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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" - Blue Hymnal #379

## CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" - Blue Hymnal # 403

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CELEBRATING GOD'S GOOD CREATION IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Cam Beatty  
 THROUGH THE LIFE STORY OF John Roy Lynch

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 "Lift Every Voice And Sing" - Blue Hymnal #563

READING OF SCRIPTURE 1 John 2:18-3:10 Pew Bible, pp. 1044

SERMON "Love, Love, Love, Love" - Monte McClain

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Keep Your Lamp" - Insert

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL MASHUP RESPONSE "To God be the Glory – My Tribute" - Insert

## 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 "Ping An" (Mandarin, Chinese)

*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

### 1 John 2:18-3:10

How do you deal with people with whom you strongly disagree? Increasingly, or at least so it seems, we seek to cut them off and out of our life, giving them with derogatory names or labels. While it might not be conscious, such efforts are dehumanizing, seeking to overlook, deny or eliminate their humanity. Theologically doing so means that we deny the ways in which our neighbor (like us) is also created in the image of God. Today we call such opponents "socialist," "fascist," or other names picking up on notions of exclusion. In the text the author calls the opponents of the community "antichrist(s)". If you google that word you'll find many images of both Presidents Obama and Trump. It makes me wonder if our opposition to those who we identify as our enemies isn't a form of idolatry, in which we merely remake the world in our image, excluding what we don't like or want.

We enter into the meaty part of the religious tract we call 1 John. Chapters 2 and 3 begin to deal more specifically with the problems facing the community.. There are some, most likely teachers, among them who are called antichrists. They seem to be teaching that Jesus is something more than what they had all understood from the beginning of their faith. It most likely was related to docetism, the philosophical-religious belief that the spiritual is separate and always superior to the physical. This thought could lead to a rejection of the earthly Jesus as divine, or even delegitimize the importance of living faith out in the world in physical actions. These opponents are identifiable in that they do not love as Jesus loved, they seem to say one thing and do another, remembered for their words and lack of action.

I wonder if we misunderstand faith because we all too often judge faith as something you have or don't have. The author uses the language of Jesus to talk about faith as a relational dynamic, repeating with deepening meaning the use of the word "abide." It harkens back to John 15 and the metaphor of the living connection between a vine and its branches for the ways in which we live, move and have our being in God through a relationship with Christ. Plant growth ebbs and flows, dormant at times, then burgeoning at others. But without connection to the life-sustaining sap located in the vine or the trunk, the plant cannot, will not grow towards harvest or flowering; the purpose of its existence. Linguistically the word "devil" means "the one who divides" – which is exactly against what the author of 1 John warns.



### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What shimmers in your attention in this reading?
- What does it mean to be born of God?
- How do respond to those who disagree with you in regards to faith and theology? How do you struggle to love them?
- What invitation to act, speak or be do you hear in today's scripture?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Cecelia Jackson – *turning 90!*
- 9 Chelsea Casey Osoria 2008  
Angel Carney 2002
- 21 Elena Wenzler 2008

### COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

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

**Nominating Committee Meeting** today 12pm

**Youth Group** Sundays (tonight) 7-8:30p

**Coffee & Conversations Tuesday 2/12 10-11a**  
Open Safe BYO conversation about faith on the patio in front of Safeway at Claremont @ College

**Meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco Tuesday 2/12 3-9pm** at First Pres Richmond.  
More info at [www.presbyteryofsf.org/current-presbytery-meeting-packet/](http://www.presbyteryofsf.org/current-presbytery-meeting-packet/)

**Choir Practice** | Tuesdays 5:30pm

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)

**Give a Relational Tithe** | Encourage another with a hand-written note. Find cards on the back wall! Sign our giant card for Linda Trowbridge and/or sign-up to show your love in action through a hot meal or other concrete action.

**ESL – Immigrant Ministry** | We teach English as a Second Language classes at Primera Iglesia of Oakland (High Street) Mondays from 7-9pm. *It's a great way to love our neighbors and join in what God's doing right here in Oakland.*

**Celebrating Lunar New Year** next Sunday.

### Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Elaine Price, Chris Olson  
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Rady Beatty (DK)  
Black History Month Sharing: Cam Beatty

### Leadership for next week, 2/17/19:

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski  
Godly Play: Bill Beatty (ST); Joy Barnes (DK)  
Black History Month Sharing: Gary Yee

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

### "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

Edward Mote (1834) | Blue Hymnal #379

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

### CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's response is written by Rev. Kathleen Sheets, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jesup, IA.*

One: To those fishing in the boat Jesus said:

**ALL: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."**

One: To the tax collector Jesus said:

**ALL: "Follow me."**

One: To the rich man Jesus said:

**ALL: "Go, sell what you own,  
and give the money to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven;  
then come, follow me."**

One: At the last supper Jesus said:

**ALL: "Follow me."**

One: To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says:

**ALL: "Follow me!"**

### "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1855) | Blue Hymnal #403

1. What a friend we have in Jesus  
All ours sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer

2. O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

3. Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

4. Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

5. Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

6. Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there



### **“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.

1. Lord, willingly Thou gavest  
Thyself for all to die,  
And purchase full redemption  
For sinners such as I;  
O blessed be Thy name, Lord,  
Through all eternity  
For bearing shame and anguish  
Upon the cross for me.

### **“Lift Every Voice And Sing”**

*James Weldon Johnson, 1921*

*Blue Hymnal #563*

*Please stand as we sing this hymnal together.*

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

### **“How Great Thou Art”**

*Author: Carl Gustav Boberg; Translator: Stuart K. Hine*

*(1949) ; Blue Hymnal #467*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

*chorus*

Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

2. And thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

3. And when I think that God, His son not sparing  
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

### **“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