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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 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.

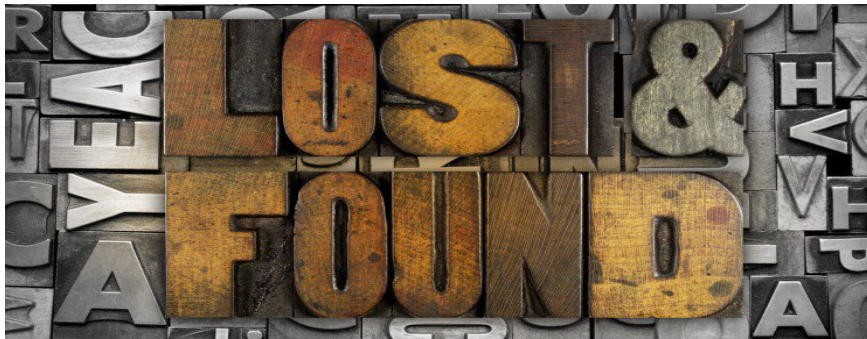
WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

CCL #1137062



The Third Week of Lent
 March 19, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"God Welcomes All"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace"

- Blue Hymnal #649

Those going to Godly Play are invited to come forward and depart through the double doors on the left at the conclusion of this song.

TIME OF CONFESSION

"Body Prayer"

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

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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.

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"In the Lord"

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-32

- Fredora Darmstadt

- Pew Bible, p. 1013

SERMON

"Lost and Found"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**CALLED AS DISCIPLES TO A COMMUNITY THAT CONFIRMS OUR CALLS TO SERVICE
 INSTALLING & ORDAINING DEACONS & ELDERS**

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Here I Am Lord"

- Blue Hymnal #525

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

"Rath Dé ort" pronounced [rah jay urt]

(Irish)

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 15:1-32

The early church emerged from a monocultural grouping of Jewish followers of Jesus into a multicultural gathering of people across racial, class and cultural barriers to gathered in a shared hope and trust in Jesus as the Lord of all things. Undoubtedly the church had tension, dissension and disagreement (that's what most of the epistle, letters written by the Apostle Paul in the New Testament deal with). Something in our human nature pushes us to competition and judgment, rejecting or suspecting what's different than us as threatening, inferior or to-be-avoided. In his life, and among his own tribe of people Jesus also encountered such thinking which isn't that different than the cultural problems that punctuate our society and threaten our stability today.

Chapter 15 is a set of 3 parables spoken into to context of trouble at table, where the "better off" grumble and mumble at being associated with the "less off" (or sinners). The story is about living in 'silos' and how that impedes us from seeing what God has both created and calls us to experience, know and love. It all starts with Jesus have a meal with Pharisees, Scribes (the upper crust) and also Tax Collectors and "sinners" (the hoi polloi, neither spiritual nor religious, collaborators). He's criticized for associating with such deplorables. It was normal and expected for the well-off to give food to the poor and marginalized. But eating with them was a connotation of equality, unity, and community. That was just too much. They were to be tolerated and helped, but not associated with, invited in and given a place at the table.

Jesus responds to their mumbling and grumbling with three parables about lost things: a sheep, a coin, and a son (or maybe it's sons?). When each lost thing is found there is a communal celebration. A large flock of sheep most likely was jointly owned by the whole village. Coins were rare and precious in a society based on barter. Children and families were part of a larger extended family including cousins, neighbors and fellow villagers. The loss is for the whole community. Jesus is lifting up a connection between all people through the love and purpose of God. He seems to imply that if one is lost, we all are lost. If one is found we all are – more than ample reason to celebrate and be grateful. The parables are told to foster a deeper sense of community and belonging, the importance of each person created in the image of God.



Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

*What strikes you in this passage ? How does it interact with what you're living these days, or thinking about?

* How do you wrestle with the question of being associated with those you may consider to be more "lost" than yourself, such as the Pharisees saw the tax collectors, shepherds and other societal deplorables they called "sinners"? How did they live in a bubble? How did that impede them from seeing what Jesus is trying to communicate to them, and which God wanted for all people? Who is lost in these parables and the larger story? How? What's the point?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

March Birthdays

1 Al Barnes	
6 Jeff Trowbridge	Chris Wenzler
9 Emily Wenzler	12 Kristy McClain
17 Louise Hirschman	22 Ellen Brylawski
24 Marda Stothers	28 Lucian Haynes (2010)
31 Gordon Laverty	

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Bible as an Open Book (Bible Study) | Sunday 9:30 Find the text we study together online & copy in the entry

Letter Writing on behalf of the Golden Squirrel | Our neighbors are looking for community letter-writing support. If you're willing, look for the blue how to aid in the entryway.

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

Leadership Retreat for Deacons & Elders | Saturday, April 1st 9:00-11:45am.

Taizé Song & Prayer for Lent: Wednesdays, 7:30pm

Accompanying Immigrants: Are you interested? Listen for Louise's announcement. Tell her if you'd like to help.

March in National Women's Month: find faith related resources on the purple paper in the entryway.

Holy Week 2017:

Palm Sunday, April 9: service at 10:30am; Palm Branch procession from BART at 10am

Maundy Thursday Service: April 13th @ 7:30pm

Good Friday Service: April 14th @ 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th @ 10:30am, with an egg hunt for kids after the service.

MONTE NEEDS HELP!!! Can you help with the palm branch parade, or dying easter eggs with the kids on 4/9? With the evening services? And Easter? Talk to Monte.

Monte will be gone on study leave this week and the next. We'll have a guest preacher next Sunday 3/26.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Albert Hussian, Jeff Trowbridge

Liturgist: Fredora Darmstadt

Fellowship: Margaret Smith

Godly Play: Linda Davis (ST); Cameron Beatty (DK)

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

Leadership for next week, 3/26/17 :

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson

Liturgist:

Fellowship: Chickwendu Okereke & family

Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from the Iona Worship Book

Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.**

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: The earth and all its people.

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

All: to live together in unity.

Leader: Love and faith come together,

All: Justice and peace join hands.

Leader: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

All: these stones would shout aloud.

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

SONG LYRICS

"God Welcomes All"

Author: John L. Bell (2008)

Musical score on the back of this sheet.

1. God welcome all,
stranger and friends;
God's love is strong
and it never ends.

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Shirley Erena Murray

1. Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

"In the Lord, I'll be Ever Thankful"

Taizé Community

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord, I'll rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

"Amazing Grace, How sweet the Sound"

John Newton (1772)

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

"Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; Blue Hymnal #525

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

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2. I, the Lord, of snow and rain,
 I have borne My people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them,
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak My word to them.
 Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them,
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 Till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give My life to them.
 Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

"The Summons"

John Bell

1. Will you come and follow
 me if I but call your name
 Will you go where you don't know
 and never be the same
 Will you let my love be shown
 Will you let my name be known
 Will you let my life be grown
 in you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
 if I but call your name
 Will you care for cruel and kind
 and never be the same
 Will you risk the hostile stare
 Should your life attract or scare
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see
 if I but call your name
 Will you set the prisoners free
 and never be the same
 Will you kiss the leper clean
 And do such as this unseen
 And admit to what I mean
 in you and you in me

4. Will you love the "you" you hide
 if I but call your name
 Will you quell the fear inside
 and never be the same
 Will you use the faith you've found
 To reshape the world around
 Through my sight and touch and sound
 in you and you in me

God Welcomes All 399

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;
 God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.