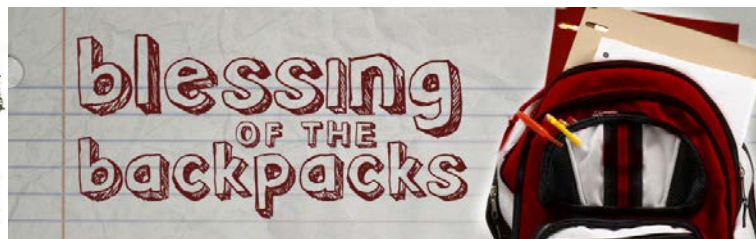
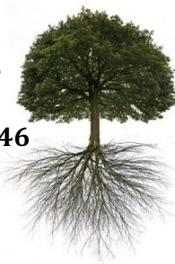


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## Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

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

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

- Insert

LITANY OF BEGINNINGS CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Give Me Jesus"

- Insert

BLESSING THOSE WHO WEAR BACKPACKS

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

SUNG RESPONSE

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

- 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

"I'll Fly Away"

- Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-32

*Pew Bible, p. 947*

GOLDY PLAY SERMON

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Ain't That Good News"

- Insert

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING OF THOSE WHO WEAR BACKPACKS:

*We celebrate the beginning of school by pausing to prayer, and to commit to praying with those who are discovering who they are called to be as God's children through their intellect and gifts, and also those that work with them in education. You can come forward during the song and select a name from the bowl of a teacher and/or student and pray for them in the coming school year.*

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

"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 Matthew 13:31-32



The gospel of Matthew is believed to have been written for Jewish believers in and followers of Jesus who most likely lived in and around modern day Syria. Today's parable story is told by Jesus in the three synoptic gospels. Recorded here in Matthew 31:31-32, and also in Mark 4:30-34; Luke 13:18-21, the story is clearly one that was key to of how Jesus explained the kingdom of Heaven: the community of God's-Making in our world.

Parables are stories that point to a deeper truth. They are larger than a mere symbol or one-to-one metaphor. They're compared to a nut. To get the fruit of the nut you have to first break open the shell, which can be hard to do with your bare hands. It takes effort, attention, and intention. Parables are not merely stories that we have to "get." Parables are also stories that "get" us, or open us up as we wrestle with them so that we might become "woke" to God's presence, purpose and person.

Some things to know about today's parable include these historical pieces that are often lost to us in our modern culture.

**DOES SIZE MATTER?** While we know today that the mustard seed isn't the smallest that exists (that award goes to certain epiphytic orchids in the tropical rainforest. Some seeds are only 1/300th of an inch (85 micrometers) long, which is below the resolving power of the unaided human eye.) In the ancient world, it was believed that mustard was the very smallest that existed.

**MUSTARD, A TREE?** Mustard doesn't grow to become the size of a tree, but it can be a fierce shrub. We're accustomed to Redwood Trees, but in a land like ancient Israel such a shrub could be approached as a tree by both humans and animals.

**MUSTARD IT'S LIKE A WEED IN VINEYARD?** In the Ancient World, mustard was considered the worst of weeds to have pop in your garden. It was a fierce subversive grower and hard to get rid of. Once it appeared it would often take over. Mustard was used not just on food, but also as a healing agent, like we use Vick's Vapor Rub today. So it was a symbol of subversiveness, power and therapeutic healing.

**BIRDS?** In the prophets: Ezekial, Isaiah, and Jeremiah, fowl often are metaphor for human thoughts and intellectual activity. Some see birds used as a metaphor for the intellectual church, those that find faith through "faith" (not biology) such as the Gentiles who chose faith rather than being born of children of Israel.

### Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- Could the person take the shrub like a tree and push it all back down inside the seed?
- What could the tree really be?
- If you have ever come close to this kind of tree? Where? How?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5	Lori Castner	Amber Beatty (2011
8	Anne Marie Adams	12 Sharon Nelson
12	David Kittams	22 Patrice Trowbridge
24	Bob Brylawski	25 Margaret Smith

### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5	Jeff and Linda Trowbridge	1978
8	Bob and Ellen Brylawski	1987
9	Thom and Tina Faulkner	2002
30	Monte and Kristy McClain	1997

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### TODAY - BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS|.

