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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.

CALL #1137062

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP - Insert

SONG OF PRAISE "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" - Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

ACT OF CONFESSION

OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE

SUNG RESPONSE "Don't Be Afraid" - Insert

DECLARATION OF GRACE.

THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S GRACE DISRUPTS OUR HUMAN CONDITION OF SIN

MARKING OUR CALL TO COMMUNITY – SAYING GOODBYE TO THE BYLAWSKI FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon Marda Stothers
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 "For The Beauty Of The Earth" - Blue Hymnal #473

READING OF SCRIPTURE Leviticus 25:1-17 & Luke 4:16-22 Pew Bible, pp. 122, 996

SPEAKING OF FAITH - Marda Stothers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" - Insert

COMMUNION: FINDING GOD AROUND THE TABLE

We celebrate by intinction, coming forward to receive the meal. If you'd prefer an individual cup or to be served at your seat, please raise your hand during our celebration as we'll attend to you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION "Center" - Insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "Ping An" (Mandarin, Chinese)

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 Leviticus 25:1-17 & Luke 4:16-22

We talked last week about Sabbath as a tricky concept. The commandment to rest harkens back to other key Biblical stories. It points to the day of rest, the 7th day of creation when God celebrates the goodness of the universe, and reveals the divine nature of joy, celebration, rest and life. It also points back to the story of the Exodus and the rest that all slaves long for as the Israelites did in Egypt. Here in Leviticus Moses meets with God in the Tabernacle – the tent of Meeting – where God is known and knows. The whole book is a collection of teachings, commandments or laws or how to live to maximize and center oneself in the relationship with the living God who delivered the Israelites from the oppressive hand of the gods of Egypt and the demagogue Pharaoh.

Moses teaches regime change after a revolution. The God known in the Exodus is a God of freedom, fullness and life. This also required responsibility, mutuality and interdependence. Freedom isn't for one's own individual benefit but for the common good.



God teaches of a cycle of life, rooted in rest, not production; which nurtures community not commodity. There is to be a cycle of rest every week (every 7 days) and also every 7 years, and also every 7 times 7 years... a sabbatical and also a year of Jubilee – in which life is rediscovered, recognized, and reclaimed. It's to be a year of reckoning and revolution, less or redistribution than or reconnection to God, each other, and the land. We're not sure that the Jubilee Year was ever practiced or enacted.

In Luke it seems as if Jesus is proclaiming himself as God's agent of regime change. Here in his first public teaching, in his hometown (at least in Luke's version) Jesus proclaims a new day, a new time, a new way of being and being with each other. God is on the move. Jesus invites those who hear him to join in, to walk with God, to build a new kingdom within those of this world.

In our age of hyped-up talk about regime change, disruption, shattering glass ceilings and dealing with long-standing unaddressed issues we might ask ourselves about God's jubilee regime change and what that means for us today in 2019.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What word, phrase or image grabs your attention in the texts?
- How is rest the nature of God? How do these scriptures portray creation (or the world) as a place of sabbath rest?
- Do you identify sabbath rest as an individual or communal thing? Why?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

Worship Today: we have our children remain with us for worship to share with us in communion. There are activities for little ones up front.

Meeting about Hospitality/CHR | Today 8/25 after worship. *Help shape our life together!*

Youth Group for Middle-High School Students happens Sundays 1:00-3:00pm. Starting 9/15.

ESL Class starts Monday, September 9th 7-9pm. Interested in helping work with local immigrants? Talk to Monte.

Join our Choir! Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman petefeltman@gmail.com

Celtic Prayer Group, Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm Meets near CAL. *Contact Marda Stothers for more info at mqstothers@gmail.com*

Friday Night Meal, Friday 6-7:00pm *Come to eat – come to serve. www.capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal*

Women's Group, Saturdays 8:30am | in the church library (meets 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays)

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:15a *A weekly intro class to learning how to read the Bible.*

Church Retreat 2019 | Next weekend!

September 6-8th at St Dorothy's Rest outside of Occidental *Register online @ capcoakland.org or via paper.*

Next Sunday, 9/8 We'll have a simple, lectio divina devotional service at 10:30am as many community members will be at the church retreat.

Rockridge Out and About | The annual street festival for our neighborhood is Sunday 9/15, be aware that College Ave will be closed to all cars.

Thank you to Today's Leadership

Fellowship: Linda Davis, Louise Hirschman
There is no Godly Play as we have communion

Leadership for next week, 9/8/19:

Fellowship: Fredora Darmstadt, Kristy McClain

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Author: Horatius Bonar (1846, alt.)
Glory to God #182

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found him in a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Today's responsive reading is inspired from the sayings of Jesus in the gospel of John.

The People of the Assembly read the BOLD print

One: Jesus says "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." -John 6:35

ALL: Jesus says "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." -John 8:12

One: Jesus says "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." -John 10:9

ALL: Jesus says "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." -John 10:11

One: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" -John 11:25, 26

ALL: Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." -John 14:6

One: Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever who abides in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit;

ALL: for without Me you can do nothing." -John 15:5

One: Words spoken to men in grief, to women in search of meaning, to children hungry for hope.

ALL: Jesus speaks to us today, inviting us to life, challenging the way that we live, re-orienting our priorities, our perspectives and freeing us from our limitations.

"Hold To God's Unchanging Hand"

Author: Jennie Wilson

1. Time is filled with swift transition
None on earth unmoved can stand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

2. Trust in him that will not leave you
Whatsoever years may bring
If by earthly friends forsaken
Still closely to him cling

Chorus

Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand
Hold to his hand, God's unchanging hand
Build your hopes on things eternal
Hold to God's unchanging hand

3. Covet not this world's vain riches
That so rapidly decay
Seek to gain the Heavenly treasures
They will never pass away.

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Chorus

4. When your journey is completed
When the valley you pass through
Fair, and bright the Home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.

Don't Be Afraid"

Author: John L. Bell

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1 Don't be afraid my love is stronger
My love is stronger than your fear
Don't be afraid my love is stronger
And I have promised,
promised to be always near.

"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.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

Edward Hopper (1871)

Jesus savior pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea.
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and
Compass come from thee,
Jesus savior pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou can hush the
ocean wild.
Boisterous waves obey thy will, when you say
to them be still. Wondrous
Sovereign of the sea, Jesus savior pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful
breakers roar twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then while leaning on thy breast, may I
Hear you say to me. Fear not I will pilot thee.

Chart and compass come from thee
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea
May I hear you say to me,
Fear not I will pilot thee

"Center"

Charlie Hall

You're the center of the universe
Everything was made in You Jesus
Breath of every living thing
Everyone was made for You

You hold everything together
You hold everything together

Christ be the center of our lives
Be the place we fix our eyes
Be the center of our lives

We lift our eyes to heaven
We wrap our lives around your life
We lift our eyes to heaven, to You