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# Dear Holy Spirit: I weel these gifts: faith, hope, love I will want for You.

June 4, 2017

### 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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GATHERING SONG "Spirit of the Living God" - Blue Hymnal #

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

SONG OF PRAISE "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" - insert

TIME OF CONFESSION

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

PRAYER - Monte McClain

- Blue Hymnal #370, v. 3

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"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE - Emma Fleming

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 & Galatians 5:16-26 - Pew Bible, p. 1129

SERMON "Spiritual and Religious" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Be Thou My Vision" - Blue Hymnal #339

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

ONE BREAD & ONE BODY: GOD NOURISHES AND GROWS OUR FAITH

All those who are hungry for God's presence, are invited to share in our table meal today. We'll celebrate primarily by Intinction (taking a piece of bread and dipping it into a common cup). Please come forward in the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. A plate of individual cups is available for those who prefer that. We also have a gluten free bread option.

COMMUNION SONG "Breathe on Me Breathe of God" - Blue Hymnal #316

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good! Leader: And 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 Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 & 5:16-26

Today is Pentecost: the 50th day after Easter, a Christian feast day which springs originally from a Jewish Holy Day "Shavuot" called the Feast of Weeks. It was the day of celebrating the gift of God's Word (the Torah/10 commandments) given to Moses 49 days after the Exodus. The reaping of God's Word is the harvest presence of God in the midst of the people. Pentecost for us, is the birth of the Church, which we read about in our selection from the book that tells the unfolding story of the emerging Church: the Acts of the Apostles. Earlier in the gospels stories, in particular John, the Holy Spirit is spoken of as a gift, a gentle exhale of Jesus promising to accompany, empower and encourage his followers. Here the Spirit erupts loudly onto the scene as a violent, noisy wind, arriving like tongues of fire, come not to destroy but to create: new connections and communication through miraculous and previously impossible speaking and hearing of foreign languages. It's the dawning of a new day and a new universe. We as the Church are called to this newness and openness to the disturbing, and sometimes violent, gentle prodding and presence of God's Spirit among and upon us.

We also finish our reading of Galatians, a pastoral letter which, "at several times in history, 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 recently 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?

When Galatians 4 beings, Paul is making a contrast between children and grownups. A child may be an heir, but until that child comes of age, the inheritance may as well belong to someone else. "Guardians and trustees" are responsible both for the inheritance and the heir. The main point of the analogy is the contrast between "before" and "after." Before the inheriting child comes of age, an heir is indistinguishable from anyone else. After the child comes of age, they own and control all the property. This difference between "before" and "after" is dramatic. Similarly dramatic is the difference between the Galatians' identity before God sent the Spirit of the Son into their hearts, and after.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes or shimmers for you in these passages?
- Acts talks of the Spirit of God as a unifying force, a focusing energy. Paul talks of the Spirit as a maker-of-family, an energy that matures, stretches and completes us. How have you experienced God's Spirit as a unifying force, or maturing presence in your life, or the life of others?
- The Spirit of God focuses us our attention, energy, and spiritual maturation around the communication of Jesus as Lord – in deeds, relationships, presence and even our words. How do you struggle to communicate with others your following of Jesus as Lord and Master? Why?

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

### June Birthdays

Juniper Zappin (2013)
 Lina Foltz Careaga
 Brian Trowbridge
 Beth Beatty
 Daniel Brylawski
 Sophie McClain

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CAPC Choir | on break until mid-June

**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 Vocabulary of Faith** | Sunday 9:30 in the Library 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** | 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays @ 8:30am - Contact Bill Beatty for info billbeatty55@gmail.com

**OCO Citywide Leadership Training** | Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30p dinner, 6pm meeting @ the OCO Office 7200 Bancroft #2 Oakland 94605

**Theology on Tap** | Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Golden Squirrel Pub (across the street).

**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.

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

**Edna Freitas is turning 104!** Edna is a member of our church and has another birthday tomorrow. Listen for an announcement about how we can celebrate with her, ever as she's homebounc.

**Staff Vacation:** Pete Feltman is on vacation for the next 2 Sundays. Talk to Monte to help with the music. Monte will be on vacation from June 15-July 15<sup>th</sup>.

# Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams

Liturgist: Emma Fleming

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski

Godly Play: Children stay in worship for Communion

Musicians: Dave Eagle, Eli Wise,

### Leadership for next week, 6/11/17:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams Liturgist: Can you help? Talk to Monte.

Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski

Godly Play: Children stay in worship for Communion

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Responsive reading from the United Methodist Prayer Book Reader reads plain font, the people the bold.

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

### "Spirit Of The Living God:

Daniel Iverson (1926); Blue Hymnal #322

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me

Esprit de Dieu vivant, tombe sur moi. Esprit de Dieu vivant, tombe sur moi. Brise-moi, forme-moi, remplis-moi, emploie-moi. Esprit de Dieu vivant, tombe sur moi.

Mi-ta-ma-no so-so-gi I-ma wa-re-ni Mi-ta-ma-no so-so-gi I-ma-wa-re-ni Ki-yo-me, mi-ta-shi, Tsu-ka-wa-shi ta-ma-e Mi-ta-ma-no so-so-gi I-ma-wa-re-ni



Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí. Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsam. Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

### "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

Words: Rusty Edwards, © 1987 by Hope Publishing Co. sung to Netteleton or "Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

- 1. Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
  Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
  Praise the one who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease, calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
- 2. Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
  Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
  Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
  From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.
- 3. Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done. Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

# "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"

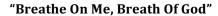
Author: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871 Blue Hymnal #370

3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

# "Be Thou My Vision"

Mary E. Byrne; Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull (1905 translated from Ériu) Blue Hymnal #370

- 1. Be thou my vision O lord of my heart Nought be all else to me save that thou art Thou my best thought by day or by night Waking or sleeping thy presence my light
- 2 Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word I ever with thee and thou with me lord Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower Still be my vision O ruler of all
- 3 Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise Thou mine inheritance now and always Thou and thou only first in my heart Great God of heaven my treasure thou art
- 4 High King of heaven my victory won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun Heart of my own heart whatever befall Still be my vision O ruler of all



Edwin Hatch (1878) Blue Hymnal #316

- 1 Breathe on me breath of God Fill me with life anew That I may love what Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do
- 2 Breathe on me breath of God Until my heart is pure Until with Thee I will one will To do and to endure
- 3 Breathe on me breath of God Till I am wholly Thine Till all this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine
- 4 Breathe on me breath of God So shall I never die But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity

