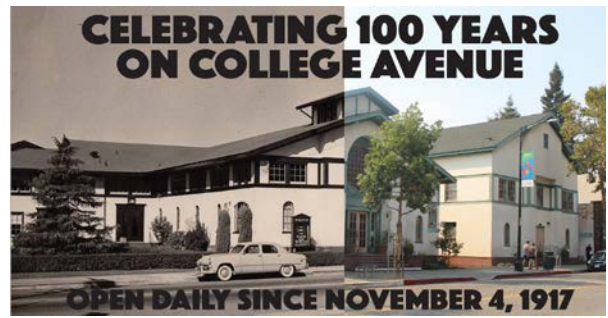


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November 5, 2017

We're observing 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

"Oh Happy Day"

- insert

CALL TO WORSHIP : OUR HISTORY OF 100 YEARS IN 4 MINUTES

- Anne Marie Adams

A video representation of the past 100 years of CAPC Oakland Ministry in Rockridge/ North Oakland

RECOGNIZING THE ALUMNI SAINTS AMONG US

- Rev. Bill Beatty

SONG OF PRAISE

"For All The Saints"

-Blue Hymnal #526

CALL TO MISSION: TAKING UP OUR CROSSES - ENTERING INTO THE STORY - Patt Schroeder

You are invited to take a post it, inscribe your name upon it and place it on the timeline of our church history at the point in which you first entered into this community space and place.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"Amen Chorus"

- Gary Yee

CHORAL OFFERING

"The Lord's Prayer"

CAPC Choir

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Jeff Trowbridge

1 Kings 19:1-15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

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SERMON

"3 Stories about Making the Absent God Present"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"The Church's One Foundation"

- Blue Hymnal #442

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY : GOD NOURISHES AND GROWS OUR FAITH

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBER : Carol Zappin

- Beth Beatty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we gather for communion we'll pray together for our families, friends, church, church leadership, city and world. You are invited to concisely speak aloud your prayer. Conclude it with the prompt below...

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

We're celebrating by gathering together around the table in the center of the sanctuary either standing, or seated in the front row. Our elders will serve us primarily by Intinction (taking a piece of bread and dipping it into a common cup). A plate of individual cups is available for those who prefer that. We'll remain around the table until the end of the service as we our call to be the body of Christ, making God present in our world today.

COMMUNION SONG

"You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

- Blue Hymnal #521

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

SUNG EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

"Peace Be With You"

- CAPC Choir

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"La Paz de Dios" | "Ping An" | "Salam almasih"

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 19:1-15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

This week we hear another story of Call – that of Elijah to faith in doubt, to discern the presence of the Divine in the seeming absence of God. When we're at the end of our rope (like Elijah in this chapter) we often turn to God in prayer for help. Sometimes we feel as if we have no answer, as if God isn't listening, or isn't even present with us. This can happen because of our preconceived ideas and expectations of what God will do and how God will act. It can come from our false expectation or readings of the biblical narratives when it seems as if God responded instantaneously and consistently. Theologian Miceal Ledwith surmises that "Normally the more deep and mature the faith of the person, the more likely he or she is to see this apparent silence or apparent absence of God as a time for purification. The more shallow the faith and the more inadequate the religious ideas in a person's consciousness the more likely that person is to react with impatience, hostility or even agnosticism." But is it really that black and white, is it a simple question of mature faith, versus immature (or fake) faith? Can we reduce it to a zero sum game of having more & more faith? Mother Teresa struggled her whole life with the absence of God.



Throughout the Bible, God at times seems to be as much absent as present. That's what is underneath the story of Elijah. People respond differently to this paradox. Some complain and grumble, like the Israelites in the wilderness. Some trust in God's provision like Abraham awaiting a lamb in Genesis 22. And some wrestle with God to force God's hand and intervention as Jacob does in Genesis 32. And yet God gave them strength for the journey of faith and life, and gives it to us today.

Paul talks about this same presence and absence in a different way, focusing upon the divergent parts of the human body as a metaphor for the mystery that the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. Jesus, resurrected and seemingly absent, is made present in the world in, through, and alongside us, when we live, act, and love together as Christ does.

Our church building turns 100 this weekend. The reasons for moving the church to this undeveloped virgin housing tract in 1917, the desire to provide a church where there wasn't one, is no longer valid. And yet we are called to be the church, to make the body of Christ present in a world that now believes that God is largely absent and silent. Maybe the mission of the church today isn't all that different than it was in 1917?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this passage?
- What word, phrase or image touches your life today?
- How, when and where have you experienced this mysterious paradox of God's calling – that God often chooses what we wouldn't, seeing more than we can or do?
- Talk with God about how your limited vision might be keeping you from knowing all of the fullness, goodness and peace God wants for you to know.

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

Join us today for birthday cake after worship! You're also welcome to stay longer for a potluck lunch inside.

We're creating a Centennial Fund inviting you to give a gift of \$100 in this auspicious anniversary year of our ministry as a church.

No youth group tonight. See you next Sunday at 7pm

CAPC Choir | Sunday after worship and Tuesday nights 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. Next 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.

Theology on Tap : Tuesday, November 7th @ 7:30pm at the Golden Squirrel Pub (across the street). Safe, open no-host conversation around a theological question.

Thanksgiving Meal 11/23rd 11am-1pm.

Donate to fund this vibrant ministry responding to the holiday hungers of Oakland, and/or come to eat or serve. Sign-ups and electronic donations online at www.capcoakland.org/thanksgiving-meal

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

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

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: Our Elders & Deacons
Fellowship: The Community
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Eli Torrez, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 11/12/17:

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Emma Fleming
Liturgist: *can you help as liturgist?*
Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The community is invited to respond to each phrase in the bold font.
The reader reads the plain font.*

One: We gather today to celebrate one hundred years of mission and ministry in this place and space.

Many: Creator God, may we continue to bear witness to your Love in our worship together and lives apart.

One: We give you thanks for the Saints before us who have prayed, worshipped, studied, and given of themselves as missionaries here in Oakland and to the ends of the Earth.

Many: Living God, may we continue to bear witness to your Grace and Peace in a world hungry for hope.

One: May we continue to be a reflection of the faith of those who have prepared the way for us.

Many: Eternal God, may we continue to bear witness to the hope and joy that we find in you!

One : We open our lives to this moment, realizing that your spirit has led us to this place and that it is your spirit calling us into the future.

Many: As you have blessed us in the past, bless us in this 36, 501st day here and in all the days to come. May we be found faithful to your love by those who come after us. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray, AMEN.

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Oh Happy Day"

1967 gospel music arrangement of an 18th-century hymn, first recorded by the Edwin Hawkins Singers

Oh happy day (oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh happy day)
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

He taught me how to walk,
fight, and pray, fight and pray
And live rejoicing every day,
every day

"For All the Saints"

*William Walsham How (1864)
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!

"The Church's One Foundation"

S. J. Stone (1866) | Blue Hymnal #442

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

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"The Church's One Foundation"

*S. J. Stone (1866) | Blue Hymnal #442
Continued...*

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

*Omer Westendorf (1976)
Blue Hymnal #521*

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your family Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

2. With joyful lips we sing to you,
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.