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April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday

## 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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## PRELUDE

## ARRIVAL OF THE VICTORIOUS LIGHT

## ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS

## ENTRANCE HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

- Blue Hymnal #123

*We invite all those present this morning, who have experienced bereavement and loss to death this past year, to come forward and form a Circle of Hope around the Cross. Together we will symbolically lay our burdens before the Cross: God's ultimate word on loss, as we live the mystery of life.*

## SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise Ye the Lord" (Psalm 150)

- Blue Hymnal #258

## ACT OF CONFSSION

- responsive reading

*Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"If Not For Your Grace"

- 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 after today's service*

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

## OFFERTORY SONG

"Siyahamba"

- Insert

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

pp. 1052

## CHORAL SONG

"Kyrie"

- CAPC Choir

*Beethoven Mass in C Major*

## SERMON

"Bound Together"

- Rev. Monte McClain

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Ain't That Good News"

- 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

"Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!"

"¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!"

(Spanish)

*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

### John 20:1-18

The gospel of John is one of four Biblical narratives telling the story of Jesus. Written in ancient Greek, it includes significant metaphor, poetry and references to Ancient Greek Philosophy. It's because of this theological development that most scholars believe it was the last of the four to be written down is the last of the four gospel books. Each of the gospels tell the story of the Resurrection of Jesus, but do so differently, as four different people who witnessed the same accident might describe it.

One of the oldest meanings of the word "religion" is "to bind together," that which connects God with us and us with each other. Today a majority of people describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious." Sometimes critics decry spirituality as individualism. Spirituality is personal. Think of when you're overcome by the wonder of the presence of God in nature, in life events, or in reflection. The problem is that, in the last two centuries, religion has actually allowed itself to become privatized. In the same way that our political and economic concerns contracted from "we" to "me," so has our sense of God and faith. In many quarters, religion abandoned a prophetic and creative vision for humanity's common life in favor of an individual quest to get one's sorry ass to heaven. And in the process, community became isolated behind the walls of buildings where worship experiences corresponded to members' tastes and preferences and confirmed their political views. (quoted from p. 237 of *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass).

Mary comes early, as the sabbath has ended and it's now religiously permitted to come to the tomb to finish the embalming work for the body of Jesus. Bound to her tradition, she expresses her love for Jesus as teacher and friend by caring for him in this last possible way. Having been forever transformed by his teaching and friendship, having lived for him, she comes to show her total respect, gratitude and love. In her shock of not finding the body where it should be she runs to those to whom she's been bound by her existential choices and confession of faith. She returns to her community, those with whom she is in communion (a relationship of mutual sharing of gifts and interdependence). Rev. Dr. King Jr referred to such communion as "our inescapable network of mutuality" in which we all live. It's not a theory. It's the reality that Jesus invites us to. It's the reality made aggressively real in his death and resurrection, his life-giving love that overcomes evil with good. In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus makes plain what we take for granted: we are not alone.

The deepest sense of life is realized when we serve others, out of empathy, in compassion, learning to love our neighbor as God first loves us. Maybe escaping the death star magnetism of our own egos and the pull of our selfie-culture is what resurrection life is all about....learning to live, realizing that maybe we weren't fully alive.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this story?
- How have you experienced the power and purpose of resurrection in your life? How do we need resurrection to bind us to each other and unbind us from other things?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**TODAY: Easter Egg Hunt** after worship

**The Vocabulary of Faith** | Sundays 9:30-10:15a  
*A weekly intro to learning how to read the Bible.*

**Care-Givers Support Group** 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 3-5pm  
meets near CAL. For info: mqstothers@gmail.com

**Youth Group.** Sundays 7-8:30pm – no group 2nite

**Be "Good News" for Local Immigrants by helping us to teach a weekly ESL Class - Mondays, 7-9pm**  
We focus on 1-1 conversation to develop both speaking skills and relationships! Find more info online at [www.capcoakland.org/esl-ministry](http://www.capcoakland.org/esl-ministry)

**Session Meeting** Thursday, 4/25 7-8:30pm

**Theology on Tap** First Tuesdays, 7:00pm at the Golden Squirrel Pub (across the street). Safe, open BYO conversation around a theological question.

**Small Groups & Worship** –interacting around the questions raised in the book *Grounded* by Diana Butler Bass.

*Group 1 meets Tuesdays 12-1pm at the church.*

*Group 2 Wednesday 6:45-8:15pm – near CAL.*

*Group 3 Thursday 3-4pm – at the church.*

**Friday Night Meal**, Friday 6:00-7:00pm *Come to eat – come to serve.* [capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal](http://capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal)

**Women's Group, Saturdays 8:30am | in the church library** (meets 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays)

**Next Week in Worship** | We're using photo language to listen for how God is calling us to be actively present in the world.

**Give a Relational Tithe** | Encourage another with a hand-written note. Cards on the back wall!

**Join our Choir!** Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman - [petefeltman@gmail.com](mailto:petefeltman@gmail.com)

**La Ceiba Coffee:** Buy some sustainable fair-trade coffee from Guatemalan Coffee Growers in Palín – who we know and support! For sale today \$10/bag

### Thank you to today's Leadership

Fellowship: Women's Group  
Godly Play: Patt Schroeder ST, Elaine Price DK  
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Eli Torrez. Accompanist: Jennifer Huang  
Choir Section Leaders: Luke Dzwonczyk, Isaac Fung-Chap, Paige Tagliafico, Emily Drummond

### Leadership for next week, 4/28/18:

Fellowship: Joy & Al Barnes  
Godly Play: Bill Beatty ST, Radman Beatty DK

## **LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP**

### **"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

*Charles Wesley (1740)*

*Blue Hymnal #123*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### **"Praise Ye the Lord" (PSALM 150)**

*Author: J. Jefferson Cleveland (1981)*

*Blue Hymnal #258*

#### **Chorus**

Praise ye the lord Hallelujah Everybody praise the Lord  
Praise ye the lord Hallelujah Everybody praise the Lord

1. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet  
Praise God with the lute and the harp  
Praise God with timbrel and dancing  
Praise God wherever you are

#### **Chorus**

2. Praise God with holy cymbals  
Praise God with strings and pipes  
Praise God with clashing cymbals  
Praise God with all of your might

#### **Chorus**

*Continued in next column...*



3. Praise God in the holy temple  
Praise God for almighty deeds  
Praise God for those bountiful mercies  
For God fulfills our needs

#### **Chorus**

4. Praise God on top of the mountains  
Praise God both day and night  
Praise God down in the low valleys  
Praise God because it's alright  
chorus

### **"Siyahamba"**

*South African Traditional Song*

*English; Xhosa | Glory to God Hymnal #853*

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We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching oh  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching oh  
We are marching in the light of God

Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos

We are living in the love of God

We are moving in the power of God

### **"If Not For Your Grace"**

*Author:*

#### **Verse**

Where would I be if not for your grace  
Carrying me in every season  
Where would I be if not for your grace  
You came to my rescue  
and I want to thank you for your grace

#### **Chorus**

Grace that restores, grace that redeems,  
grace that releases me to worship  
Grace that repairs, visions and dreams,  
grace that releases miracles  
Your grace, Your grace

## THE ACT OF CONFESSION

*(a redacted inspiration from a prayer written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.  
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca>*

Call to Confession

One: When we keep our faults and failures  
locked safely away,  
we have no need to confess.  
When we try to keep up with the Jones',  
to maintain appearances in life and in social media,  
we fool only ourselves, limiting who and how  
we are created.

As the first rays of dawn break through the  
obscurity of night,  
God comes into our hearts when we least expect,  
so that we might be filled with forgiveness,  
liberated by hope, builders of your peace.  
Please join me as we pray for God's liberating  
grace to continue to take root in our lives  
through the Way of faith in Christ as we pray,

**ALL:**

**God of empty tombs and empty people:  
when we struggle to glimpse your hope  
in our world**

**liberate us, and give us new eyes  
with which to see.**

**when we hesitate to speak of your hope,  
forgive us, and give us voice.**

**When we find it difficult to love others,  
overwhelm us with your love,  
and give us renewed compassion.**

**When we want to get ahead by standing with  
the high and mighty,  
forgive us, and lead us in your Way of solidarity  
with the poor, broken and oppressed.**

**When we stay  
locked behind our fears and doubts,  
unbind us, and send us out to share your grace  
and encounter our neighbor.**

**When we cannot believe your Word of new life,  
transform us,  
and fill us with your courageous joy,  
that we might choose the life  
you give to us in Christ, each day;  
that we might be moved towards you –  
walking with each other –  
serving the common good of your creation.**

*[time for silent prayer & confession]*

## "Ain't That Good News"

*Author: Spiritual?*

1. I got a crown up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a crown up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'ma gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news

2. I got a robe up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a robe up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'ma gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news

3. I got a savior up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a savior up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'ma gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news

4. I got a harp up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a harp up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'm a gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news

I'm a gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus Ainta that good news  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus Ainta that good news  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus Ainta that good news  
good news good news my lord  
Ainta a that good news!