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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 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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GATHERING SONG

"This is the Day"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Gather Us In"

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*Children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for the Godly Play program at the conclusion of this song.*

TIME OF CONFESSION

- Bob Brylawski

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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Don't Be Afraid"

- insert

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,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Bob Brylawski

*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.4

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100 & John 1:1-5, 14-17

- Bob Brylawski

- Pew Bible, p. 585, 1027

SERMON

"There's No Place Like Home"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Let Us Build A House"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

**People: All the time!**

Leader: And all the time!

**People: God is good!**

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Ping An"

(Chinese: Mandarin)

*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 Psalm 100 & John 1:1-5, 14-17

The Book of Psalms is a book of poetry, which was used as the “prayer” of “service” book in the ancient Israelite

Temple. Composed of 150 poems, Rev. Eugene Peterson writes that, they form are a “prayer book that gives us a language adequate for responding to the God who speaks to us.” They can teach us how to pray.



Noted Old Testament Scholar Walter Brueggemann suggests (in his book *Praying the Psalms*) that the psalms reflect two very basic movements in everyone’s life. The first is the move into the “pit”. This happens when our world collapses around us and we feel that there is no way out of the deep hole into which we have sunk. The second movement is that out of the pit into a welcome place. We suddenly understand what has happened and who has brought us up out of the pit.

Dr. Brueggemann advances that as human beings we regularly find themselves in one of three places:

1. **a place of orientation**, in which everything makes sense in our lives;
2. **a place of disorientation**, in which we feel we have sunk into the pit; and
3. **a place of new orientation**, in which we realize that God has lifted us out of the pit and we are in a new place full of gratitude and awareness about our lives and our God.

Using these three “places,” Brueggemann suggests that life has a rhythm as we move from one place to the next. He believes that that psalms match those places and the surprisingly painful and joyful moves we make. In short, there are psalms of orientation, disorientation, and new orientation. Recognizing that different psalms match these three places in our lives can help us identify psalms that fit our personal lives and which may provide us with the language we need to pray and live from a place of faith, whether we are in the pit, or in a “welcome place.”

Today we begin with Psalm 100 is a typical hymn of praise. It was probably sung at the entry into the temple in connection with a thanksgiving ceremony. A song of orientation, it articulates the idea that we belong both to God and to each other. This orientation of God-centered community makes sense in and of our lives.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes or shimmers for you in these passages ?
- What do you see or hear as you listen to this psalm?
- What’s the mood?; the tone?
- What’s the life experience you’ve shared that this psalm is talking about?
- How does trusting that God is our shepherd, that Jesus is the Logos that holds creation together give you hope today? What might you need to let go of in order to make room in your heart, or imagination, for this hopeful truth of God’s intimate presence take root in you?

## 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
30	Stony Ramirez		

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reflections on Theology on Tap | It's True!** Theology and sharing can happen in a tavern, over a beer! Five of us met with Monte at the Golden Squirrel to share a beer and talk theologically; it was as fun as it sounds! We got to know each other a little better and think about how we know that God is real! Next meeting will be first Tuesday in August! All are welcome! - Gary Yee

**Ewaste Recycling Fundraiser for the Church Retreat |** June 14<sup>th</sup> – info brochure in the entryway

**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](mailto:ellenbry@comcast.net) no Meal 6/18

**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](http://www.capcoakland.org/the-vocabulary-of-faith)

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

**Coffee and Conversations |** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays @ 10:00am - *That’s this week!* Safe conversation about faith, ethics & life on the Safeway terrace at College @ Claremont

**Church Retreat Registration Forms** are both online at [www.capcoakland.org](http://www.capcoakland.org) and in the entry!

**Staff Vacation:** Pete Feltman is on vacation today, returning next Sunday. Monte will be on vacation from June 15-July 15<sup>th</sup>. Next Week Rev Nancy Vincent in preaching in worship

**Help with routine tasks during Monte’s absence |** Sign up today on the list to help with the myriad tasks that Monte does during his vacation absence. Thanks!

### Thank You to Today’s Leadership:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian  
Liturgist: Bob Brylawski  
Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman  
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski (ST); Elaine Price (DK)  
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Elaina Boyle

### Leadership for next week, 6/18/17:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge  
Liturgist: Can you help? Talk to Monte.  
Fellowship: Richard & Marge Harvey  
Godly Play: Linda Davis (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

We gather together in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**Members of God's family,  
and brothers and sisters to one another.**

There are no outsiders here among us.

**No one has any special standing or bragging rights.**

We have all been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

**Let us join together in worship, making sense of life together!**

### "This Is the Day"

*Daniel Iverson (1926); Blue Hymnal #322*

This is the day, this is the day.  
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.

### "Gather Us In"

*Composer: Marty Haugen, 1991*

1. Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a myst'ry  
We are the old who yearn for your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here will will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy  
And hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light-years away,

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But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in - all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### "Let Us Build A House"

*Marty Haugen (1994); Glory to God Hymnal #301  
Text © 1994 GIA Publications, Inc.*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

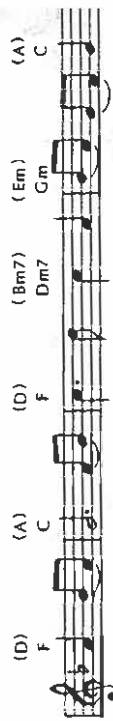
## 301 Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

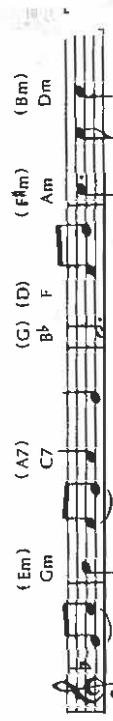
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 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



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 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel-come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan-ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf-ter:



all are wel-come; all are wel-come in this place.

## 401 Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song-  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.