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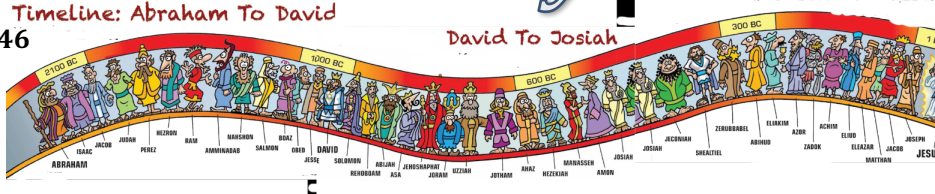


Who are you?

Timeline: Abraham To David

David To Josiah

Josiah To Jesus



The First Sunday of Christmas || December 30, 2018

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

As we gather for worship you're invited to come forward and light a candle, placing it in the sand tray on the table as a sign of your hope and prayers in this Christmas Season. You'll find candles on the pull-out table in the back row of our sanctuary space.

GATHERING SONG

"That Boy Child Of Mary"

- Blue Hymnal #55

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Rise Up Shepherd And Follow"

- Blue Hymnal #50

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

SUNG RESPONSE

"While We Are Waiting Come"

- 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

"Raise A Song Of Gladness"

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READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:1-17

Pew Bible, p.933

SERMON

"Introductions"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

- Blue Hymnal #36

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

"La paz de Christo"

(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 Matthew 1:1-17

Hello
my name is

What's in a name? Or What's in a family tree? Our reading today is one that's rarely done – if ever – in worship. It can seem so boring, trite and tedious. Why would Matthew even include it in his telling of the life of Jesus as space was limited on ancient skins and parchment. Luke too includes a genealogy (see Luke 3:23-38) but his differs from that of Matthew.

We can read through the text without much impact. But looking closer there are a few details to notice, Numbers play an important role in Judaic ritual practices and are believed to be a means for understanding the divine. 1) Fourteen is 2×7 (which is the number representative of God and divinity). Jesus is thus born as the first of the 7th generation of 7 when you look at the list. 2) In Hebrew, letters also double as numbers. Each consonant has a numerical value. The numerical values of the consonants in the name David add up to 14. [d=4] [v=6] so $d+v+d=4+6+4=14$. The number fourteen also reinforces a notion of destiny or providence in the ways in which the generations are evenly divided in the birth line of Jesus who is the culmination of Jewish history and lineage.

Looking closer you may notice that this family tree isn't exactly perfect (at times a few generations are skipped like after Uzziah, and Josiah was actually the grandfather of Jeconiah). And upon closer inspection you may notice that the tree also includes five women, four of whom were either foreign (Gentile) born or sexually dubious, or both! The tree also includes a few good kings of Israel, many sort-of-decent rulers, and even the worst of the worse such as Ahaz and Manasseh. We might need some brushing up on our Israelite history – but curiously this important family tree includes liars, cheat, idolators, traitors, foreigners, prostitutes, and folks who worshipped other gods. How does Jesus come from that? How can that history be so important? How could the Jewish nation consider themselves so pure and “the people of God” with such dubious family members? Why would Matthew include all of this – even starting his gospel with it? And what does it mean for us today in our lives of faith?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What shimmers in your attention to these readings?**
- **Matthew intentionally starts his gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus. He's the only one of the four gospel authors to do so. Why would he do that? Who is Jesus? How is he introduced? How does that shape our experience of Jesus through the story of the gospel? The larger story of the people of God (what we call the Bible)? The even larger story of the people of God – including us today?**

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

Change to Change Lives Offering! | Thank you! Together we raised \$644.97 last week to empower the work of Witnessing Ministries of Christ among the Dali (Untouchables) in India. You can still give to that annual offering if you forgot to do so. Be sure to label that gift “Change to Change Lives” in the memo line or on an envelope.

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:15a

Youth Group no meeting tonight

Choir Practice | No practice this week.

Christmas Eve Celebration You can find photos of the Christmas Eve fun on our website under “photos” or on our Facebook page @capcoakland or look for them in today's power point slideshow after worship.

There is no Friday Night Meal this week

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

Giant Greeting Card Ministry | Carmen Bryant (the wife of Bill) went in for surgery this weekend to remove cancer in her colon. The doctors ended up removing her whole colon. She is still hospitalized, recovering, hoping to return home by the new year. You can sign a giant post-it card for her today to express your love and solidarity. Look for it up front.

Deacons Hygiene Bags | We're creating bags we all can distribute to those we encounter on the street. We're aiming for needed daily things such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand wipes, dental floss, etc. *Talk to Ben Bencomo for more info.*

Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Linda Davis; Louise Hirschman
Godly Play: Children remain in worship during the holiday season.

Leadership for next week, 1/6/18:

Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt, Kristy Parsons
McClain

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S ADVENT CELEBRATION

"That Boy Child Of Mary"

*A Tom Colvin (1967), Malawi Melody,
Blue Hymnal #55*

Refrain:

That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,
A manger His cradle in Bethlehem.

1 What shall we call Him, child of the manger?
What name is given in Bethlehem?

2 His name is Jesu, God ever with us,
God given for us, in Bethlehem.

3 How can He save us, how can He help us,
Born here among us, in Bethlehem?

4 Gift of the Father, to human mother,
Makes Him our brother of Bethlehem.

5 One with the Father, He is our Savior,
Heaven-sent Helper of Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise Him, love and adore Him,
Give ourselves to Him, of Bethlehem.

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's reading comes from www.ministrymatters.com
adapted by Monte*

One: In the midst of darkness,
God brings a new light.

**ALL: A light that the darkness can neither
vanquish nor comprehend.**

One: In the midst of confusion and fear,
God brings hope and peace.

**ALL: A peace that both surpasses and
gives understanding.**

One: In the midst of strife and stress,
God comforts, soothes and give us rest.

**ALL: God is gentle and humble in heart,
his yoke is easy, and burden is light.**

One: In the closure of the year we experience
an ending and a new beginning.

**ALL: In torturous turns, unexpected visages,
and unforeseen impasses, Jesus is the
resurrection and life, calling us home.**

"Rise Up Shepherd And Follow"

*African-American Spiritual,
Blue Hymnal #50*

1. There's a star in the East
on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place
where the Christ was born,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain:

Follow, follow,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2. If you take good heed
to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flocks,
you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

"While We Are Waiting Come"

*Claire Cloninger / © Copyright 1986 Word Music
Glory to God Hymnal #92*

1. While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.

2. With power and glory, come;
With power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.

3. Come, Savior, quickly come;
Come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come.

Raise A Song Of Gladness"

*Author: Taizé Community (1978)
Glory to God Hymnal #155*

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

*Christina G. Rossetti
Blue Hymnal #36*

1. In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

2. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

3. Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But His mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

4. What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him:
Give my heart.