín | Translator: Gertrude C. Suppe (1987)
Blue Hymnal #377*

1. You have come up to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wise nor for wealthy
You only wanted that I should follow

chorus

O Lord with Your eyes you have searched me
And while smiling You have called out my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
Now with you I will seek other seas

2. You know that I own so little
In my boat there's no money nor weapons
You'll only find there my nets and my labor

3. You need the caring of my hands
Through my tiredness may others find resting
You need a love that just goes on loving

4. You who have fished other oceans
Ever longed for by souls that are waiting
My dear and good friend as thus You call me

"Lift Every Voice And Sing"

James Weldon Johnson (1921)

1. Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of liberty
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents sighed
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered
We have come treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered
Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

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3. God of our weary years, God of silent tears
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
 Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light
 Keep us forever in the path we pray
 Lest our feet stray from the places our God where we meet thee
 Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget thee
 Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand
 True to our God, true to our native land

"Silently We Look with God"

John Bell

Silently We Look with God
 On all that God has made
 Improvised eternally
 God 's wonder is displayed.

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

Text: Desmond Tutu, 1994; Music: John L. Bell, 1996
 Glory to God Hymnal #750

Goodness is stronger than evil;
 love is stronger than hate;
 light is stronger than darkness;
 life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
 Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

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Good-ness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than
 hate; light is strong - er than dark - ness;
 life is strong-er than death. Vic-tory is ours, vic-tory is
 Oh, vic-tory is ours,
 ours through him who loved us. us.
 vic-tory is ours through him who loved us. us.

"Canticle Of Turning" or "My soul cries out with a joyful shout"

Author: Rory Cooney (1990)

Inspired from the Magnificat, Mary's prayer in Luke 2.

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
 that the God of my heart is great
 And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
 that you bring to the ones who wait
 You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
 and my weakness you did not spurn
 So from east to west shall my name be blessed,
 could the world be about to turn

chorus

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
 Let the fires of your justice burn
 Wipe away all tears For the dawn draws near
 And the world is about to turn

2. Though I am small, my God, my all
 You work great things in me
 And Your mercy will last from the depths
 of the past to the end of the age to be
 Your very name puts the proud to shame
 and to those who would for you yearn
 You will show Your might, put the strong to flight
 for the world is about to turn

chorus

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower
 not a stone will be left on stone
 Let the king beware for your justice tears
 every tyrant from his throne
 The hungry poor shall weep no more
 for the food they can never earn
 There are tables spread, every mouth be fed
 for the world is about to turn

chorus

4. Though the nations rage from age to age
 we remember who holds us fast
 God's mercy must deliver us
 from the conqueror's crushing grasp
 This saving word that our forebears heard
 is a promise which holds us bound
 Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
 who is turning the world around

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1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, felt in the days when hope of lib - er -
rod, thou who hast brought us thus far on had the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905

LIFT EVERY VOICE
Irregular

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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Unison

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, and for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

WORDS: Rory Cooney (1952-)

MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Rory Cooney (1952-)

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STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
Irregular

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn, there are ta - bles spread, ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.