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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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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "Come! Live in the light! (We Are Called)" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "I Saw the Light" - Insert

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

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

SUNG RESPONSE "Piedad" - Blue Hymnal #395

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 "My Tribute" - Insert

READING OF SCRIPTURE John 13:31-3; 1 John 1:5-2:11 *Pew Bible, pp. 1044, 1183*

SERMON "More than Lip Service" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Thuma Mina" - Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "La paz de Cristo" (Spanish)

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 13:31-35; 1 John 1:5-2:11

The best teachers and leaders I've known were those that not only spoke but lived what they taught and said. Their coherence between what they said and did created a dynamic of authenticity that pulled me and anchored me in their example, allowing me to become more of who I am. Such integrity and authenticity is like rich soil in which a seemingly can only grow up and out, maturing into the future. And conversely the worst that I've known or followed did the opposite, everything about them was hypocritical, their actions seemed to have been simply self-congratulating lip-service.

Our second portion of the pastoral letter of 1st John is dealing with such leadership and life example. The author writes to a church community divided and hurting from leaders and teachers who were more about lip-service, than life-service, seemingly more concerned with their words than with the word of life known in Christ. While we have no specific examples of what happened in this troubled community (or communities) we can't help but hear the admonition to love as Christ loved. Such love is a life in the light, walking in the example of Jesus the Christ in whom we see, experience and know the living God. The world is changing. Light – God's light – is ascendant. The darkness is fleeting and fleeing. The world as we've known it has changed, even if and where we still see shadows of how things were before the coming of Christ.

The implication is that the human condition is one rooted more in hate and darkness, than light or love. The latter represent the freedom that we can know from the human condition: the darkness and decay of unavoidable death; fear-based other-destroying actions; a pervasive mistrust of others, of ourselves and of God.

Words have power. It's the ultimate power that homo sapiens have (the thesis of the recent best-seller *Sapiens*). And words seem to have more, or different power, today in our technologically enhanced society which seems to speak increasingly the vernacular of social-media. It's what thing to practice what you preach. What about practicing what you post? In a time of great change which is generating division, partisanship and fear; what does it mean, what does it look like for us to not just believe in Jesus, but to do what he did, to love as he loved, to walk in his light?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers in your attention to these readings?
- How do the metaphors used in these passages still speak to us today? Or not? (walk, hate, love)
- Are we to love everyone (our neighbors)?; or only those in the community of faith (brothers & sisters)?
- How do you struggle to walk in the light of God in a way that is coherent, not just lip-service, but practicing what you preach?
- What invitation to act, speak or be do you hear in today's scripture?



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	

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:20a

Youth Group tonight, Sundays 7-8:30p

Care Give Support Group, Today 3-5pm
Meets at the home of Marda Stothers near CAL.
Contact her for more info.

Choir Practice | No practice this week.

Friday Night Meal this week, Friday 6-7pm.
Contact Ellen Brylawski if you'd like to help.

Women's Group, Saturday 8:30am | in the church library (meets 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays)

Celtic Prayer Group | 6:45-8:15 every Wednesday. Light meal. Call Marda if you plan to attend. Meets near CAL.

Session Meeting, Thursday 7:30-9pm

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

ESL – Immigrant Ministry | We're starting up the next term of English as a Second Language classes at Primera Iglesia of Oakland (High Street) Monday, 1/28 at 7pm. You don't need a degree to help. Our class is small group 1 native speaker with 2 or 3 English learners in guided discussion. It's a great way to love our neighbors.

Vandalism Updates | The insurance adjustor visited us this week as part of the next step of our process or cleaning-up and rebuilding.

Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty

Reader: Marda Stothers

Godly Play: Cameron Beatty (ST); F. Darmstadt (DK)

Leadership for next week, 1/27/19:

Fellowship: Joy & Al Barnes

Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski (ST); Elaine Price (DK)

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Come! Live in the light! (We Are Called)"

David Haas (1988)

Glory to God Hymnal, #749

1. Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and violence will be no more!

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's responsive reading is from Psalm 27;
a mixture of the NRSV and The Message Translations.*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**ALL: When vandal hordes ride down
ready to eat me alive,
Those bullies and toughs
fall flat on their faces.**

One: When besieged,
I'm calm as a baby.
When all hell breaks loose,
I'm collected and cool.

**ALL: I'm asking God for one thing,
only one thing:
To live with him in his house
my whole life long.
I'll contemplate his beauty;
I'll study at his feet.**

One: That's the only quiet, secure place
in a noisy world,
The perfect getaway,
far from the buzz of traffic.

**ALL: God holds me head and shoulders
above all who try to pull me down.
I'm headed for his place to offer anthems
that will raise the roof!
Already I'm singing God-songs;
I'm making music to God.**

One: Listen, God,
I'm calling at the top of my lungs:
"Be good to me! Answer me!"
When my heart whispered, "Seek God,"
my whole being replied,
"I'm seeking him!"

**ALL: You've always been right there for me;
don't turn your back on me now.
Don't throw me out, don't abandon me;
you've always kept the door open.
My father and mother walked out and left me,
but God took me in.**

One: Point me down your highway, God;
direct me along a well-lighted street;
show my enemies whose side you're on.
Don't throw me to the dogs,
those liars who are out to get me,
filling the air with their threats.

**ALL: I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness
in the exuberant earth.
Stay with God!
Take heart. Don't quit.
I'll say it again:
Wait for the Lord!**

I Saw The Light"

Hank Williams, 1948

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

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"I Saw The Light"

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

2. Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

3. I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

4. God give me wisdom when I walk this path
Show me the right way to love and to laugh
I cant walk without you sharing my plight
Praise the lord I saw the light

"Piedad (Have Mercy, Lord, on Me)"

Author: Marcelino Montoya

Translator: George Paul Simmonds (1968)

Blue Hymnal #395

1. Take pity, Lord, I pray Thee,
Thy mercy show to me,
My sins and my wrongdoing
I now confess to thee, hear my prayer;
O Lamb for sinners wounded,
Redeemer of mankind,
Eternal life and pardon
My soul in Thee doth find.

Refrain:

Have mercy, Lord, A sinner cries to Thee,
Have mercy, Lord, Have mercy, Lord, on me.

2. O holy Lord Almighty,
My need to Thee I bear,
Although undone, unworthy,
I pray Thee, hear my prayer;
O Lamb for sinners wounded,
Redeemer of mankind,
Eternal life and pardon
My soul in Thee doth find.

"My Tribute"

Andraé Crouch (1971)

1. How can I say thanks
For the things You have done for me?
Things so undeserved
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to Thee

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

With His blood, He has saved me
With His power, He has raised me;
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

Just let me live my life
Let it pleasing, Lord to Thee
And if I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary

"Thuma Mina" (Send Me, Lord)

A song from the Xhosa and Zulu peoples of South Africa

Translator: David Dargie; Glory to God #746

Zulu:

1. Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Nkosi yam.

English:

1. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, into the world.

2. Lead me, Jesus,...

3. Fill me, Jesus,...

4. Teach me, Jesus,...

5. Save me, Jesus,...

6. Send me Jesus,...