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Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone



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.

CCL #1137062

May 21, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"We Walk By Faith Not By Sight"

- Blue Hymnal #399

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Surrender All"

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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

- Elaine Price

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Don't Be Afraid"

- insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Monte McClain

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 Pastor Monte in the lounge off the entryway.

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"Just As I Am"

- Blue Hymnal #370, v. 1

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

- Elaine Price

Galatians 1:13-2:21

- Pew Bible, p. 1128

SERMON

"Plunging Into Life"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

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

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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 CHRIST

"La Paz de Dios"

(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 Galatians 1:13-2:21

"At several times in history this [pastoral] letter, listened to by small groups of Christians, has shifted the direction of the age just enough to make the difference between a surge of new life and a drifting into decline." It radically transformed the direction in which the Church developed in its infancy (as we read last week in Acts 15). It also was paramount in shifting the perspective of both Martin Luther and John Calvin, setting loose the revolution we now call the Reformation. What might it be unleashing among us in our world and culture today in which how we are defined and what is considered our usefulness or power is defined by what we purchase, how much we can produce, or who our people are?

The letter was written by Paul to the church community in Galatia (what we now call Turkey). As we read in Acts 15 last week, some traveling preachers have come through those towns preaching that a Christian must first convert to Judaism, embracing Jewish practices. Being circumcised and/or following the Law of Moses in everyday life was the defining thing. After that, one became Christian. "Paul's greeting [in 1:1] anticipates what we can expect: 'grace ... and peace.' Grace! Lift is a gift. Peace! Life is whole. The two words declare that we are, fundamentally and finally, free to live. Life is what we are given, not what we salvage out of the ruins of home and culture. Life is an entirety into which we grow, not a fragment that we snatch on the run."



Experiencing the freedom God created us for and from is what unleashed the world-transforming events of the birth of the Church and the Reformation. In the Ancient World, you were defined and limited by your tribe, people, religion and history. Paul asserts that what Peter, and others in Jerusalem, are advocating is a church of two classes. Those born Jewish are the first-class citizens of the Church, whereas Gentile converts (basically everyone else) were second class, equal, but somewhat "less than" because of their background. The Church exploded into the deeply divided and limiting world of the Roman Empire drawing in the rich and the poor, the Roman and the occupied, the Jew and the Gentile, men and women. What we take for granted – diversity and equality – was a radical message of freedom proclaimed in Jesus as the way, the truth and the life. One was saved or made worthy, or holy, not because of genetics, ancestry or observing religious rules and rituals. Rather we all are freed to be the unique creations God made us into when we experience the paradox that we cannot save ourselves but can only be saved from ourselves by someone else: Christ. The Reformation proclaimed a radical equality of education, economic possibility and importance (albeit still flavored with male chauvinism and colonialism) as the Reformers heard this radical message of salvation by faith.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes or shimmers for you in this passage ?
- What do the words freedom and salvation mean for you?
- From what are you saved by faith? For what are we saved?
- How do you experience salvation? And/or as a one-time-spiritual-experience or an ongoing daily reality?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

May Birthdays

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today :: Nacho Bar Camp Fundraiser after worship Elaine Price and others are organizing a Nacho Bar Fundraiser in memory of Austin Price. You can give a financial gift to contribute to our camper scholarship fund for those attending summer camp at Westminster Woods this summer.

CAPC Choir | Today after worship, & Wednesday @ 6pm

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

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 copied in the entry on online @ www.capcoakland.org/the-vocabulary-of-faith

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

Men's Breakfast Gathering | 3rd Saturdays @ 8:30am - Contact Bill Beatty for info billbeatty55@gmail.com

OCO Citywide Leadership Training | Monday, July 5th 5:30p dinner, 6pm meeting @ the OCO Office 7200 Bancroft #2 Oakland 94605

CAPC Connections Picture Chalkboard | We've put up new pictures! Grab some chalk and help make relational connections through doodles in the Coffee Hour Room.

Regional Presbytery Meeting | This Tuesday, May 23rd 4:30-8:00pm at First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro. Pick up a flyer in the entryway this morning.

Session Meeting | Thursday, May 25th 7:30pm

Help the Golden Squirrel | Our neighbor business is going to court to defend their request for an expanded liquor license. Can you come to support them: June 7th at 10am, or write a letter of support (info in the entryway).

Church Retreat Registration Forms are both online at www.capcoakland.org and in the entry!

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers:	Bill Beatty, Sharon Nelson
Liturgist:	Elaine Price
Fellowship:	Elaine Price
Godly Play:	Bill Beatty (ST); Maya Patil (DK)
Musicians:	Dave Eagle, Swen Hendrickson, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 5/28/17 :

Ushers:	Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian
Liturgist:	Lori Castner
Fellowship:	Patt Schroeder, Joy Barnes
Godly Play:	Beth Beatty (ST); Emma Fleming (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 96 : New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

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

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ **Declare God's glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.**
- ⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
the Lord is to be revered above all gods.**
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before the Lord;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ **Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity."
- ¹¹ **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;**
- ¹² **let the field exult, and everything in it.**
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- ¹³ **before the Lord; for he is coming,
for God is coming to judge the earth.**

**The Lord will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.**

We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight

Henry Alford (1844); Blue Hymnal #399

1. We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as None e'er spoke
But we believe him near
2. We may not touch his hands and side
Nor follow where he trod
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry my lord my god

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3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found

4. That, when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
With full and endless sight

"I Surrender All"

Judson W. Van De Venter (1896)

1. All to Jesus I surrender. All to him I freely give
I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily
live

chorus

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed savior, I surrender All

2. All to Jesus I surrender Humbly at his feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus take
me now

chorus

3. All to Jesus I surrender Make me Savior wholly
thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art
mine

chorus

4. All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to
Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power Let Thy blessings
fall on me

chorus

"Don't Be Afraid"

Author: John L. Bell, 1995 Wild Goose Resource Group,

Don't be afraid my love is stronger
My love is stronger than your fear
Don't be afraid my love is stronger
And I have promised, promised to be always near,

“Just as I Am”

Author: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

Blue Hymnal #370

1. Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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

Tune: [Did ever you see the like before]

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