



College Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Welcome to College Avenue Presbyterian Church!

We're glad you're here with us today and look forward to worshipping together and getting to know each other. Children's Coloring Sheets & Quiet Toys are located at the table area in the front to the left of the stage. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where we broadcast the service if you need more space. We share a small snack and coffee after the service to connect, reconnect and make new connections. Please come join us.

CHILDREN

We invite children 3 years old to 6th grade to depart for Godly Play (our Sunday School) during the song of praise. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

CAPC WORSHIP 101 PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern and gratitude with the community by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and leaving them in the glass jar on the left of the communion table before the end of the call to worship. We'll use them later in the Prayers of The People time using a call and response prompt.

WIFI

2wire927 is our open wifi access. The password is 7304088568. If you tweet or instagram we invite you to use hashtag #capcoakland

NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We are able to park in the lot. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, and to access the lot via the pedestrian door on Chabot.

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August 14, 2016

- GATHERING SONG** "For the Beauty of the Earth" - Blue Hymnal #473
- CALL TO WORSHIP**
- SONG OF PRAISE** "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise" - Blue Hymnal #263
Children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for the Godly Play program at the conclusion of this song.
- TIME OF CONFESSION** - Fredora Darmstadt
Silent Prayer followed by **Prayer of Forgiveness and Assurance of Pardon**
- SONG OF RESPONSE** "Cares Chorus" - insert
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** - Fredora Darmstadt
 Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card
 Liturgist: God, in your mercy.
Community: Hear our prayer.
To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist in the lounge off the entryway.
- GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**
- SONG DURING THE OFFERING** "Sanctuary" - insert
- HEARING GOD'S WORD**
- READING OF SCRIPTURE** - Fredora Darmstadt
 Job 38:25-41; 40:1-14; 41:1-8; 42:1-6 & Matthew 6:25-34 Pew Bible, p. 522, 938
- SERMON** "Denouement" -Rev. Monte McClain
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**
- SONG OF RESPONSE** "Don't Be Afraid" - insert
 During our singing you're invited to write down a worry, anxiety or fear that reduces you to passivity, keeping you from living life abundantly and to the fullest. The Chinese characters on the sheets are the *hanzi* for anxious, worried, uneasy, trepidation, worry. You can lay your worries on the cross of Christ as a participatory and symbolic prayer to Jesus for freedom, grace and life abundant.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE**
 Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!
 People: All the time! People: God is good!
- EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION** - Monte
- PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** "السلام" or "Salam almasih" (Arabic)
We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God working for the healing transformation of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

August

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Jeff & Linda Trowbridge	12	David Kittams
5	Lori Castner	20	Todd Barnes
5	Ellen Raskin	22	Patrice Trowbridge
8	Anne Marie	24	Bob Brylawski
8	Bob & Ellen Brylawski	25	Margaret Smith
9	Thom & Tina Faulkner	30	Monte & Kristy McClain
12	Sharon Nelson		

UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPC CHOIR | on vacation until late August.

Friday Night Meal | Friday 6-7pm. Talk to Ellen Brylawski to help: ellenbry@comcast.net

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sunday 9:30-10:15am.

The Great Emergence. Find pre-class resources and study materials on our blog at www.capcoakland.me.

Recreation VBS Camp | August 15-19th | Registration online at www.recreationvbs.org *If you'd like to help talk with Monte!*

VBS Counselor & CIT Training : Tonight, 5:00-6:30pm at the church. Preparing for the week of camp.

VBS Art Show : Thursday, August 18th 7-8pm in our sanctuary. Come and see what the campers have created this week!

E-Waste Recycling Fundraiser : Saturday, August 27th 9am-4pm. Volunteers are needed! Sign up today for a 2 hour shift.

Celtic Prayer Mid Week Small Group | Wednesday 7-8:30pm, meets near CAL campus | Questions: contact Marda Stothers 510.540.7173

Women's Group | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Saturdays of the month 8:30-10am in the library. Currently discussing Acts of the Apostles.

Men's Breakfast: August 20th 8:30 a.m.-10:30am at the home of Bill Beatty @ 5653 Ocean View, Oakland 94618. RSVP to Bill if you're coming so that he can get an accurate count.

Session Meeting : Thursday, August 25th @ 7:30pm

Blessing of the Backpacks : Sunday, September 11th

Kicking off the new school year in worship with a blessing and community-wide invitation to teachers to be celebrated.

Church Retreat Fund Raiser : Pizza and a Movie (Ratatouille)

Saturday, August 20th, 5:30 to 8:30 Adults \$10, Children: \$5 Includes two slices of homemade pizza, a cold drink and salad. at First Presbyterian Church of Alameda. You can purchase tickets or donate today. Talk to Monte

Staff Vacation: Pete Feltman will be on vacation 8/1-20, Mahri Holt will be on vacation 8/17-8/25.

Thank you to Leadership today:

Ushers: Emma Fleming, Anne Marie Adams
Liturgist: Fredora Darmstadt
Fellowship: Joy & Al Barnes
Godly Play: Ellen Brylawski, Elaine Price
Musicians: Dave Eagle (Drums), Roger Kim (Guitar), & Andre

Leadership for next week, 8/21/16:

Ushers: Fredora Darmstadt, Jeff Trowbridge
Liturgist: Ben Bocomo
Fellowship: Bob & Ellen Brylawski
Godly Play: David Kittams, Anne Marie Adams

Job 38:25-41; 40:1-14; 41:1-8; 42:1-6 & Matthew 6:25-34

Following a give and take dialogue between Job and his four friends about the existence of evil in the world (Theodicy), God speaks out from the whirlwind, questioning Job [running from 38:1 to 42. We wrestled with it last week].

This is the climax and the denouement of the book. God speaks in a poetic series of rhetorically questions asked ironically. Clearly Job cannot answer yes to any of the questions. On the first level God is asserting that God is God and Job is not. But on another level, one that can only be reached only through the subversion and de-construction of God's rhetorical questioning, lies an affirmation of the radical importance of human life. When we begin to de-construct, or look underneath, the affirmation of divine power, we have to ask "what are we then?; that God would care about us?" If God is all-powerful and all-knowing, bigger than the biggest thing we can imagine in our minds, then what good are we, we don't even begin to measure up? This is the question asked in Psalm 8, and also in the hearts of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2 and 3). We, like Job, are invited not to be passive observers, but rather to participate in the realities of creation. God is God and we are not, but.... God involves us, calls us, creates us as creative creatures formed in the divine image. This image is one of creativity and connectedness, of relationship and agency.

God continues to show Job the wild beauty of creation. The horse runs and the eagle soars, rejoicing in their freedom. Leviathan, that fiercest of creatures, answers only to its Maker. It cannot be controlled and will not be used by human beings. Humanity, in this vision of the world, is not the center of creation. Instead, creation is made to praise its Maker. At the same time, humanity (in the person of Job) is the only passenger on this grand tour of the cosmos. God invites Job to see the world from a God's-eye point of view, and to delight in its beauty as God does. Job is not the center, but unique.

Job responds to these speeches of God by recanting (a better translation in vs. 6 than "I despise myself") and by acknowledging that he spoke of things he didn't understand. The world is not a chaotic and disordered place, as Job has early claimed. God is not vindictive and overly concerned with human sin, as Job had argued (chapter 7). God's concern for the world (including humanity) is far more expansive than Job had imagined. Humanity has a place in that world, but it is not what Job or his friends had imagined; that is, humanity as the center of creation and the sole recipient of God's attention. God's concern is for all of life and all of creation, including humanity. In the God-speeches, Job's vision is expanded and Job's hope is fulfilled: He has seen God. In the gospel reading Jesus speaks to this participatory creation and interdependent relationship God has with us. He calls us to move beyond our fears and anxieties, which keep us from living fully as we cling to the life we have and are afraid to lose.

Questions for Active Reflection:

- When are you overwhelmed with worry, or anxiousness? How do you step back from the brink of that worry?
- How do you experience the power of God as reassuring?; as reframing of what you're encountering in life?

LYRICS AND READINGS FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 19*

One: The heavens declare

**All: and we declare
the glory of God.**

One: Our voices join the speech of creation

All: to tell of our known and unknowable God.

One: Now may these words of our mouths
and these meditations of our hearts

**All: be pleasing in God's sight
and life-giving in our world.**

"For The Beauty Of The Earth"

Blue Hymnal #473 | Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

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

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower sun and moon and stars of light
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and
mild
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

4. For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

5. For Thyself best gift divine, to our race so freely given
For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven
Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise

"Immortal Invisible"

Blue Hymnal #263 | Walter Chalmers Smith 1967

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious the ancient of days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise

2. Unresting unchanging and silent as light
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness
and love

3. To all life Thou givest to both great and small
In all life Thou livest the true life of all
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree
Then wither and perish but naught changeth
Thee

4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight
All praise we should render O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee

"Cares Chorus"

Kelly Willard

I cast all my cares upon You
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet
And anytime that I don't know what to do
I will cast all my cares upon you

"Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)"

Randy Scruggs (1982)

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving,
I'll be a living, sanctuary, for you

"Don't Be Afraid"

John Bell | Iona Community

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