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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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July 22, 2018

GATHERING SONG

"Say Yes"

- Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"From the Crush of Wealth and Power"

- Insert

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

SUNG PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"Ancient Words"

- 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

"Morning Has Broken"

- Blue Hymnal #469, 1-2

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 137; Jeremiah 29:4-7

*Pew Bible, p. 608 & 763*

TESTIMONY SERMON

"Flourishing in Exile"

- Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

- Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"Kedamaian Kristus"

- Indonesian

*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 Psalm 137; Jeremiah 29:4-7

We live in a time of greater cultural shift and change. Phyllis Tickle called it the "Great Emergence," comparing it to a 500 year yard sale where all our possessions are put on the lawn and we have to decide what we'll sell in order to downsize and what we'll keep in order to preserve and flourish in the future. This week of summits has seen an even more vehement, polarizing national conversation opposing treason and patriotism, faith and foolishness, hope and naivety, collaboration and resistance.



Our scriptures this week address a similar situation, albeit thousands of years ago. As Ecclesiastes says, "there is nothing new under the sun" – history repeats itself. Psalm 137 is a worship song written in the wake of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian Empire in 587 BCE. From their forced-deportation, the poet writes of the grieving people. Reminded of home, dreaming of the past, they lament their lot. They desire revenge upon those that attacked them: vengeance with a bitterness that can only be quenched by the genocidal murdering of the infant children of their enemies. In their defeat, deportation and depression they struggle even to know *how*, let alone *if*, they can worship the God they call El Shaddai: God Almighty.

Jeremiah lives, acts and speaks as prophet during this epochal earth-shattering time. Chapter 29 tells us of a letter that he sends from Jerusalem to the exiles in Babylon. There is great unrest among the people, most likely provoked by Jewish prophets who were assuring the exiles that they would soon be going home, that the foreign empire would soon fall. This could have been to incite a rebellion, or to make people feel better. The exiles were faced with the choice of either resistance (violent or non-violent) and/or collaboration. Would they be like the Parisians who fell in love with the occupying German soldiers? Or would they join the resistance seeking to throw them out of France? Here in his letter (verses 4-7) Jeremiah offers a third-way both resistance and collaboration: seek the welfare of the country in which you are as when they do well you will do well. Disregard the fake news of the prophets among you, settle down, prepare for a long-stay, live a normal life as peaceable subjects of Babylon, recognizing that your good is part of the greater good; that Yahweh is the Sovereign Lord Almighty of All and will use all to accomplish the divine plan.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What grabs your attention in these passages?
- Is Jeremiah crazy? How can one flourish in exile?
- How are you struggling, feeling overwhelmed by depression, despair or defeat in the great cultural changes of today?
- Is cultural change necessarily a negative or harmful thing?
- How might God be calling you?; us? ...to a third-way of beyond the polarizing dualism of resistance and collaboration?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 21 Chickwendu Okereke | 22 Kaya Ramirez Blake |
| 24 Maya Patil 2002    | 27 John Fonua         |
| 27 John LaMotte       | 31 Lisa Wu            |

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Welcome to Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta!** They are Mission co-workers in Indonesia since 1991 and 2003. Bernie is director of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS-Yogya) at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta. Farsijana is director of the Center for Research and Community Development at Duta Wacana Christian University in Yogyakarta. Both Bernie and Farsijana spend a lot of time working together with Christians and Muslims to build a just society. Learn more about them and their shared ministry with handouts in the entry.

**Youth Group today 4-6pm :** We're going swimming at Robert's Park Pool.

**Teaching ESL Classes, tomorrow, Monday, July 23rd 7-9pm** at Primera Iglesia 1940 High St 94601

**No Celtic Prayer Group** | on break until mid-Aug

**The Vocabulary of Faith** | Sundays 9:30-10:15am

**Session Meeting** | Thursday 7/26 7:30pm

**Friday Night Meal** | Our next meal is 7/28 6-7pm

**TEAM CHICK** | If you'd like to be involved with helping Chick and his family while he prepares for a future heart transplant, talk to Janet Majors.

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

**Letter Ministry** | Encourage another with a hand-written note. They're ready to go on the back wall!

**Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, 7/28 8:30am, @ The Crepevine Restaurant, 5600 College Ave

**All Church Retreat – with First Pres Alameda!** | September 7-9, 2018 | Register on paper or online @ [www.capcoakland.org/church-retreat](http://www.capcoakland.org/church-retreat).

**Recreation VBS** | August 6-12, 9a-3pm | for all church kids & others! | You can also volunteer to help! Register online @ [www.recreationvbs.org](http://www.recreationvbs.org)

**Thank You to Our Leadership This Morning:**  
Preaching: Prof. Bernard Adeney-Risakotta  
Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt & Kristy McClain  
Godly Play: Linda Davis [ST] ; Elaine Price [DK]

**Leadership for next week, 7/29/18:**  
Fellowship: Margaret Smith  
Godly Play: B. Beatty [ST]; Patt Schroeder [DK]

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **"Say Yes"**

*Michelle Williams, 2014*

When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no  
When Jesus say Yes nobody can say no

I'm not worried about a thing  
cause I know you are guiding me  
Where you lead me Lord I will go  
I have no fear cause I know who's in control  
There's no limit to what you can do  
Cause it all belongs to you yes it all belongs to you  
You're almighty and all powerful  
And it all belongs to you, yes it all belongs to you

### **GATHERING WORDS | CALL TO WORSHIP**

*From a Liturgy for the Reaffirmation of Baptism from the  
PCUSA, based upon 1 Corinthians. 12:12-13, 17 & Micah 6:8.  
The congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT***

One: We have chosen to be here,  
forming one body out of many.

