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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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September 10, 2017

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LECTIO DIVINA READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 8:1-11

- Patt Schroeder
Pew Bible, p. 1037

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME OF CONFESSION

Silent Prayer followed by the Unison Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will God harbor anger forever; the Lord does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us.

Psalms 103:8-12

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.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

You are invited to leave your gift for the church in the bowl on the table as we end worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader reads plain font, **the people the bold.** From Psalm 9:1-2.

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;

People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Today's Scripture John 8:1-11

¹Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

LECTIO DIVINA - What is it?

Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word.



Traditionally, Lectio Divina has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. Today we'll do this by hearing the text three times, with three questions for reflection, followed by a time of prayer.

Questions for the practice of Lectio Divina

- What word or phrase shimmers for you in this passage?
- Read it again. How does that word or phrase intersect and interact with your life today?
- How do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you through this word, the passage, inviting you to act, speak, be or become?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

September Birthdays

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| 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

Today – Our annual Church Retreat is this weekend, hence the smaller than usual crowd and a different format for worship.

Next week in worship: It's the annual Rockridge Street Fair – Out and About. Know that street parking will not be possible on College Avenue that day, as the flow of traffic changes and closes the avenue. And we will have worship at 10:30am before the fun starts.

CAPC Choir | New Tuesday Night Rehearsal Schedule : Sunday after worship and Tuesday nights 5:30-6:30pm
There is no rehearsal today because of the 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.

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

Coffee & Conversations : This Tuesday, September 12 @ 10am meeting on the terrace in front of Safeway (College @ Claremont) for BYO safe, open conversation.

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

Out and About – The Annual Rockridge Street Faire – Sunday, September 17th. We have a booth that day. Look for ways in which you can be involved.

Blessing of the Animals – Sunday September 27th at 10:30 am our annual outdoor worship service, including our furry, finned and feathered family.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Coffee Maker: Daniel Geary
Liturgist: Patt Schroeder

Leadership for next week, 9/17/17:

Ushers: Bill Beatty & Sharon Nelson
Liturgist:
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Fredora Darmstadt (DK)