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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 Fourth Week of Lent
 March 26, 2017

GATHERING SONG	"How Great Thou Art"	- insert
CALL TO WORSHIP		- Albert Hussian
SONG OF PRAISE	"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"	- insert
	<i>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.</i>	
TIME OF CONFESSION		- Albert Hussian
	<i>Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon</i>	
SONG OF RESPONSE	"Come and Find the Quiet Center"	- insert
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER		- Erin Grayson
	<i>Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card</i>	
Leader: God, in your mercy.		
People: Hear our prayer.		
	<i>To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist in the lounge off the entryway.</i>	
GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH		
OFFERTORY SONG	"In the Lord"	- insert
LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD		
READING OF SCRIPTURE		- Erin Grayson
Psalm 23 & John 9:1-41		- Pew Bible, p. 538, 1038
SERMON	"Blessed are the Storytellers"	- Erin Grayson
RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD		
SONG OF RESPONSE	"Give Me Jesus"	- insert
ANNOUNCEMENTS		- Albert Hussian
SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE		- Albert Hussian
Leader: God is good!	Leader: And all the time!	
People: All the time!	People: God is good!	
EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION		- Erin Grayson
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST	"La paix de Dieu"	(French)

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.

Welcome to Erin Grayson today's guest preacher!

This morning we're blessed to have Erin Grayson preaching and leading us in worship. Erin is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church, USA and a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School. She has served the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, CT as the youth and family ministerial intern, and the Lyme Chapel as pastor, stated supply. She is committed to building up and inspiring God's community to live according to Jesus' great commandment: to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Erin and her husband Tony have three great kids, Aiden, Corinne, and Caleb who have just relocated to the Bay Area. You can follow Erin's blog at www.erinkgrayson.com, where she writes about the art of faithful living.



Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me!"

We're still seeking to live into that word 2,000 years later.

**RE-ENTER
THE STORY WITH US
AS WE RETELL IT
IN COMMUNITY ...**



HOLY WEEK @ CAPC OAKLAND



ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

March Birthdays

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.

Next Sunday April 2nd is the Oakland Running Festival There will be multiple street closures – both temporary and permanent around Oakland during this marathon day We shouldn't have any problem around church.

MONTE NEEDS HELP DURING HOLY WEEK!!!

Can you help with the palm branch parade, or dying Easter eggs with the kids on 4/9?

He also needs help with a dinner service on 4/13 and Good Friday Service 4/14. Sign up on the tri-board today.

Friday Night Meal: Friday, April 14th 6-7pm Festival

We are looking for a team of people to help us host, prepare and serve the FNM on 4/14. This involves planning, shopping, cooking, setting up, serving and cleaning up – you can do either any or all of it! Sign up on the tri-board today or message Monte.

Monte is gone on study leave until Thursday night.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson
Liturgist: Albert Hussian
Fellowship: Chickwendu Okereke & family
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Roger Kim & Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 4/2/17 :

Ushers: Bob Brylawski, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: Chuck Marut
Fellowship: Elaine Price; Chris Olson
Godly Play: Children stay in worship for communion

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ministry Matters, inspired from John 9
*Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.***

Leader: Once you lived in darkness.

All: Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Leader: Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

**All: The acts of darkness are left behind
as we journey to God's light.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

**All: Open our eyes and our hearts
to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.**

SONG LYRICS

"How Great Thou Art"

Stuart K. Hine (1953)

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:

Refrain:

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 When through 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!"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Healing God, we have languished in our blindness. We have
chosen to hide in darkness in order to avoid reaching out and
risking acceptance. We are afraid of the light, and yet we crave it.
In your light, there is healing and hope, restoration and
transformation. Forgive our lack of faith and our fearfulness,
O Lord. Give us courage to reach out to the light and accept its
healing rays. May our lives be transformed by your mercy,
for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Tune: LONESOME VALLEY; American folk hymn

1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.

2 Jesus prayed for his disciples;
he prayed alone for you and me.
O, nobody else could bear such sorrow;
he prayed alone for you and me.

3 Jesus died on Calvary's mountain;
he died alone for you and me.
O, nobody else could die for sinners;
he had to die for you and me.

4 Jesus rose from death's dark prison;
he lives again for you and me.
O, nobody else could bring us victory;
he is alive to set us free.

"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.

"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,