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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

GATHERING HYMN

"10,000 Reasons"

- Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" - Blue Hymnal #298

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

SUNG PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"Jesus Our Divine Companion" - 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

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

- Insert, v.1.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12 & 7:7

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Pew Bible p. 936

TESTIMONY SERMON

"Telling It Like It Is"

- Chuck Marut & Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"How Firm A Foundation"

- Blue Hymnal #361

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR DEACONS

- Ben Bencomo

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BLESSING

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
Matthew 5:1-9
& 7:7**

AskSeekKnock

Experiencing God in Prayer

Google Search I'm Feeling Lucky

Blessed. It's a word that means many things. It carries the connotation that life is good, because we've earned it, or worked for it. It's used to denote privilege, that we are blessed – even when we haven't deserved it or earned it. And it also conveys the sense that we are blessed – life is full – even when life is hard, painful, or even not-so-good. How we understand the word often has to do with the context in which it is used and who is uttering it.

We can see why this is so hard to define by looking closely at the Greek word for "blessed" [μακάριος] in Matthew 5. It's most often translated as "blessed," "fortunate," or "happy." However, the meaning "happy" (as we understand it in English) is not actually found in the New Testament. The word comes from "hap" which means luck or a favorable circumstance. While μακάριος does mean happy it's not contingent about luck or a favorable circumstance. Rather to be blessed is to partake in God; to filled with God's Spirit; to experience the fullness of God."

Blessedness then indicates partaking in the purpose, person and passion of God. Curiously Jesus indicates that this is most often when we feel the farthest from what our society deems to be fortunate or blessed. When we're broken, rejected, hungry. Seeking the good for good's sake, not our own.

At times, we theologize prayer, saying indirectly that if God loves us, if we're good, or obedient, or righteous, then God will bless us by answering our prayer. In Matthew 7, Jesus says that when we pray we should seek God's will, struggle for God's blessing, investigate, search, crave, even beg God for God's intervention, action or illumination. Yet his words seem more about the journey, the action of searching, the growth in investigating, the zeal in hungering, than in the contentment of receiving. His words seem to focus less on the final state, or the acquisition of a good, than upon the process and the asking. So why pray?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- **What grabs your attention in this reading?**
- **How have you (haven't you) experienced God in the seeking of blessedness in prayer?**
- **How do you feel blessed by God?; forgotten by God?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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 25th, 7-9pm at Primera Iglesia 1940 High St 94601.

Celtic Prayer Group | Wed 7:00pm

Session Meeting | Thursday, 7:30pm

The Vocabulary of Faith | No class next week because of the Holiday Weekend and Monte's absence. Session 3 is July 8th.

Friday Night Meal | Fridays 6-7pm

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

Write a Note of Love to a CAPC Kid @ Camp this Week!

Getting a letter at camp is special fun! You can find self-addressed letters for our kids going to camp this week. **Mail by Tuesday at the latest so that it arrives in time!**

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. You can follow the developments, discussions and decisions made at the GA online at : <https://ga-pcusa.org>

STAFF NEWS | Mahri has left for a summer-long trip. Jeni McFarland is replacing her in the office. Monte will be gone this next week speaking at Westminster Woods Summer Camp Sarah Reyes will be preaching and leading worship next Sunday, July 1. Monte will then be on vacation until July 7th. Pete is taking vacation time in early July. He'll be absent from worship on July 8th and 15th.

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

Thank You to Our Leadership This Morning:

Testimony: Chuck Marut

Fellowship: David Kittams

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

Moment for Deacons: Ben Bencomo

Leadership for next week, 7/1/18:

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

Fellowship: David Kittams

No Godly Play as children are invited to stay for communion

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Reyes-Gibbs

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman / © 2011 Thankyou Music

Chorus:

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I worship your holy name

1. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your unending,
ten thousand reasons and then forevermore

GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103, from *The Passion Translation*. The congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT**

- 1 With my whole heart, with my whole life,
and with my innermost being,
I bow in wonder and love before you, the holy God!
- 2 **Yahweh, you are my soul's celebration.**
How could I ever forget the miracles of kindness you've done for me?
- 3 You kissed my heart with forgiveness,
in spite of all I've done.
You've healed me inside and out
from every disease.
- 4 **You've rescued me from hell and saved my life.**
You've crowned me with love and mercy.
- 5 You satisfy my every desire with good things.
You've supercharged my life so that I soar again
like a flying eagle in the sky!
- 6 **You're a God who makes things right,**
giving justice to the defenseless.
- 7 You unveiled to Moses your plans
and showed Israel's sons what you could do.
- 8 **Lord, you're so kind and tenderhearted**
to those who don't deserve it
and so patient with people who fail you!

Your love is like a flooding river
overflowing its banks with kindness.

- 9 You don't look at us only to find our faults,
just so that you can hold a grudge against us.
- 10 **You may discipline us for our many sins,**
but never as much as we really deserve.
Nor do you get even with us for what we've done.
- 11 Higher than the highest heavens—
that's how high your tender mercy extends!
Greater than the grandeur of heaven above
is the greatness of your loyal love, towering over
all who fear you and bow down before you!
- 12 **Farther than from a sunrise to a sunset—**
that's how far you've removed our guilt from us.
- 13 The same way a loving father feels toward his
children—that's but a sample of your tender
feelings toward us,
your beloved children, who live in awe of you.
- 14 **You know all about us, inside and out.**
You are mindful that we're made from dust.
- 15 Our days are so few, and our momentary beauty
so swiftly fades away!
- 16 **Then all of a sudden we're gone,**
like grass clippings blown away
in a gust of wind,
taken away to our appointment with death,
leaving nothing to show that we were here.
- 17 But Lord, your endless love stretches
from one eternity to the other, unbroken and
unrelenting toward those who fear you
and those who bow facedown in awe before you.
Your faithfulness to keep every gracious promise
you've made passes from parents, to children, to
grandchildren, and beyond.
- 18 **You are faithful to all those who follow your**
ways and keep your word.
- 19 God's heavenly throne is eternal, secure, and
strong, and his sovereignty rules the entire
universe.
- 20 **So bless the Lord, all his messengers of power,**
for you are his mighty heroes who listen
intently to the voice of his word to do it.
- 21 Bless and praise the Lord, you mighty warriors,
ministers who serve him well and fulfill his desires.
- 22 **I will bless and praise the Lord with my whole**
heart!
Let all God's works throughout the earth,
wherever the dominion of the Lord stretches,
let everything bless the Lord!

“There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy”

Author: Frederick William Faber (1862)

Tune: WELLESLEY (Tourjee) | Blue Hymnal #298

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea
There’s a kindness in God’s justice
Which is more than liberty
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven
There is no place where earth’s failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were but more faithful
We would gladly trust God’s word
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

“Jesus Our Divine Companion”

Henry Van Dyke (1909; alt.)

1. Jesus our divine companion
by Your lowly human birth
You have come to join the workers
burden bearers of the earth
You the carpenter of Nazareth
toiling for Your daily food
By Your patience and Your courage
You have taught us work is good

2. Where the many toil together
there you are among Your own
Where the solitary labor
You are there with them alone
You the peace that passes knowledge
dwelling in the daily strife
You the bread of heaven are broken
in the sacrament of life

“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Author: Civilla D. Martin (1905)

Tune: SPARROW | Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #661

1. Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion,
my constant friend is he
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know he watches me

chorus

I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know he watches me

“How Firm A Foundation”

Author (attributed to): George Keith (1787);

Tune: ADESTE FIDELES Blue Hymnal #361

1. How a firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word
What more can be said than to you God hath said
To you for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. “Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3. “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. “When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design,
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

5. “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to it’s foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shadows
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I
 3 When-ev-er I am tempted, when-ev-er clouds a-

4 C A⁷ Dm
 Why should my heart be lone-ly
 and rest-ing on his good-ness,
 rise, when song gives place to sigh-ing,

7 G⁷ C
 and long for heaven and home, when Je-sus is my
 I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he
 when hope with-in me dies, I draw the clos-er

10 G⁷ C F Dm
 por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 lead-eth but one step I may see: his
 to him; from care he sets me free:

13 G G⁷ C C⁷dim7 G⁷ C
 eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;

C⁷ F Fm C G⁷ C
 his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watches me.

Refrain G⁷ C G⁷ C
 I sing be-cause I'm happy, I sing be-cause I'm free,

C⁷ F Fm C G⁷ C
 for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watches me.

Glory to God 661

TEXT: Civilla Durfee Martin, 1905

MUSIC (SPARROW, Irregular): Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

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1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through the fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
 I will not be moved from the rock on which I am built."
 is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
 my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
 I will not desert to thy foes;
 to the end of thy days I will be true;
 What more can I say, than to you God hath said,
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, and thou shalt be blessed,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I will be thy de-sign
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll break the power of death, and thou shalt live.
 to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
 up-held by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
 and sanctified by the deep distress.
 thy dress to consume, and thy gold to refine.
 I'll never, no, never, no, never for-sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5:

TEXT: "K" in John Rippon's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

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Jesus, Thou Divine Companion

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

HENRY VAN DYKE, 1909

GEORGE F. LEBJUNGS, 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.