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Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, 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 simple drink and 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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February 19, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"The Heart of Worship"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Give Me Jesus"

- insert

A LITURGY OF DOUBT

TIME OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Forgive Us Lord"

- insert

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 in the lounge off the entryway.

CELEBRATING THE DIVERSE BEAUTY OF GOD'S GOOD CREATION: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- Cameron Beatty

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"Lift Every Voice And Sing"

- insert, v.3

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 7:36-8:3

- Pew Bible, p. 1000

SERMON

"The Hard Work of Love"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"I Know The Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me"

- insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"المسيح سلام" or "Salam almasih" (Arabic)

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 Bible Text

Luke 7:36-8:3

The gospel of Luke is written with a Gentile or Greek-speaking cultured people in mind. To them the author writes an account, composed using eyewitness accounts, of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. As Jesus has continued to teach and heal, he has frequently defied people's expectations about how a holy man behaves. He has healed on the Sabbath, he has called tax collectors to follow him, and he has healed foreigners. While many religious leaders have rejected Jesus, Simon the Pharisee is sufficiently impressed with Jesus to invite him to dinner. But Simon finds his understanding of hospitality and holiness challenged as he opens his doors and welcomes Jesus into his home.

The notion of faith and piety in the day of Jesus was tied with the Hebrew Scriptures which talked of how God dwelt among the chosen people. First in the tabernacle, then the Temple, and also in their daily lives. If God is sacred, holy and righteous, then God can only dwell among those who are holy and righteous. Maintaining that relational proximity required the people to keep kosher, abstaining from contact with defiled or unrighteous things and people, such as contact with the dead, those inflicted with skin diseases (like leprosy) and those who defiled the ways of God by their actions or disbelief (tax collectors, prostitutes, and Gentiles).



Simon, a Pharisee, belongs to the religious group which placed particular emphasis on obeying to the extreme all of the Torah law in the Hebrew Scriptures. Ironically, it's that obedience which seems to blind him. Jesus talks most about love in his words. Pointing to the radical gesture of the unnamed woman who anoints his feet (a sign of respect and devotion, and maybe repentance) with an ointment which most likely was her prized possession in life. Jesus tells a parable to Simon and the others involved in the conversation around the table about debts and forgiveness (a metaphor regularly associated with sin and grace).

The story is not hard to follow, or is the point Jesus makes hidden. What's striking is how Simon, who seems to be so right-on-track is so blind to his own spiritual blindness. Often when we love someone we expect them to automatically know everything we think or want. That's not realistic. It's what we grow through in love as we learn to speak our hearts and hear those of the ones we love. Jesus seems to know those thoughts in both Simon and the woman, even though Simon can't admit it to himself and the woman cannot say it aloud, looking Jesus in the eyes.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

*What strikes you in this passage? How does it interact with your life today, the questions you have, the issues you're facing?

*How could Simon be so blind to the need of the woman? How do you not see those in need around you? Who are they?

*The woman is healed in and by her faith, sent off in the peace of Christ – the wholeness of his love. How do you need his peace?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

February Birthdays

4 (2008) William Markman 8 Cecelia Jackson
9 (2008) Chelsea Osoria 9 (2002) Angel Carney
21 (2008) Elena Wenzler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sanctuary Church – faith in the public square | Are you interested in learning what being a Sanctuary Church can mean? Come and hear a brief intro with info today after worship from 12:50-1:00pm in the library.

CAPC Choir | Wed 6-7pm and Sun at 11:50am. Talk to Pete for more information, or just come and join in!

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

The Vocabulary of Faith Bible Study | Sunday 9:30-10:15a. Each week find the text we study together at capcoakland.org under "resources" and a copy in the entry

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Call Marda @ 540.7173

Women's Group | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library. Currently discussing Romans.

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, February, 25th at 8:30pm at the home of Bill Beatty 5653 Ocean View 94618. RSVP for a food head count to Bill at billbeatty55@gmail.com.

Celebration of Fixed Sanctuary | Today, February, 19th at 4:00pm at Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana. 1941 High St

Session Meeting | Thursday, February 23rd, 7:30-9:00pm

Youth Group | Canceled because of the holiday weekend.

Retreat Planning Meeting | Sunday, 2/26 @ 1:30pm at Acapulco's Restaurant (2100 Lincoln Ave | Alameda 94501)

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner | Tuesday, 2/28 @ 6pm.

Ash Wednesday Mediation Service with Interactive Prayer Stations | Wednesday, 3/1 @ 7:30pm

CAPC Book Club: Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 7th We're discussing *All the Light We Cannot See*.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist:

Fellowship: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Emma Fleming (DK)

Black History Month Sharing: Cameron Beatty

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim & Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 2/26/17 :

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Liturgist: *Can you help?*

Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty

Godly Play: Joy Barnes (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)

Black History Month Sharing: Sharon Nelson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103, adapted from the Message Translation
*Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.***

Leader: O my soul, bless God.
From head to toe, I'll bless God's holy name!

**All: O my soul, bless God,
don't forget a single blessing!**

Leader: The LORD forgives your sins—every one.
Heals your diseases—every one.
Redeems you from hell—saves your life!

**All: Crowns you with love and mercy
—a paradise crown.
Wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.
Renews your youth
—you're always young in his presence.**

Leader: God makes everything come out right;
he puts victims back on their feet.

**All: : God is sheer mercy and grace;
not easily angered, he's rich in love.**

Leader: God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

**All: As high as heaven is over the earth,
so strong is divine love to those who fear God.**

SONG LYRICS

"The Heart of Worship"

Songwriters: Matt Redman

1. When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless your heart
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Refrain

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you,
It's all about you, Jesus

Continued....

2. King of endless worth
No one could express
How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is yours
Every single breath
I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Bridge

It's all about you, Jesus
It's all about you
It's all about you
It's all about you

"Give Me Jesus"

Jeremy Camp

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Chorus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all the rest
But give me Jesus

2. My mother used to say,

3. Dark midnight was my cry,

4. And when I'm about to die,

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Author: James Weldon Johnson (1921)

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we
forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

“Forgive Us, Lord (Pardon, Señor)”

Author: Jorge Lockward (1995)

Translator: Raquel Mora Martínez (1995)

Glory to God Hymnal #431

Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us, Lord.

1. For grievance and injustice:

Forgive us, Lord.

Aloofness and indifference.

Forgive us, Lord.

2. For weakness and transgression:

Forgive us, Lord.

Resistance and rebellion:

Forgive us, Lord.

3. In your eternal mercy:

Forgive us, Lord.

In your sustaining grace:

Forgive us, Lord.

“I Know The Lord Has Laid His Hands On Me”

African-American Spiritual

Chorus

Oh I know the Lord, I know the Lord

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, Oh

I know the Lord, I know the Lord

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

1. Did ever you see the like before?

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

King Jesus preaching to the poor

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

chorus

2. Oh wasn't that such a happy day

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

When Jesus washed all my sins away

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

chorus

3. How great a day, how great the hour

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

When Jesus comes with all His power

I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

chorus

4. My Lord's done just what he said;

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;

he's healed the sick and raised the dead;

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

chorus