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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.

CCL #1137062

June 3, 2018

GATHERING HYMN

"O Sing to the Lord"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Soon and Very Soon"

- insert

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

SUNG PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"I Surrender All"

- 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

"Spirit Of God Descend Upon My Heart"

- insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-7

- Bob Brylawski
p. 1206

SERMON

"It Sure Feels Like the World is Ending..."

- Monte

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD : *Gathering around the Tree of Life as Martyrs*

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

- insert

COMMUNION: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

We celebrate by intinction, coming forward to receive the meal. If you'd prefer an individual cup or to be served at your seat, please raise your hand during our celebration as we'll attend to you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

"Come To The Table Of Grace"

- 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

"Salam almasih" | "المسيح سلام"

- Arabic

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

Revelation 21:1-7; 22:1-7

Oftentimes Revelation is presented as a script for the step-by-step unfolding of a world-historical calamity to come (of for many on the cusp of emerging). Yet the word in Greek "Apocalypse" means an unveiling, an uncovering, an exposure of truths that had heretofore been hidden. Less historical than metaphorical, detailing than descriptive, John writes this the pastoral letter of encouragement the Church at the end of the 1st century now facing persecution. Christian persecution first occurred, and was institutionalized, in the common refusal to participate in public rituals acclaiming the emperor as Lord and Savior of the world. This occurred at public markets on holidays, in the work place at staff meetings, and before dinner parties among friends. Refusal often lead to social exclusion, economic hardship, and was seen as political treason. Christians who didn't want to choose between being a faithful follower of Jesus and a true citizen became martyrs. Some did die in executions or even public entertainment fighting lions in the arena. But the world martyr literally means "witness. To testify to something greater than yourself." To those who seem overly insistent we at times say "Don't be such a martyr..." But for the original martyrs, remaining true to their fundamental hope was the only thing that they could do even as they may have felt that the world was ending.



In this climactic vision of the book of Revelation we see John's theological point: God isn't far off. You haven't been abandoned. You're on on your own. God is right here. In the thick of it. Among us. Besides you. Remember! The word revelation (Apocalypse in Greek) means "to disclose, to pull back the curtain to see what's behind it, what's always been there." Here John writes a vision to exhort and stir the imagination of those faced with the dilemma of how to be martyrs in the 1st century. The "Great City" "Babylon" has fallen like a house of cards. A different city "the New Jerusalem" (of which Babylon is the perversion) comes down from heaven into the earth. Where the beast and dragon sought to take up all of the space, to be at the center of the universe in an eternal city; God and the Lamb reign from a throne which creates space, illuminates the world, quenches thirsts, satiates hunger, and wipes away tears – all to allow for new life. This is, because God is emmanuel: with us. Our hope isn't in a coded spelling out of events to transpire, but in the radical promise that God is with us, among us, alongside us - both when we sense it, and when we can't see it. God is not passive. God is not silent. The Lord is making all things new – even now when it sure feels like the world is ending.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What grabs your attention in this reading?**
- **How does the world seem to be ending to you?**
- **How is God actively present in the world?**
- **How do you – do we – fail to glimpse that emmanuel – God with us - activity and presence? How might you (we) become more centered in our vision of life, the world and God's presence with us in it all? How can you concretely take the impact of that reality with you from Sunday into Monday?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6 Juniper Zappin (2013) 12 Daniel Trowbridge
13 Lina Foltz Careaga 14 Patt Schroeder
15 Brian Trowbridge 24 Beth Beatty
27 Daniel Brylawski 29 Sophie McClain (2002)
30 Stony Ramirez

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Choir Practice: Sunday 12-1; Tuesday 5:30-6:30

No Youth Group tonight

Teaching ESL Classes, tomorrow, Monday, June 4th, 7-9pm at Primera Iglesia 1940 High St 94601. Sign up to help!

No Celtic Prayer Group this week

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:20am, pick up the study sheet of the text in the entry or online at www.capcoakland.org

Friday Night Meal | Fridays 6-7pm

Theology on Tap | We are canceling Theology on Tap for now as the event has evolved differently than expected, not drawing "new" people into an open conversation around theological questions. Talk with Monte if you have thoughts or ideas.

Session Update | Find a printed version of the ongoing work of the session in the entryway.

Presbytery Meeting | Tuesday, 6/8 3-9pm more info & agenda @ www.presbyteryofsf.org

WAYS TO BE ACTIVE IN OUR SHARED MINISTRY:

Sign a giant Card | Chickwendu Okerke is at UCSF recovering from a preparatory surgery in view of a heart-transplant. You can encourage him by signing or commenting on the giant greeting card at the front of the church.

Send a note to someone: Find pre-addressed stamped cards to send to others on the back wall

Relational Tithe: Give back to God beyond the offering plate. Help the Church (and Monte) by giving of your time this week to:

- *Roll up the Pentecost fire art installation
- *Water the front yard today after worship.
- *Help clean up the pews after worship today

Thank you to today's Leadership

Reader: Bob Brylawski
Fellowship: Gary Yee; Patt Schroeder
Godly Play: Children Stay in Worship

Leadership for next week, 6/10/18:

Reader: Talk to Monte if you'd like to read!
Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman
Godly Play: Bill Beatty |ST; Fredora Darmstadt | DK (DK)

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

"O Sing to the Lord"

*Gerhard M. Cartford (1982 and 1986)
Glory to God #637*

1. O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

Refrain:

O sing to our God; O sing to our God.

2. For God is the Lord; and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord; and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord; and God has done wonders.

3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.

4. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.

5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 96, from The Message translation by Rev. Eugene Peterson. The congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT.***

One: Sing God a brand-new song!
Earth and everyone in it, sing!
Sing to God—worship God!

**ALL: Shout the news of his victory from sea to sea,
Take the news of his glory to the lost,
News of divine wonders to one and all!**

One: For God is great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.
God's terrible beauty makes the gods look cheap;
Pagan gods are mere tatters and rags.

**ALL: God made the heavens—
Royal splendor radiates from him,
A powerful beauty sets him apart.**

One: Bravo, God, Bravo!
Everyone join in the great shout: Encore!
In awe before the beauty,
in awe before the might.

Continued next column...

**ALL: Bring gifts and celebrate,
Bow before the beauty of God,
Then to your knees—everyone worship!**

One: Get out the message—God Rules!
God put the world on a firm foundation;
God treats everyone fair and square.

**ALL: Let's hear it from Sky,
With Earth joining in,
And a huge round of applause from Sea.**

One: Let Wilderness turn cartwheels,
Animals, come dance,
Put every tree of the forest in the choir—

**ALL: An extravaganza before God as he comes,
As the Lord comes to set everything right on earth,
To set everything right, treat everyone fair.**

"Soon and Very Soon"

*Author: Andraé Crouch (1976)
Glory to God, #384*

1. Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the king

2. No more crying there, We are going to see the King
No more crying there, We are going to see the King
No more crying there, We are going to see the King
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the king

3. No more dying there, We are going to see the king
No more dying there, We are going to see the king
No more dying there, We are going to see the king
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We're going to see the king

Bridge 1

Should there be any rivers we must cross
Should there be any mountains we must climb
God will supply all the strength that we need
Give us strength till we reach the other side.

Bridge 2

We have come from every nation,
God has already signed our name.
Jesus took his blood and he washed our sins.
Yet there are those of us who have laid down our lives
but we all shall meet again on the other side

4. Soon and very soon We are going to see the king

"I Surrender All"

Judson W. Van De Venter, 1855-1939

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

Refrain:

I surrender all, (I surrender all)
I surrender all. (I surrender all)
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

Prayer of Confession

"May I not punish myself for failing to be the image
of perfection my adaptive mind has constructed
success to be.

I, right now, am an unforeseen miracle of
Existence... and to deny that is the original sin at
the heart of all destruction."

-Scott Erickson

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"

George Croly (1854) | Blue Hymnal #326

3. Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
I see the cross there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowry (1864)

1. Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.

Continued next column...

3. Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Communion Prayer: THE SURSUM CORDA

The Sursum Corda (Latin: "Lift up your hearts" or literally, "Hearts up!") is the opening dialogue to the Preface of the anaphora, also known as the "Eucharistic Prayer", in the Christian liturgy, dating back at least to the 3rd century and the Anaphora of the Apostolic Tradition. The dialogue is recorded in the earliest liturgies of the Christian Church, and is found in all ancient rites.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks.

"Come To The Table Of Grace"

Barbara Hamm (2008)

1. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of peace...

3. Come to the table of love...

4. Come to the table of hope...

5. Come to the table of joy...

O Sing to the Lord

Cantai ao Senhor



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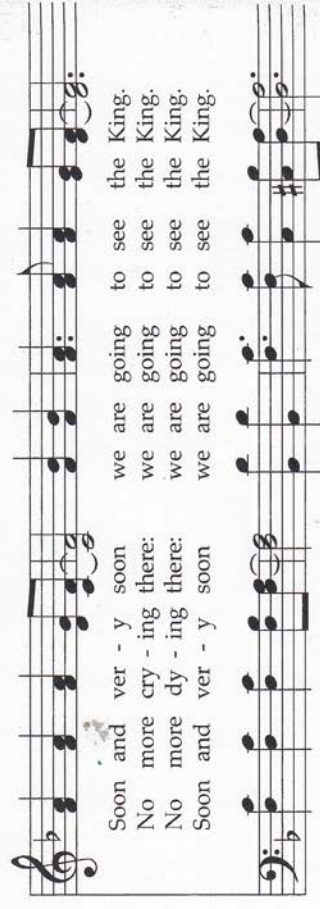
- 1 *Cantai ao Senhor um cântico novo, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 2 *Porque ele fez, ele fez maravilhas, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 3 *Cantai ao Senhor, bendizei o seu nome, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 4 *É ele quem dá o Espírito Santo, (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.
- 5 *Jesus é o Senhor! Amém, aleluia! (3x)*
cantai ao Senhor, cantai ao Senhor.

A Lutheran missionary musician heard this song at a pastors' conference in southern Brazil in 1982, then went home to Argentina (where he was then serving) and translated it from Portuguese into Spanish. Later, when back in the U.S.A. on furlough, he translated it into English.

TEXT: Brazilian folk song trans. Spanish, 1982, and English, 1986, Gerhard M. Carlford
MUSIC: Brazilian folk melody; arr. Gerhard M. Carlford, 1982
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CANTAL AO SENHOR
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384 Soon and Very Soon



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch, 1976
Text and Music © 1976 Crouch Music and Bud John Songs (admin. EMMCM Publishing.com)

SOON AND VERY SOON
12.12.12 with relief

375 Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F
 1 Come to the ta-ble of grace. Come to the ta-ble of grace.
 This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or mine. Come to the ta-ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

The simple, formulaic nature of this song makes it especially suitable for use during the communion portion of the Lord's Supper. Because it can be learned readily and does not require reference to a printed source, it frees people to sing before and after receiving the elements.