Backpack are a of being a student or worker in education – we use them today in our spiritual celebration & dedication of the new school year.

**NO Youth Group today** | See you August 26 @ 7pm

**Teaching ESL Classes, tomorrow, Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm** at Primera Iglesia 1940 High St 94601.

**Choir Practice** | Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm (Sanctuary)

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

**Friday Night Meal** | Our next meal is 8/24 6-7pm

**Womens' Group** | Saturday, 8:30a in the library

**Next week in worship** | Rev Sarah Reyes Gibbs is preaching.

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

**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 | This week!** – We had a great week this past week. Check out the art work we made, as well as photo/video memories in our power point presentation this morning and online at <http://www.recreationvbs.org/2018-photos>

**Monte is on vacation this next week.**

**Thank You to Our Leadership This Morning!**  
Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski  
Godly Play: David Kittams [ST]; Maya Patil [DK]

#### Leadership for next week, 8/19/18:

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Reyes Gibbs  
Fellowship: David Kittams, Marda Stothers  
Godly Play: Beth Beatty [ST];  
Fredora Darmstadt [DK]

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **"All Creatures of Our God and King"**

*Francis of Assisi (1225)*

*Glory to God Hymnal, #15*

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
so, even in the midst of tears,  
sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!

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

*Taken from*

*<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/davidhenson/2013/08/a-service-for-a-new-school-year-back-to-school-liturg/>*

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

One: The apostle Paul describes the effects of faith in this way:

**ALL: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's-self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God's-self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.**

Leader: It is the beginning of a new school year, and God is a God of new beginnings and new creations. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, new life, blessed it and called it good.

**People: We give thanks for a new year and for new beginnings. We give thanks that you call us good.**

Leader: In the beginning, the heavens shone forth a star when our Savior was born. In the beginning of the movement, the heavens opened up and called Jesus, God's beloved.

**People: We give thanks that you know our pathways and what it means to be human. We give thanks that you call us your beloved children.**

**ALL: O God of new beginnings, new life, and new journeys, you sent Abraham and Sarah into a new land; you led Moses, Aaron and Miriam out of Egypt and into liberation; you led your Son our Savior to earth, to the cross, and into resurrection. Walk with us, we pray, as we enter into a new year, a new path, new opportunities.  
Amen.**

## **"Give Me Jesus"**

*Afro-American 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,

## **"Come And Find The Quiet Center"**

*Shirley Erena Murray*

1. Come and find the quiet center  
in the crowded life we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter  
find the frame where we are freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter,  
be at peace and simply be

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being touches base  
Making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun  
Raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun

3. In the spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain  
Let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for hearts to care  
In the spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare

## **"I'll Fly Away"**

*Traditional Spiritual*

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er,  
I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

*Chorus*

I'll fly away, fly away, Oh Glory  
I'll fly away; (in the morning)  
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

2. When the shadows of this life have gone,  
I'll fly away;  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,  
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

3. Jesus a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll fly away

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

*Negro Spiritual*

1. I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

2. I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

3 I got a Savior in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
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Ain't-a that good news!  
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gonna to shoulder up-a my cross.  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al-le-lu - ia!  
 of fruit and grain, Al-le-lu - ia!  
 ows of the night, Al-le-lu - ia!  
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluia."

TEXT: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. composite  
 MUSK: *Gesellige Kirchengesang*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906  
 LAST UNITS ERFREUEN  
 LM with alleluia  
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

*Harmony*

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear, Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu - ia!  
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*Unison*

Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!  
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 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
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# 423 Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I  
 2 Dark\_ mid-night was my cry, dark\_ mid-night was my  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of  
 4 Oh,\_\_\_ when I come to die, oh,\_\_\_ when I come to

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rise, in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 cry, dark\_ mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 day, just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 die, oh,\_\_\_ when I come to die, give me Je - sus.

*Lift Up Your Hearts 423*  
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## Give Me Jesus

*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus; you may

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have all this world; give me Je - - sus.

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