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# הלללה Hallelujah!

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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

"Over My Head"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

- Blue Hymnal #298

*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

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

- Patt Schroeder

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card*

- Patt Schroeder

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

"Breathe"

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalms 113 & Luke 1:46-55

- Patt Schroeder

*Pew Bible, p. 596 & 991*

SERMON

"Praying Hallelujah Even When We've Had Enough"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Be Still My Soul"

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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 & BEDICTION

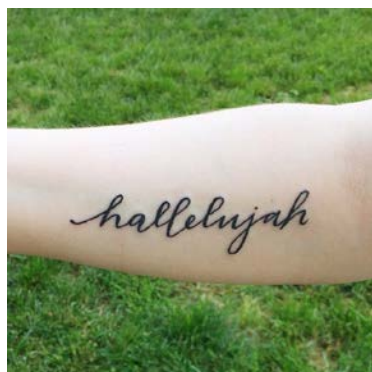
PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"La paix de Dieu"

(French)

*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  
Scriptures  
Psalm 113 & Luke 1:46-55**



We often imagine July as a month of sun soaked barbecues, community celebrations and a different pace focused around the patriotic notions of freedom and justice for all. But what do those words mean for us in general, in our daily life, and for us as followers of Jesus? The famous modern American writer David Foster Wallace described the human condition as daily crises and chronic disillusionment, warning us against the danger of succumbing to solipsism, that's to say self-absorbed or self-referential, thinking that there is nothing of value outside of our experience and perspective. In his writing Wallace invoked the existential values of compassion and mindfulness as powers to resist this dehumanizing disillusionment.

"The really important kind of freedom involves attention, and awareness, and discipline, and effort, and being able truly to care about other people and to sacrifice for them, over and over, in myriad petty little unsexy ways, every day. . . . The only thing that's capital-T True is that you get to decide how you're going to try to see it. You get to consciously decide what has meaning and what doesn't. . . . The trick is keeping the truth up-front in daily consciousness." – David Foster Wallace

In our age of partisan division, political disillusionment and politicized civic estrangement, it's all too easy for us to either minimize and reject the experience of others, who differ from us. Or, we feel isolated and alienated, feeling that we are getting the short-end of the stick, not knowing the justice of God promised to us in Biblical scripture.

We're working through the Psalms this summer, connecting with their vocabulary of Orientation – Dis-orientation and Re-orientation, as language with which we can talk about our own faith journeys. Which brief, Psalm 113 paints a complexly concise vision of God's sovereignty and justice-doing love. God is in the world, inviting us outside of ourselves in the daily crunch of disappointment and frustration. That theme of freedom and justice is developed throughout scripture, in particular in Mary's psalm of praise which we call the *Magnificat* in Luke 1:46-55. How do we respond to the injustice and lack of freedom we often experience in life? Do we choose despondency, depression, despair, cutting ourselves off from the world, going into ourselves alone, or something else? As we age, we discover that our living isn't merely a black and white dualistic choice. Rather one of shades of grey. How do we praise God (the word hallelujah in Hebrew) in the greyiness of our lives?

**Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation**

- What strikes or shimmers for you in these passages ?
- What images to you hear in the scriptures of justice & love?
- How do you long to know God's loving justice?

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**July Birthdays**

11 Ward Stothers	Dave Eagle
13 Alana D'Attilio	15 Chris Olson
17 Rachel Brylawski	21 Chickwendu Okereke
22 Kaya Ramirez Blake	24 Maya Patil 2002
27 John Fonua	John LaMotte
31 Lisa Wu	

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CAPC Choir** | Rehearsals : Sunday after worship and Wednesday nights starting at 5:30pm

**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** | 2nd Tuesdays @ 10:00am - 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!

**Recreation VBS 2017** : our annual VBS art-infused day camp. This year we're again meeting on our campus August 14-18<sup>th</sup>. You can register and find more information online at [recreationvbs.org](http://recreationvbs.org) or talk to Monte if you want to help!

**Thank You to Today's Leadership:**

Ushers:	Chickwendu Okereke, Joy Barnes
Liturgist:	Patt Schroeder
Fellowship:	David Kittams, Marda Stothers
Godly Play:	Linda Davis (ST), Elaine Price (DK)
Preaching:	Monte McClain
Musicians:	Dave Eagle, Pete Feltman

**Leadership for next week, 7/23/17:**

Ushers:	Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian
Liturgist:	Anne Marie Adams
Fellowship:	Margaret Smith
Godly Play:	David Kittams (ST), Maya Patil (DK)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

—Taken from *Sacraments and Seasons: Peacemaking Through Worship* from  
*Presbyterian Peacemaking Program*.

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst . . .

**come worship a God who feeds the hungry.**

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed . . .

**come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumor of war . . .

**come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness . . .

**come worship a God who gives life meaning.**

Come worship a God

**whose grace and love know no end.**

### “Over My Head”

*African American Spiritual*

Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
Over my head, I hear music in the air  
There must be a God somewhere

1. O when the world is silent I hear music in the air

*Refrain*

2. And when I’m feeling lonely I hear music in the air

*Refrain*

3. Now when I think on Jesus I hear music in the air

*Refrain*

### “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”

*Author: Frederick William Faber (1862); 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

### “Breathe”

*Michael W. Smith*

This is the air I breathe  
This is the air I breathe  
Your holy presence living in me  
This is my daily bread  
This is my daily bread  
Your very word spoken to me  
And I, I’m desperate for you  
And I, I’m lost without you

### “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

*(Land Of Rest Tune) Blue Hymnal #370*

1. Forgive our sins as we forgive  
You taught us Lord to pray  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say
2. How can your pardon reach  
and bless the unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs  
and will not let old bitterness depart
3. In blazing light Your cross  
reveals the truth we dimly knew  
What trivial debts are owed  
to us how great our debt to you
4. Lord cleanse the depths  
within our souls and bid resentment cease  
Then bound to all in bonds of love  
our lives will spread Your peace

### “Be Still My Soul

*Author: Katharina von Schlegel; Tune: FINLANDIA*

1. Be still, my soul. The Lord is on thy side  
Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake  
Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on
2. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
To guide the future as He has the past  
When we shall be forever with the Lord
3. Leave to thy God to order and provide.  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone
4. In every change, He, faithful will remain  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Sorrow forgot, loves purest joys restored

5. Be still my soul, thy best, thy heavenly friend.  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
Be still my soul, when change and tears are past

6. Through thorny ways, leads to a joyful end.  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

### **Sending Words of Blessing**

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud,

**Men: among the persecuted,**

Women: among the privileged,

**ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.**

Leader: In the private house, in the public place,

Women: in the wedding feast,

**Men: in the judgment hall,**

**ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.**

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word,

**Men: with a clear conscience,**

Women: with burning love,

**ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.**

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,

Women: that the powerful might stumble,

**Men: that the hidden might be seen,**

**ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.**

Leader: Within us, without us, behind us, before us,

**Men: in this place, in every place,**

Women: for this time, for all time,

**ALL: CHRIST IS COMING TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW.**