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## Welcome to CAPC Oakland ONLINE!

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.

We usually celebrate in person, but cannot during this season of COVID-19. So instead we're worshipping together via ZOOM. While imperfect, and something that we'll get better at each time we gather remotely, it will allow us to gather together even in observing social distancing. We can't do coffee hour but you can call or connect with someone else by phone to share a moment together after worship.

### **CHILDREN**

We don't have a quiet play area or Godly Play for kids via ZOOM - but we do have online coloring sheets, activities and even recorded Godly Play Stories that you can access 24/7 online at our website at http://www.capcoakland.org/w orshiponthego

# **PRAYER CARDS**

We can't do prayer cards but we can do live chat on ZOOM while we meet. Rev. Karl Shadley is being our digital Deacon who will responds to any chats during the service. Look for the chat box in the lower right hand corner of your ZOOM screen..

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## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

**GATHERING SONG** "God is here! As we your people"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Don't Be Afraid"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-14 - Sharon Nelson

SPEAKING OF FAITH "You Shall Be My Witnesses Even Siloed in Your Homes"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Ain't No Grave"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Deacon Myrna Shadley

You can share your prayer requests for the good and the new using the Chat function on Zoom. Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer

Leader: God, in your mercy. People: Hear our prayer.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**SUNG RESPONSE** "Say Yes"

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 "Ping An" (Chinese)

In the season of COVID-19 you're invited to pass the peace of God however and to whoever you can this day as we live our lives of disciples of Jesus sheltering-in-place, as an living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

#### IN SEARCH OF NEW RESURRECTIONS

by Ann Weems

We in the church are in danger of becoming a tearless people, unable to rage even in a starless abyss. We have imitated a smiling society, glossing over the hurt, the oppression, the peacelessness on earth, or we have become caustic and cynical and despairing, insisting on looking the other way as our church members crawl to the altar, the scraps of their lives in their arms.

We were created for covenant keeping and yet, we are in danger of becoming a blindhearted people, buying into the system, placing our hope with kings and corporations. Have we not seen?

Have we not heard?

We persist in clinging
to the way things are,
or eagerly placing our faith
in the newest religious fad,
the latest book on how-to Christianity
(in ten easy steps),
or the current slogans
presented as though they were
the Word of God.
We are programming and papering ourselves
into perpetuity,
and rationalizing and excusing
our immorality.

We spend our energy in complaining, gloomily forecasting our future together. We panic for positions in employment and committee, with each special interest group vying for first place in the kingdom. Perhaps it's time for remembering that Jesus stood in the Jordan to be baptized with the others, long ago casting his lot, not with good church people, but with the poor wherever that poverty might emerge. His name is Emmanuel, and yet, individually and corporately, we have named him "GOD-WITH-ME." Have we not seen? Have we not heard?

In the light of the cross,
the alternative is anything but hopelessness.
On the contrary!
There is every scriptural indication
that we are called to change
who we are into the kingdom of God.
Where change is possible,
new resurrections loom!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland** – We are using our website as the center for all information. Simply go to the home page and then look for links for what your searching... **WWW.CAPCOAKLAND.ORG.** 

**Coffee Hour Today** - is taking place wherever you are. Call someone else up and say hello, catch-up and check in! – you can also join us for Zoom coffee hour at 12pm – on the same Zoom channel.

**Weekly Calendar During the Pandemic** 

Daily Zoom Calls - every day at 12pm.

**ZOOM Worship Next Sunday at 10:30am,** 

**Covenantal Restoration, Monday night 4/20 Discussion by Zoom at 7pm.** A video based discussion on race and faith. More info online at www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class

**Friday Night Meal** This Friday, 4/24 | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. We are cooking at home and serving the meal. Contact Monte if you can help!

**Women's Group - Saturday monrnings o**n Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining amadams44@gmail.com

Bible Study – on the text for Sunday – next Saturday at 5pm on Zoom.

# Thank you to this Week's Leadership:

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Chat Master: Karl Shadley

Music: Pete Feltman, Andre Schoch

Reader: Sharon Nelson

CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.

#### LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

# "God is here! As we your people"

Fred Pratt Green (1979, rev. 1988) Glory to God 409

- 1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
- 3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

## "Don't Be Afraid"

John L. Bell

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

#### "Ain't No Grave"

Traditional Spiritual

## Refrain:

There ain't no grave Can hold my body down
There ain't no grave Can hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound I'm gonna
rise right out of the ground
Ain't no grave Can hold my body down

- 1. Well, look way down the river And what do you think I see I see a band of angels And they're coming after me Ain't no grave Can hold my body down
- 2. Well, look down yonder, Gabriel
  Put your feet on the land and sea
  But Gabriel, don't you blow your trumpet
  Until you hear from me
  There ain't no grave can hold my body down
- 3. Well meet me, Jesus, meet me
  Meet me in the middle of the air
  And if these wings don't fail me
  I will meet you anywhere
  There ain't no grave can hold my body down

# "Sav Yes"

Michelle Williams

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



Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.