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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

"What Wondrous Love"

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

### SONG OF PRAISE

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

- Blue Hymnal # 85

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### CELEBRATING GOD'S GOOD CREATION IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH THROUGH THE LIFE STORY OF Marcus Foster

- Gary Yee

### 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

Genesis 4:1-8, 1 John 3:11-24

Pew Bible, pp. 4 & 1184

### SERMON

"Love as Commanded | Commandment as Love"

- Monte McClain

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### SONG OF RESPONSE

"Keep Your Lamp"

- Insert

## 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

"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 Genesis 4:1-8, 1 John 3:11-24

Faith is a fierce freeing force in life. The stories of the Bible point to a radical movement of liberation, self-discovery, mutual empowerment and life-changing peace – created by God's word, facilitated by the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus, and which rises up from the seed sown and nourished by the Spirit of God. Jesus says that faith moves mountains. It brought the Israelites out of slavery. Faith moved Rahab to risk everything. It inspired Joshua to dare to dream. It brought Hannah to a tear-filled seemingly-drunk prayer for a child that was heard and acted upon. It gave courage to Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego in the flames. It gave Esther the courage to risk everything to save her people. Peter left his fishing nets for it. Mary Magdalene gave away everything she had because of it. The bleeding woman found a new family. By faith the herdsman possessed by a legion brought a legion to discover the man that delivered him. All because of a faith that was experienced and paid forward through concrete acts of wondrous love.

Cain, the emblematic jealous sibling couldn't fathom sharing his glory – or anything – with his brother.

He loved himself by killing his brother so that he could have everything. The author of 1st John reminds us of what separates Cain from Jesus, love from hate, life from death. Yet all too often we transform faith in Christ from loving actions to a feeling of superiority because we uphold the correct beliefs or state faith in the most appropriate way. Word do matter, but if they're not accompanied, or embodied in action then they're merely a clanging symbol making noise but changing nothing. 1 John remind us that love is not a commandment, rather the commandment is to love.

In our time of division, mistrust, and protest we are quick to name what we hate, that with which we disagree, those who betray love; yet we struggle to love those from whom we differ, those who are hard to love, those who require too much of us. Jesus defines love as giving your life for another. It's not just a word, or a credo, it's what he did. How do we love faced with poverty, a teacher's strike, political polarization, racial exclusion, fear of being left behind?

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What shimmers in your attention in this reading?
- What have you been taught or heard that it means to obey God? How has that given you life?; or distracted you from life? Or maybe both? How does submission to Christ shape and transform us?; How has it shaped you?
- How where and when are you more attracted to the example of Cain, to refusing compassion, shutting your heart off to those in need?
- What invitation to act, speak or be do you hear in today's scripture?



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

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

**Care Givers' Support Group** | today 3-5:00 pm  
at the home of Marda Stothers (near CAL)  
Contact her with questions 540-7173.

**No Youth Group** tonight

**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. NO CLASS THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY*

**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.

**Celebrating Lunar New Year** next Sunday – and with pink bulletins during the Spring Festival

**Pick up a copy of a letter written by Ross Laverty to the church community** | in the entry

**Faith in the Public Square | You can join in!**

- Help us as we potentially host strike school for Peralta Elementary and Middle & High School Music Classes – *possibly next week*.
- Help share the invitation to join in the National Day of Unplugging March 1-2.  
*Talk to Monte to get involved!*

**Thank you to Today's Leadership**

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

**Leadership for next week, 2/24/19:**

Fellowship: Gary Yee & Patt Schroeder  
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); F. Darmstadt (DK)  
Black History Month Sharing: Chickwendu Okereke

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

### "What Wondrous Love"

*Anonymous | Blue Hymnal # 85*

- 1 What wondrous love is this o my soul, o my soul  
What wondrous love is this o my soul  
What wondrous love is this that cause the lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down, sinking down  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous  
frown  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul
3. To God and to the lamb I will sing I will sing  
To God and to the lamb I will sing  
To God and to the lamb, who is the great "I Am"  
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing  
While millions join the them I will sing
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on  
And through eternity I'll sing on

### CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's response comes from a liturgy created by the Iona  
Community of Scotland, committed to worship renewal & justice.*

One: Breath of God,  
Breath of life,  
Breath of deepest yearning,  
**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: Comforter,  
Disturber,  
Interpreter,  
Enthusier,  
**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: Heavenly Friend  
Lamplighter,  
Revealer of Truth,  
Midwife of change,  
**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**  
*Continued next column*

One: The Lord is here.  
**ALL: God's Spirit is with us.**

### "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*Peter Scholtes (1966)) | Glory to God Hymnal #300*

1. We are one in the spirit  
We are one in the lord  
We are one in the spirit  
We are one in the lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored
- chorus*  
And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians By our love
2. We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

*chorus*

3. We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard human dignity  
And save human pride

*chorus*

4. All praise to the father  
From whom all things come  
All praise to the Christ Jesus  
God's only son  
And all praise to the spirit  
Who makes us one

*chorus*

### **“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;  
From all of my transgressions  
Thou, Lord, Hast set me free,  
Thy blood so precious shedding  
Upon the cruel tree.

*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.*

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 \*fathers 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 from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

### **“Keep Your Lamp”**

*African American spiritual ; Blue Hymnal #467*

1. Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
Keep your lamp trimmed and burning  
See what my Lord has done

*chorus*

Now don't get worried  
Well don't get worried  
No, don't get worried  
See what my Lord has done

2. Here I stand with my open arms

*chorus*

3. You gotta live like salt and light

*chorus*

4. Heaven's journey almost over

*chorus*

