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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.

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June 30, 2019

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "Ain't That Good News" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

Reading

SONG OF PRAISE "Be Thou My Vision" - Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

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

SUNG RESPONSE "Don't Be Afraid" - 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 "For The Beauty Of The Earth" - Blue Hymnal

#473, v.3

READING OF SCRIPTURE Mark 10:46-52 Pew Bible, pp. 981

SERMON "Casting Off our Cloaks" - Rev. Monte

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Take Up Your Cross" - 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 "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 Today's Scripture Mark 10:46-52

Today's text comes from the gospel of Mark. This version of the story of Jesus is thought to be the first written as the language is simple and quite visual. The other gospels, Matthew and Luke, are thought to have borrow this



gospel accounting as the basis for the ways in which they tell the story as many of the sub-narratives are nearly identical except for a few word choices. Chapters eight to ten of Mark are considered to be the core of the story. Today's selection is the end of that portion, as the next verse shows Jesus entering Jerusalem (the capital city) for the first time (11:1). Mark choses to frame this whole section – in which he details what following Jesus along his Way of life looks like – by two stories of the blind having their eyes opened (here and also in Mark 8:22-26) setting the scene both literally and metaphorically.

This story is about sight. Paying attention to the text you can find that most of the verbs are about hearing and speaking. It includes three significant words and actions (that produced sound):

**"Son of David, have mercy on me":** this tile was a nationalist and militaristic one. It places Jesus in the line of descendance from the first, and greatest, Israelite monarch. Used twice in the passage, Is this title a nicety, meant to flatter, or does this blind man see who Jesus really is while others do not?

throwing off his cloak: People in this time would wear two tunics (if they could afford it). The inner tunic (chiton) was like a sort of underclothes. It was common for beggars to remove their outer tunic and lay it on the ground in front of them as the space and tool with which they could collect alms and donations. Bartimaeus discarding this out tunic, the tool for begging, could indicate his desire for a new life, his leaving being how he used to be in view of the of independence to which he hopes Jesus will liberate him.

"Get up!": Clearly the man is on the ground and is told to stand up. The verb used here for that movement is egeiro ( $\xi\gamma\epsilon\iota\rho\epsilon$ ) meaning "to rise up". Curiously this is also one of the two words used in the gospels for resurrection, to be raised from the dead. It's possible to hear that meaning underneath the literal meaning...this man who was a as good as dead because of his lack of vision, now is called and raised up to new life in vision that only Jesus can give.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION:**

- What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?
- How might you need to cast off your cloak to come to Jesus?
- What do you want Jesus to do for you?
- How do the word of this story touch your life today?

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **IUNE BIRTHDAYS**

23 Ross Laverty 24 Beth Beatty 29 Sophie McClain 2002 30 Stony Ramirez 1996

## **COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR**

**Youth Group.** We're staring the summer with a youth blow out on tonight!

Be "Good News" for Local Immigrants by helping us to teach a weekly ESL Class – Mondays, 7-9pm We focus on 1-1 conversation to develop both speaking skills and relationships! More info at <a href="https://www.capcoakland.org/esl-ministry">www.capcoakland.org/esl-ministry</a> NO ESL CLASS THIS HOLIDAY WEEK!

**Join our Choir!** Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman petefeltman@gmail.com

**Celtic Prayer Group,** Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm Meets near CAL. *Contact Marda Stothers for more info at mgstothers@gmail.com* 

**Friday Night Meal,** Friday, 6:00-7:00pm Talk to Ellen Brylawski if you'd like to help out.

Women's Group, Saturdays 8:30am | in the church library (meets 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays)

**The Vocabulary of Faith** | Sundays 9:30-10:15a *A weekly intro to learning how to read the Bible.* 

**Recreation VBS 2019 Edition:** Monday, July 29 through Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. More info online at <a href="https://www.recreationvbs.org">www.recreationvbs.org</a>

**2019 Church Retreat: September 6-8**<sup>th</sup> with First Presbyterian Church of Alameda. This year our speaker is Rev. Matt Prinz talking about Christian Community & Community-building practices. – Registration info soon!

**Relational Tithes** | *Ways to give back this week!* 

- •Encourage another with a hand-written note.
- •Water the plants in the sanctuary (watering can in the hallway behind the piano)
- •Water the pots on the church & gym steps
- •Straighten & restock the cards in the pews

La Ceiba Coffee:! For sale today \$10/bag

## Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Marge & Richard Harvey

Godly Play: Bill Beatty (ST); Mercy Beatty (DK)

## Leadership for next week, 7/7/19:

Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty Counters: Marge & Richard Harvey

#### LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

#### "Ain't That Good News"

I got a crown up in that kingdom, ainta that good news.

I got a crown up in that kingdom, ainta that good news.

I'ma gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news.

I got a robe up in that kingdom, ainta that good news I got a robe up in that kingdom, ainta that good news I'ma gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up my cross

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news

I got a savior up in that kingdom, ainta that good news.

I got a savior up in that kingdom, ainta that good news.

I'ma gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news

I got a harp up in that kingdom, ainta that good news. I got a harp up in that kingdom, ainta that good news. I'ma gonna lay down tis world, gonna shoulder up my cross,

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news.

I'ma gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news.

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news.

Gonna take it home to my Jesus, ainta that good news.

Ainta that good news!

### CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Today's responsive reading comes from. carolpenner.typepad.com

One: Open our ears

ALL: to hear your word.

One: Open our eyes

**ALL:** to see your presence.

One: Open our arms

ALL: to the embrace of community.

One: Open our minds

ALL: to the beauty of truth.

One: Open our hearts

ALL: to the joy of new life.

## "Be Thou My Vision"

Be though my vision, O lord of my heart Nought be all else to me save that though art Though my best though by day or by night Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be though my wisdom and thou my true word I ever with thee and though with me lord Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower Still be my vision O ruler of all

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

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

## "Don't Be Afraid"

Author: John L. Bell © 1995 Wild Goose Resource Group, Iona Community, Scotland, GIA Publications, Inc.,

1 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.

# "For The Beauty Of The Earth"

Author: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1864) Blue Hymnal #473

3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight.

## Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

## "Take Up Your Cross"

### [Intro]

Take up your cross and follow Jesus
Take up your cross every day
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him

## [Verse 1]

What are you doing for the King
Have you really given everything
To the One who gave His all for you?
Don't you be satisfied just to know
That the Lord has saved your soul.
Have you forgotten what you need to do,

## [Chorus]

Take up your cross and follow Jesus
Take up your cross every day
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him
Count up the cost, take up your cross and follow Him
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him
Count up the cost, take up your cross and follow Him.

## [Verse 2]

I know sometimes the road is long And I know sometimes you feel like you can't go on But you can make it, you just

Take up your cross and follow Jesus
Take up your cross every day
Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him
Count up the cost, take up your cross and follow Him.

# [Chorus]