**All: We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in Christ.**

One: With us are those we see and those who share  
our vision but are scattered across creation.

**All: We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in Christ.**

One: We share a vision arising from differing  
experiences—men and women, gay and  
straight, rich and poor, of many races, creeds  
and cultures that are one with us in this  
moment.

**All: We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in Christ.**

One: We have chosen to be here in a time of war  
when we have called for peace.

**All: We have chosen to be here in a time of  
injustice when we have called for liberation.**

One: We have chosen to be here in a time of fear  
when we have called for hope.

**All: We have chosen to be here in a time of  
action as a sign of faith.**

One: We have chosen to be here in a time of darkness  
as a sign of light.

**All: We are one in the Spirit;  
we are one in Christ.**

*Continued next column....*

One: Creating and healing and transforming God,  
God who makes one of all those  
sharing in the hope of faith,  
remind us that we are more  
than the people in this room  
and more than the present time  
that we may be your instrument  
for peace and justice  
in the present time and for all time.

**All: Amen.**

### **"From the Crush of Wealth and Power"**

*Kendyl L. R. Gibbons (1992)*

From the crush of wealth and power  
something broken in us  
all waits the spirit's silent hour  
pleading with a poignant call,  
bind all my wounds again.

Even now our hearts are wary  
of the friend we need so much.  
When I see the pain you carry,  
shall I, with a gentle touch,  
bind all your wounds again?

When our love for one another  
makes our burdens light to bear,  
find the sister and the brother,  
hungry for the feast we share;  
bind all their wounds again.

Ev'ry time our spirits languish  
terrified to draw too near,  
may we know each other's anguish  
and, with love that casts out fear,  
bind all our wounds again.

### **"Ancient Words"**

*Lynn DeShazo*

*Lift Up Your Hearts: psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs #762*

1. Holy words long preserved,  
For our walk in this world  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart  
Words of life, Words of hope,  
Give us strength, Help us cope  
In this world where e'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

## ACT OF CONFESSION

From a Liturgy written by Rev. Mindi, Rev-o-lution, 2013.

<http://rev-o-lution.org/2013/10/04/worship-resources-for-october-13th-twenty-first-sunday-after-pentecost/>

The congregation responds with **the text in BOLD PRINT**

### Prayer of Brokenness/Confession

Loving Savior, we come before You,  
acknowledging that we have not always been faithful.  
It's not that we have had our doubts, but that we have  
failed to acknowledge Your presence in our lives.  
We have been proud of our own accomplishments,  
frustrated when things don't go our way, and we've  
turned inwards instead of seeking Your guidance, Your  
wisdom, and Your endurance in our lives.  
Forgive us when we have turned away from You.  
Forgive us when we have shut ourselves off from the  
lives of others.  
Forgive us when we dwell on ourselves instead of living  
more fully into Your love and grace.  
In the name of Christ, who remains faithful even when  
we do not, we pray. Amen.

### Blessing/Assurance of Pardon (from 2 Timothy 2:11-13)

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.  
If we endure, we will also reign with Christ. And even  
when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful, for Christ  
cannot deny himself. We are renewed and restored  
because of Christ's love for us, a love that endures  
forever. Go and share the Good News. Amen.

### Prayer

Almighty God, the journey of faith is not easy. Our world  
groans and cries with the weight of injustice and  
oppression. Faith seems foolish, even insulting to  
express to others who have suffered so much. But faith  
is what gives us hope. Strengthen our faith, O God, and  
give us the courage to express that faith in the midst of  
suffering and pain. Grant us wisdom to share our faith in  
ways that encourage and build up others rather than  
make ourselves feel good. Most of all, call us into ways  
of living out hope in our lives: to do justice, to practice  
kindness, and to walk humbly with You.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

## "Morning Has Broken"

Eleanor Farjeon (1931)

Tune: BUNESSAN | Blue Hymnal #469

1. Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

## "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

John L. Bell; Author: Graham Maule

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Ancient and Modern: hymns and songs for refreshing  
worship #563

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals, and real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes, Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer,  
touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.  
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard,  
let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.



## Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Em A Em Am B7 Em

1 Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets;  
 2 Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets,  
 ♦ 3 Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets;  
 4 Je - sus Christ is danc - ing, danc - ing in the streets,  
 5 Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets,

Em A Em Am B7 Em

no one is his neigh - bour, all a - lone he eats.  
 where in - just - ice spi - rals and real hope re - treats.  
 ♦ cur - ing those who suf - fer, touch - ing those he greets.  
 where each sign of hat - red he, with love, de - feats.  
 "Who will join my jour - ney? I will guide their feet."

Em A D B Em A D B7

\*Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am lone - ly too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am an - gry too.  
 ♦ Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have pit - y too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should tri - umph too.  
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my fears be few.

\* or: "Listen, my Jesus"

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