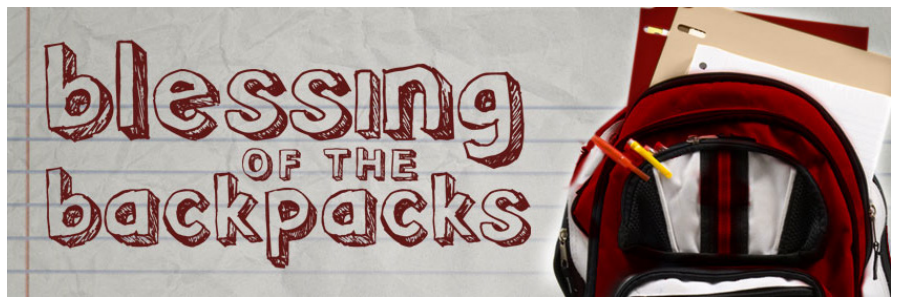


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Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

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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August 20, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"Say Yes"

- insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"All God's Critters"

- insert

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

during the song

Students are invited to come forward during the song to receive a symbol of the love, support and prayers of the church community.

At the conclusion 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

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

- insert

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 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

Psalms 38

Pew Bible, p .547

SERMON

"Imagination in the Ordinary"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"There Is a Redeemer"

- 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

"The Peace of Christ"

(English)

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 38

The Book of Psalms is a book of poetry, which was used as the "prayer" of "service" book in the ancient Israelite Temple. Composed of 150 poems, Rev. Eugene Peterson writes that, they form are a "prayer book that gives us a language adequate for responding to the God who speaks to us." They can teach us how to pray. Psalm 38 is a prayer of lament, words uttered by someone suffering from...a disease, an ailment, a situation, persecution, fear, maybe loss. It's not included in the lectionary cycle of Biblical texts for worship through which we move every three years. Maybe you've never heard it before? In the poem, the poet, rooted in her suffering the poet portrays God as seemingly persecuting, punishing or pursuing her. The prayer presents a dark portrait of a God who seems vengeful, intent on dishing out punishing tit-for-tat, who seems distant. And yet....

the poem ends with a prayer for hope, insisting upon waiting, the poet abandons herself in hope that God will....save, heal, act.

Our women's group is reading the book Run with the Horses by Eugene Peterson. It addresses the book of Jeremiah and contains this passage on imagination and God's presence in the ordinariness of life that speaks to the haunting words of Psalm 38.

"The great masters of the imagination do not make things up out of thin air; they direct our attention to what is right before our eyes. They then train us to see it whole - not in fragments but in context, with all the connections. They connect the visible and the invisible, the this with the that. They assist us in seeing what is around us all the time but which we regularly overlook. With their help we see it not as commonplace but as awesome, not as banal but as wondrous. For this reason the imagination is one of the essential ministries in nurturing the life of faith. For faith is not a leap out of the everyday but a plunge into its depths."

When we approach everyday life are we expect God to be there? Do we imagine God as an adversary?; coach?; cheerleader?; manager?; inactive observer?; punishing parental figure?

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What strikes or shimmers for you in this passage?
- When have you heard this psalm before? What do you think the Psalm is saying?
- How / when have you felt angry at God or persecuted by God?
- How have you experienced "salvation" from God in your own life? When? How did it happen, and/or end up?
- What does psalm 38 say to you about your own difficulties, and the hard times you go through?
- How does this psalm feed your soul?



ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

August Birthdays

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Session Meeting | Thursday at 7:30pm in the library

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

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30 in the Library Find the text we study copied in the entry or online.

Women's Group | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library.

Thinking Theologically | Tues, August 29th @ 7:30pm. Our next meeting is discussing the Sovereignty of God in the theology of John Calvin Find the reading for discussion online at www.capcoakland.org/thinking-theologically

Church Retreat Registration Forms are both online at www.capcoakland.org and in the entry!

Recreation VBS 2017 : see photos of camp in today's powerpoint or online at www.recreationvbs.org.

Care Givers Support Meeting : Today 3-5pm at the Stothers' home: 2600 Waring Street, Berkeley 94704

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers:	Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist:	Can you help read scripture?
Fellowship:	Richard Harvey & Elaine Price
Godly Play:	Joy Barnes (ST); Emma Fleming (DK)
Musicians:	Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 8/27/17:

Ushers:	Louise Hirschman, Albert Hussian
Liturgist:	Can you help read scripture?
Fellowship:	Kristy Parsons McClain & Fredora Darmstadt
Godly Play:	David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.**
from Matt 18:20, adapted from a payer from leadinginworship at
carolpenner.typepad.com*

Leader: For where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in the midst of them.

People: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

Leader: The road between fear and hope,

People: the road between the place where all is lost

Leader: and the place of resurrection.

**People: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus,
we are in need of your company!**

Leader: When we go to school, when we go to work

People: When we come back home, when we rest and recover,

Leader: When we study and learn, when we listen and question.

**People: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power,
let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Say Yes"

Michelle Williams

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

"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

"All God's Critters Got A Place In The Choir"

words & music by Bill Staines

Chorus

All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher,
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything
they've got now

1. Listen to the top where the little bird sings
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,
And the hoot owl cries over everything
And the mockingbird disagrees.

2. Singing in the night time, singing in the day,
When little duck quacks, and he's on his way.
And the otter aint got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself

3. The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old gray badger sighs...

4. Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo.

5. It's a simple song a little song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,
The dopey alligator and the the hawk above,
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove.

“There Is A Redeemer”

Author Keith Green

There is a redeemer
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One

Jesus my redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh for sinners slain

(chorus)

Thank you Oh my Father
For giving us your Son
and leaving your spirit till
The work on earth is done

When I stand in glory
I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy place