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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.

CCL #1137062

September 3, 2017

GATHERING SONG

"Our Darkness "

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CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"God of Grace And God Of Glory "

-Blue Hymnal #420

TIME OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer followed by Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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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

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

"Worthy"

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27

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Pew Bible, p. 540

SERMON

"Looking Fear in the Face"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

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ONE BREAD & ONE BODY : GOD NOURISHES AND GROWS OUR FAITH

All those who are hungry for God's presence are invited to share in our table meal today. We'll celebrate primarily by Intinction (taking a piece of bread and dipping it into a common cup). Please come forward in the center aisle and return to your seat via the side aisles. A plate of individual cups is available for those who prefer that. We also have a gluten free bread option.

COMMUNION SONG

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

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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 CHRIST

"The Peace of Christ"

(English)

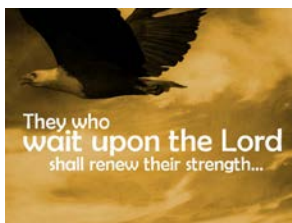
We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God at work towards the healing transformation of the world.

Thoughts on Today's Scriptures

Psalm 27

The Book of Psalms is a book of poetry, which was used as the "prayer" or "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 27 seems to be both a prayer of orientation, singing of trust and confidence in Yahweh in verses 1 to 6, and one of disorientation, in which there is a complaint a prayer for God to be faithful in versus 7 to 12. The poetic prayer seems to model the reality that trust and need come side by side in life. Even if we have confidence and trust in God to provide, we often find ourselves in wrestling matches with fear. And God's promises of light and salvation are not just for a far off distant, other-worldly, future; but for us here, now, in the land of the living.

Throughout the psalm there is a repetition of certain words and metaphors, which are often reversed or expanded upon in each use. They put flesh upon a celebration of trust in God and a request for God to continue to be faithful in the face of fear, uncertainty and adversarial relationships. God is presented as an active light and salvation which illuminate the world, chase off the shadows and darkness and light the way forward. Repeatedly God is lifted up as a sure rock, a stronghold to trust and seek out. It's a reminder and a prayer of self-reassurance.



We all have fears. When we're little we turn on the bedroom light to chase them off, but as we age our fears are not so easily scared away, or overcome. Our fears can give us strength, opening our own mind to our own strength, the faithfulness of Gods, the gracious relationships that we have with family, friends and neighbors. At times our failures, fears and hard times can turn out to be transformative and enriching. Often when we don't get the happy ending we expect, we receive something from the journey that we would never have imagined or asked for. This psalm might be a poem about an experience that you haven't had, yet the metaphors, feeling and language are those of multiple experiences of fear, failure and flailing in life to which we can all relate.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this passage?
- Read it again. What image most speaks to you today?
- When have you heard this psalm before? Where? How?
- How does it utter a good news word to you in regards to whatever you're living today as you may struggle to put your trust in God as a shepherd guide or as one who invites you to his table?
- How does this psalm feed your soul?
- What do you fear these days?
- What makes you drop your head, and look at your feet, rather than looking ahead with confidence?
- How have you seen the goodness of the Lord here and now?
- How has the beauty of God's goodness changed the light in which you see God, the world, others, yourself?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

September Birthdays

2 Betty Trowbridge	3 Mercy Beatty
7 Michael Mendonca	8 Rev. Monte McClain
9 Diana Geary	11 Linda Davis
17 Olivia Wenzler 2005	19 Sylvan Zappin
27 Linda Trowbridge	28 Lisa Ko

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC Choir | New Tuesday Night Rehearsal Schedule :

Sunday after worship and Tuesday nights 5:30-6:30pm

Next week in worship: We'll have a lectio divina experience as much of the church community will be at our annual retreat.

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.

The Church Retreat is *next* weekend – you should receive an informative letter from the planning team to answer all your questions. Be sure to settle your balance if you haven't yet done that.

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

Presbytery of San Francisco Meeting – Saturday, September 9th More info online at www.presbyteryofsf.org

Theology on Tap : This Tuesday, September 4 @ 7:30pm meeting at the Golden Squirrel Pub (across the Street).

Out and About – The Annual Rockridge Street Faire – Sunday, September 17th. Would you be willing to help us staff a booth to share about our 100th anniversary?

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 16th 8:30-10am

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Ushers: Bob Brylawski; Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Linda Davis & Louise Hirschman
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Maya Patil (DK)
Deacons helping with Communion: Anne Marie bread.
Elaine: set up. Jeff: cleanup.
Musicians: Dave Eagle, Kevin Goldberg, Pete Feltman

Leadership for next week, 9/8/17:

Ushers:
Liturgist:
Fellowship:
Godly Play:

Church Retreat

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Inspired from Psalm 90:17 ; <http://carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship>

Leader: Lord,
in the glory of late summer we come to worship

People: reveling in the beauty of your handiwork.

Leader: Give us insight this morning

**People: into how the work of our hands
is part of the work of your hands.**

Leader: We join with you in lifting the heavyhearted,

**People: comforting the sorrowful,
and calming the anxious.**

Leader: Fill us with the joy of service this morning.

**People: We pray all these hopes in the name of Jesus.
Amen.**

LYRICS TO THIS MORNING'S SONGS:

"Our Darkness" or "La Ténèbre"

Jacques Berthier, 1991; Taizé Community;

Glory to God Hymnal #678

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight:
the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

"Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Will L. Thompson; Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal #418

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?

Refrain:

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

"God of Grace And God Of Glory"

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930); Blue Hymnal #420

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Continued next column....

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

"Worthy"

(Land Of Rest Tune) Blue Hymnal #370

Worthy, worthy worthy is the lamb
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the lamb

Praise you, praise you, praise you evermore
We praise you, we praise you, we praise you
evermore

Love you, love you, love you evermore
We love you, we love you, we love you evermore

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Blue Hymnal #172

1. O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

Over...

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home!
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home," Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

TEXT and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
 11.7.11.7 with refrain

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil 133

D Em/D D6 Em/D A/C# Bm7 G D/F# Em A
 Good - ness is strong - er than e - vil; love is strong - er than

Dsus D D Em/D D6 Em/D A/C# Bm7
 hate; light is strong - er than dark - ness;

G D/F# Em A D D7 G A7
 life is strong - er than death. Vic - tory is ours, vic - tory is

D Bm G6 A9
 Oh, vic - tory is ours,
 ours through him who loved us.
 vic - tory is ours through him who loved us.

Words: Desmond Tutu (An African Prayer Book, Doubleday)
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GOODNESS IS STRONGER

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

Text: Desmond Tutu, 1994; Music: John L. Bell, 1996
 Glory to God Hymnal #750

Goodness is stronger than evil;
 love is stronger than hate;
 light is stronger than darkness;
 life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
 Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.