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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 17, 2018

GATHERING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

- Blue Hymnal #276

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

- insert

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

SUNG PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"Jesus Our Divine Companion"

- insert, v. 1

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

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

- Marda Stothers
Pew Bible pp. 1105

TESTIMONY SERMON

"Telling It Like It Is"

- Louise Hirschman & Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

- 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

"Shalom Elohim"

- Hebrew

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

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

First Corinthians is the first of several pastoral letters of encouragement and help that the apostle Paul wrote to the ancient Christian community in Corinth. It was a large, diverse port-city in which people of different cultures, classes, ethnicities and religious world-views lived and encountered one another. The community there seems to have been plagued with clashes and conflicts around racial supremacy, class superiority, and an hierarchical notion of community transposed from the secular culture onto the community of those who found life in following Jesus as Christ.

Today we read the first verses of this long letter. They follow the traditional way of formulating a salutation in both the ancient world and what Ms. Manner's might recommend today. Greet those to whom you're writing, recognize and restate your relationship, and then summarize why you're writing. Here Paul does just that, establishing the identity of the apostle and his addressees. Then everything that follows is founded upon these identity descriptions; God is the one who calls, and the church, not just at Corinth, but everywhere, is the community of people who respond by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. Those who participate in the convent community are the recipients of God's freely given mercy, and they therefore stand within the sphere of God's peace, a peace that should extend to their relationships with one another." ((Richard B. Hays. *First Corinthians: Interpretation Commentary*. p. 17)

They're not called to tolerate each other, nor to help each other. They're called to be holy together, living out their faith, living into the example of Christ, in their life together – at worship, when they gather for potlucks, when they do social action, community service, when they live their life of faith in the public sphere. They become focused on who is better or the best at this or that task. Paul writes to remind them that it's more about who they are, who they are in Christ, then about what they may be able to do.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What grabs your attention in this reading?
- What does it mean to be called for you?; to what are you/we called?
- What does it mean to be a saint, to be holy? How do you struggle with seeing yourself as holy?
- How do testify to God's faithfulness, proclaiming the Love of Christ, in our life together as a community of faith? How might God be calling us to do so today and in the near-future?

FOREVER
GOD IS
FAITHFUL

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

Teaching ESL Classes, tomorrow, Monday, June 18th, 7-9pm at Primera Iglesia 1940 High St 94601.

Celtic Prayer Group | Wed 7:00pm

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:20am, We're doing a series entitled "Reclaiming Jesus" more info online at www.capcoakland.org/the-vocabulary-of-faith

Friday Night Meal | Fridays 6-7pm

Care-Givers Support Group | **Today 3pm** | at the home of Marda Stothers near CAL | 540.7173

Special Offering for Disaster Assistance in Guatemala | Last week we collected \$240 to be sent with Rev. Pablo Morataya in the next few weeks to the area near Palín, Guatemala to be given to local churches to distribute locally to those in need following the recent volcanic eruptions. **THANK YOU!!!**

TEAM CHICK | If you'd like to be involved with helping Chick and his family while he prepares for a future heart transplant which include regular visits, helping with practical needs (meals, sitting with him), as well as encouraging his children who are caring for him – talk to Janet Majors.

PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY | **St. Louis, June 16 - 23** | The bi-annual national church gathering. Our own Karl Shadley is going as the moderator representative of our Presbytery of San Francisco. You can follow the developments, discussions and decisions made at the GA online at : <https://ga-pcusa.org>

STAFF VACATION NEWS | Mahri is leaving for a summer-long trip. Jeni McFarland is replacing her in the office. Monte will be gone next week for vacation, from the evening of Sunday, June 17th through Saturday, June 22nd. He will be present for worship on Sunday, June 23rd.

Ukelele Classes | **Sundays after worship** | Talk to Karl Shadley if you're interested!

Thank You to Our Leadership This Morning:

Reader: Marda Stothers

Testimony: Lousie Hirschman

Fellowship: Marda Stothers

Godly Play: Beth Beatty |ST; Patt Schroeder| DK

Leadership for next week, 6/23/18:

Reader: *Talk to Monte if you'd like to read!*

Testimony: Gary Yee

Fellowship: David Kittams

Godly Play: David Kittams | ST; Elaine Price| DK

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923), Glory to God #39

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

[Refrain]

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[Refrain]

GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

*Inspired from Genesis 9, Psalm 25, Mark 1. The
congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT**
www.ministrymatters.com.*

One: God said, "I will be your God."

ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.

One: God said, "I will lead you in the paths of truth."

ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.

One: God said, "I will forgive you."

ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.

One: God said, "My kingdom is near."

ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.

"Jesu Jesu Fill Us With Your Love"

*Tom Colvin (1969, rev. 1997, alt.), Ghanaian folk melody |
Glory to God 203*

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

[Refrain]

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away.

[Refrain]

3. These are the ones we should serve;
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

[Refrain]

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you.

[Refrain]

"Jesus Our Divine Companion"

Henry Van Dyke (1909; alt.)

1. Jesus, Thou divine Companion,
By Thy lowly human birth
Thou hast come to join the workers,
Burden-bearers of the earth.
Thou, the Carpenter of Nazareth,
Toiling for Thy daily food,
By Thy patience and Thy courage
Thou have taught us toil is good.

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart”

George Croly (1854) | Glory to God Hymnal #688

5. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

“Oh Love That Will Not Let Me Go ”

George Matheson (1881, alt.) | Glory to God 833

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther;
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest,
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours-es a-bove
 thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang-est not; thy com-pas-sions they fail not.
 join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row:

As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love. Great is thy
 bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new

mer-cies I see. All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-

vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

Refrain

Refrain

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their

2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neighbors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neighbors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

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O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

TEXT: George Matheson, 1881, alt.
 MUSIC: Albert Lister Peace, 1884, alt.

ST. MARGARET
 8.8.8.6.6

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all the own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear;
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pen - ing skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Croly, 1867

MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
10.10.10.10

Jesus, Thou Divine Companion 415

LABOR, URBAN AND RURAL LIFE

Love Divine, 8. 7. 8. 7. D.

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1909

GEORGE F. LEBJUNES, 1872

1. Je - sus, Thou di - vine Com - pan - ion, By Thy low - ly hu - man birth
 2. They who tread the path of la - bor Fol - low where Thy feet have trod;
 3. Ev - ery task, how - ev - er sim - ple, Sets the soul that does it free;

Thou hast come to join all work - ers, Bur - den - bear - ers of the earth.
 They who work with - out com - plain - ing Do the ho - ly will of God.
 Ev - ery deed of love and kind - ness Done to man is done to Thee.

Thou, the Car - pen - ter of Naz - areth, Toil - ing for Thy dai - ly food,
 Thou, the Peace that pass - eth knowl - edge, Dwell - est in the dai - ly strife;
 Je - sus, Thou di - vine Com - pan - ion, Help us all to work our best;

By Thy pa - tience and Thy cour - age, Thou hast taught us toil is good.
 Thou, the Bread of heaven, art bro - ken, In the sac - ra - ment of life.
 Bless us in our dai - ly la - bor, Lead us to our Sab - bath rest. A - MEN.