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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 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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May 19, 2019

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "Come Thou Fount" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Reading

SONG OF PRAISE "Down to the River to Pray" - Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children from 2 years to 6th grade are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for our Godly Play time. You can collect your child(ren) after the service upstairs.

ACT OF CONFESSION. *OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE*

SUNG RESPONSE "As The Wind Song" - Insert

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 "Amen" - Insert

READING OF SCRIPTURE Psalm 84 & Romans 6:1-11 - Biruta Vinerts
Pew Bible, pp. 577 & 1094

SERMON "Remember Your Baptism" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Wade in the Water" - 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 "Tiyoox tii Ka'tal" /tea oshtea katal/ (Poqomam)

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 Scriptures

Psalm 84 & Romans 6:1-11

I AM BAPTIZED!



Have you ever come back from the dead or known someone who has? Christian faith is based on the promise of resurrection. Coming back from the dead is also a key narrative idea to much story-telling in our society and culture: from the Game of Thrones (the massive hit TV Show concluding tonight) to such literary oeuvres as *Les Misérables*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, and even in pop culture stories like Batman and Star Wars. We've all heard the remarkably common stories of people who have died on a hospital table or elsewhere and then come back through medical or possibly divine intervention. They speak of traveling a tunnel of light. They also share a common new approach to life: re-arranging their life priorities and relationships because they no longer fear death.

Death is the great certainty of life, no matter how much we flee and avoid it with face-creams, exercise, better diets, and medical creations. We are born and we will die. The most recent confession of faith adopted by the Presbyterian Church begins from this certainty grounding faith in this paradox saying, "In life and in death we belong to God." (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We continue our series on the sacraments, in particular, baptism. Last week we spoke of baptism as repentance, a continual returning to our center (God) for vision, direction, and life. Today we read from Romans 6 where the apostle Paul, the first great theologian of the Church, talks of baptism as a death: our participation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. While it can sound morbid to recognize that we invoke this image when we baptize followers of the Jesus Way – even babies – it's more like the fearless radical re-orienting of life for those who've survived near-death life experiences than it is like a horror movie or sacrifice.

The reformer Martin Luther, who faced much adversity and anxiety in his life (1483–1546), was said to regularly remind himself "I am baptized" – *not in the past tense, but in the continuing present tense* – to find centering strength in the face of hardship. He wrote:

"Baptism is the greatest event in our lives; nothing else in all of life can begin to compare to the significance and importance of God's gift of a new and eternal life through baptism. If there is anything we should daily remember, if there is anything we should keep from forgetting, it would most certainly be our baptism! The act of baptism is quickly over as we can plainly see. But, the drowning of sin and our rising to a new life lasts throughout our whole life. Therefore, the life of a Christian, from our beginning in baptism to the grave, is nothing else than a series of deaths and risings to prepare us for our final day when God will make us altogether new."

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What shimmers in your attention in this reading?
- Where do you find strength to persevere in life?
- How might remembering your baptism recenter you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

15 Richard Harvey 18 Marge Harvey
23 Rebecca LaMotte 27 Paulette Leston
31 Avery Haynes (2008)

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

TODAY: Nacho Fundraiser to raise monies to help offset the cost of summer camp for our children. Get some great nachos and change a life for good!

Care Givers Support Group. Today 3-5pm. Meets near Cal campus at 2600 Waring Street, Berkeley.

Youth Group. Sundays 7-8:30pm – meets tonight!

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! More info at www.capcoakland.org/esl-ministry

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

Celtic Prayer Group, Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm Meets near CAL. *Contact Marda Stothers for more info at mqstothers@gmail.com*

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

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

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:15a *A weekly intro to learning how to read the Bible. (No Class next weekend 5/28)*

Next Sunday – Monte will be gone for a wedding – Kristy's mom is getting married! Worship will be built around a lectio divina group meditation.

Community Connections – Do you need or know anyone who is looking for babysitting help? If so contact Reyma Bright at remyabright@gmail.com or 510 717 9291

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

La Ceiba Coffee:! For sale today \$10/bag

Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Nacho Average Fundraiser

Godly Play: Linda Davis ST, Fredora Darmstadt DK

Leadership for next week, 5/19/19:

Fellowship: Gary Yee, Patt Schroeder

Godly Play: Cameron Beaty ST, Joy Barnes DK

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Author: Robert Robinson (c. 1758)

Blue Hymnal #356

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Today's response comes from www.ministrymatters.com

One: Scripture and the testimonies of those who have
lived by faith before us declare to us that God is
with us always and calls us each by name.

**ALL: When we pass through
difficulties and stress,**

One: God is with us and calls us by name.

**ALL: When we are discouraged
and feel lost and alone,**

One: God is with us and calls us by name,
and heals us...

**ALL: Blessed be God who knows us
and calls us by name.**

"Down To The River To Pray"

*a traditional American song variously described as a
Christian folk hymn, an African-American spiritual, an
Appalachian song, and a gospel song. The exact origin of
the song is unknown. Research suggests that it was
composed by an African-American slave.*

Refrain:

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good lord show me the way

1. O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come one down
O sisters let's go down
Down to the river to pray

2. O brothers lets' go down
Let's go down, come on down
O brothers lets go down
Down to the river to pray
verse

3. O fathers lets go down
Let's go down, come on down
O fathers lets go down
Down to the river to pray
verse

4. O mothers lets' go down
Let's go down, come on down
O mothers lets go down
Down to the river
verse

5. O sinners lets go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners lets go down
Down to the river to pray

“As the Wind Song”

Author: Shirley Erena Murray (2004)

Translator (Chinese): Ee Suen Wong (2005)

Glory to God #292

1 As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

2 As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

“Amen”

African-American spiritual

Blue Hymnal #299

Amen Amen

Amen Amen Amen

“Wade in the water”

is the name of a Negro spiritual first published in New Jubilee Songs as Sung by the Fisk Jubilee Singers (1901)[1] by John Wesley Work II and his brother, Frederick J. Work (see Fisk Jubilee Singers). It is associated with the songs of the Underground Railroad.

Chorus:

Wade in the water,
wade in the water children
Wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water

1. See that host all dressed in white
God's gonna trouble the water
Leader looks like that Israelite
God's gonna trouble the water

chorus

2. See that band all dressed in red?
God's gonna trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the water

chorus

3. Look over yonder and what do you see?
God's gonna trouble the water
The holy ghost a coming for me
God's gonna trouble the water

chorus

4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed
Gods' gonna trouble the water
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream
Gods' gonna trouble the water

chorus