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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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July 23, 2017

GATHERING SONG "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Blue Hymnal #473

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Give Me Jesus" - insert

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 - Anne Marie Adams
Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" - insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Anne Marie Adams
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 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" - insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE - Anne Marie Adams
 Psalm 8 *Pew Bible, p .530*

SERMON "What's in a Name?" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Hallelujah (The Anthem)" - insert

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 8

The Psalms are poem-songs that seek to articulate that which is beyond words, underneath them, that which surpasses the power of language. Today's Psalm orients or re-oriens our expectations, experience and expression of God's person, passion and purpose. It begins and ends with the same exact phrase, invoking the majesty of God's person, using the Divine Name which the Israelites considered too holy to be spoken aloud: YHVH or "Yahweh". Revealed to Moses from within the burning bush in Exodus 3:14, the name is impossible to exactly translate. It can mean "I am who I am" or "I will be who I will be." It points to mystery that God is not static, not a force we can put in a box, or an understanding we can put our finger on to define. It conveys the transcendence of God – that God is beyond our imagination, expectations and understanding.

And yet in our smallness when compared to this greatness of God, the poet of Psalm 108 sings of the mysterious love of God who chooses us, reveals the divine nature to us, involves us in the ongoing work of creation as stewards of creation and living life. This God, sung in the Psalm, is one who is praised and known by children and infants, the seemingly weak who yet are able to defend against the enemies of God.

There is a connection between knowing God and knowing ourselves, between being in relationship with the One who orders the universe and those who live alongside and with us. The poem points to the intimate link between each of us, between us and creation which springs forth from our relationship with God. This relationship isn't static, but rather evolving and emerging, deepening and expanding, calling us from life into more abundant life. It's this awe-inspiring experience of which the poet sings.

When have you experienced this awe? The realization of your smallness, and God's greatness (transcendence) – and the paradox that God is with and among us, loving us, choosing us (immanence)? If you've had such an experience what feelings and thoughts did it raise up within you? How have you responded to it? How do you struggle to live, or stay present within that experience of awe, covenantal love and divine purpose?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes or shimmers for you in these passages ?
- When have you heard this psalm before? What do you think the Psalm is saying? What words or images in the poem-prayer do you use in your own prayer life, whether spoken aloud or imagined in your imagination?
- How does this psalm feed your soul?



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 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

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 and in the entry!

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

Summer Camp | Westminster Woods | this week : this week Sophie, and other High School campers that are associated with our VBS program will be at High School Camp. Monte will be there too, as chaplain-speaker for the primary school camp – "The Forest".

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian
Liturgist: Anne Marie Adams
Fellowship: Margaret Smith
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST), Fredora Darmstadt (DK)
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 7/30/17:

Ushers: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Chickwendu Okereke & Family
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST), Maya Patil (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader reads plain font, the people the bold.

—from Isaiah 55:1-3; 6-11

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
those who have no money, come, buy and eat!

**People: Come, buy wine and milk without money
And without price.**

Leader: Why do you spend your money
for that which is not bread,

**People: and your labor for that
which does not satisfy?**

Leader: Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

**People: Seek the Lord while God may be found,
call upon the Lord while God is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;**

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**People: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

Leader: so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**People: Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;**

“For The Beauty Of The Earth”

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

1. For the beauty of the earth for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise
Continued....

3. For the joy of human love, brother,
sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild
Lord of all to Thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise

4.. For Thy church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all to Thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise

5. For Thyself best gift divine,
to our race so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all to Thee we raise,
this our hymn of grateful praise

“Give Me Jesus”

Traditional Spiritual

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

chorus
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all the rest
But give me Jesus

2. My mother used to say,

3. Dark midnight was my cry,

4. And when I'm about to die,

“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

“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

“The Anthem (Hallelujah)”

William Murphy

Hallelujah
You have won the victory
Hallelujah
You have won it all for me

Death could not hold you down
You are the risen king
You're seated in majesty
You are the risen king