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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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May 6, 2018

GATHERING HYMN

"Down By The Riverside"

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- responsive reading of Isaiah 49

SONG OF PRAISE

"Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child"

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ACT OF CONFESSION. *OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE*

SUNG PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

- insert

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

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 today's liturgist after today's service

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

OFFERTORY SONG

"Jesus Loves Me"

- insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

- Janet Majors
pps. 1195

SERMON

"In God We Trust"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"All Are Welcome"

- insert

COMMUNION: STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

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

"You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

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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 & BLESSING

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD

"Salam almasih" | "المسيح سلام"

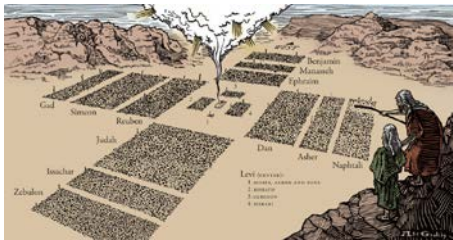
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We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God at work towards the healing transformation of the world.

Thoughts on Today's Scripture

Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17

The glimpse of the heavenly adoration of God and the Lamb on the throne, transitions to a new sight: the breaking of the seals and the sealing of the people. Now comes the destruction, darkness and division over interpretation. It's essential for us to remember that John is writing to the churches undergoing hardship and deepening persecution in Asia Minor. They need encouragement to persevere, to resist. They need to know that they're not alone, that their church(es) is part of the larger Church. They are not alone. John writes them this pastoral letter of encouragement to spell out an ethic of resistance, a theology of perseverance. It's not a secret code to decipher, but a word to strengthen, embolden, to invite to renewed hope in the new thing that God is doing even in the wake of the death of Christ. As John opened our vision of creation to include a glimpse of the heavenly court of worship, here he reminds us that the destroying power of evil in the world is not limited to particular people or humanity in general. Like the four horsemen of the vision the world then (and now) is afflicted with war and violence, hyper-inflation and famine, plague and death. No earthly power can stop those forces. Look at Syria. The proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. People dying from eating Romaine Lettuce. Black Plague in Madagascar. Famine in South Sudan and some parts of our city. Unclean water and financial profiteering off the backs of thirsty residents of Flint Michigan.



The Lamb of God calls us to sing a new song (5:9), not only in the future heavenly realm, but here and now in the thick and thin of life, when it's hard to live for Jesus. The destruction of chapter 6 is completed with the vision of radical salvation in chapter 7. Those who were deemed losers, suffered rather than renounce their faith in God, trusted in Jesus despite appearances, are welcomed into the space before the Throne: into the presence of God. They are given a new song to sing. New robes to put on. They are made into a new priesthood. The Lamb hopes for the conversion of the nations. It's not about revenge, but justice. In the middle of this multitude there will be no more tears, wounds, broken bodies, bruised egos. Like God did with the Israelites in the desert, the Holy One will tabernacle, set up shop among us, moving into our neighborhood. It's not merely a hopeful vision for the future, it's a radical word of encouragement for the here and now.

Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation

- What shimmers for you in this reading?
- What's the point of this vision? How does it relate to the vision of heavenly worship in chapters 4 & 5?
- John lifts God as the only true sovereign worthy of trust and worship, who tabernacles among us. How do you struggle with that (us) today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Biruta Vinerts	15 Richard Harvey
18 Marge Harvey	23 Rebecca LaMotte
27 Paulette Leston	31 Avery Haynes 200

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Card Ministry: Find pre-addressed stamped cards to send to others on the back wall.

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wed 7-8:30pm, near CAL | Call Marda @ 540.7173

Art Show Sundays in May. Our own Barbara Epstein-Eagle is showing prints of her watercolor paintings. They are available for purchase. Questions? Ask Barbara

No Youth Group tonight

Café Space Take a look at the front room this morning. We're revamping it, to make it even more accessible and welcoming, in a "café" sort of style. You'll continue to find coffee there each week, as well as a nice place to sit, resources and even the service amplified.

Women's Group – 1,2, 3rd Saturdays, 8:30a

Friday Night Meal Fridays 6-7pm

Session Notes & Pastor Report – pick up a copy in the café this morning.

Nacho Fundraiser for Summer Camp – Sunday, 5/20 after worship. Have lunch and help send kids to camp! Donations accepted.

Mission Sharing about Rwanda – Sunday, May 20th 5-6:30pm.

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:20am, pick up the study sheet of the text in the entry or online at www.capcoakland.org

Thank you to today's Leadership

Reader: Janet Majors

Fellowship: Margaret Smith

Godly Play: Children stay in worship as we celebrate communion.

Communion: Bob, Louise, Patt & Richard

Leadership for next week, 5/13/18:

Reader: Marda Stothers

Fellowship: Men's Group – Talk to Bill Beatty

Godly Play: Cam Beatty (ST); Patt Schroeder (DI)

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S WORSHIP

"Down By The Riverside"

African-American Spiritual song, dated back to before the American Civil War. First published in 1918 in Plantation Melodies: A Collection of Modern, Popular and Old-time Negro-Songs of the Southland, Chicago

1. Gonna lay down my burden
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside
Gonna lay down my burden
Study war no more

chorus

I ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more
Study war no more
I ain't gonna study war no more,
study war no more

2. Gonna put on my long white robe
down by the riverside
3. Gonna put on my sword and shield
down by the riverside
4. Gonna feed people instead of fight
down by the riverside

CALL TO WORSHIP

*A reading of Isaiah 49:1-14. The congregation responds with the text in **BOLD PRINT**.*

One: Listen, far-flung islands,
pay attention, faraway people:
Just like God did with the prophet Isaiah,

**All: God choose us from the day we were born.
God named us the moment we entered the world.**

One: God gave us speech and courage,
protecting us with his hand,
setting us up as a light for the nations

All: so that God's salvation becomes global!

One: so that through our words, actions &
relationships God's might will shine.

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All: To us who often feel despised, kicked around, or even treated as slave labor to the ruling class: God promises that the powers of the world will be upset, they will come to recognize who in fact is in charge.

One: I am, says Jehovah.
"I will answer you.
I will help you.
I will form you and use you
to reconnect the people with me,
To put the land in order,
to resettle families on the ruined properties.

**All: I will tell prisoners,
'Come on out. You're free!'
and those huddled in fear,
'It's all right. It's safe now.'
There'll be foodstands along all the roads,
picnics on all the hills—
Nobody hungry, nobody thirsty,
shade from the sun, shelter from the wind,**

One: Heavens, raise the roof!
Earth, wake the dead!

**All: Mountains, send up cheers!
Just as a mother would not forget her
hungry child, God has not forgotten his
often beaten-up, beaten-down people.**

"Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child"

*African-American Spiritual
J. W. Johnson, J. R. Johnson, 1926*

1 Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child
A long way from home,
a long way from home

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2 Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost done
A long way from home,
a long way from home

3. True believer
True believer
A long, long way from home
A long, long way from home

"Open Our Eyes Lord"

Author: Leon Lumpkins

Open our eyes Lord we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him
Open our ears Lord and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

"Jesus loves me, this I know"

Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen

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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live
A place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak
and words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God through Jesus
is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

4. Let us build a house where hands
will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen serve and teach
and live the word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

5. Let us build a house where all are named
their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured taught and
claimed as words within the word
Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

Omer Westendorf (1976)

Glory to God Hymnal #523

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should us worthy lord
To share this heavenly food
2. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup one loaf declare
Our oneness in the lord?
3. The mystery of your presence lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell
4. You give yourself to us o lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity