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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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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**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

*You're invited to add your photos and mementos to our Saints' Table as you arrive.*

GATHERING SONG "This Little Light of Mine" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP - Insert

SONG OF PRAISE "We Are Called" - Insert

**LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

**ACT OF CONFESSION**

*OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE*

SUNG RESPONSE "Our Darkness" - 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 - 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 "We Will Take What You Offer" - Insert

READING SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:1-2, 11-23 - Pew Bible, p.1133

SPEAKING OF FAITH - Cristina Ramirez Fonua

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

SONG OF RESPONSE "For All the Saints" - Blue Hymnal #526

**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 "All Who Hunger" - Insert

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**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 "Tiyoox tii Ka'tal" /tea oshtea katal/ (Poqomam)

*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 Ephesians 1:1-2, 11-23

It's long been thought that the apostle Paul wrote the pastoral letter we now call the Epistle to the Ephesians. It's written to the church in Ephesus, and likely the churches throughout Asian Minor (what we now call Turkey) to spur them towards a life of more robust unity. The author draws the direct link between our individual salvation, or reconciliation with God and our corporate reconciliation, between and with each other even in all our innate differences and divisions. If the Ephesians are in Christ, then they now needed to get along with one another. The life of the Church should reflect the life of God from which it germinates - unity in purpose, passion and presence.

We read the beginning of the letter. The Greek culture and language was specific in terms of how to write particular forms of literature. This applied to a letter, or "epistle." The author begins with the established literary steps: open with a greeting, acknowledging the audience or recipients of the letter. Then begin with an opening section which paints with wide strokes the purpose and intent of the letter.

Here the letter begins with a mention of the intended audience: "To the saints who are in Ephesus." We hear the words Saints and might think of different things. But here it's the established term for fellow Christians. Today we might say "brother" or "sister," or the more generic "church member." But in the early church this term that meant someone who was pious, pure, devoted to God (or the gods), set aside for the Divine, came to mean all those who put their trust in God through the experience of Jesus. A saint isn't someone (as we image) who doesn't belong to this world, or who is too good to be in it. Rather a saint is someone who is radically present in this world, fiercely committed to seeing God's reign embodied here and now.

The author then continues with a multicultural, and multilingual greeting acknowledging the vibrant diversity of the community. Grace to you" was the common Greek greeting in the Roman world among Gentiles. "Peace to you" was the established Hebrew way of greeting fellow Jews. No matter our origin story, our life story is part of God's unfolding story of reconciling creation and loving justice.

Today we struggle in our polarized and divided world to be unified. As the Church fails and flails its way into the 21<sup>st</sup> century (along with all other institutions and governments) we often blame those who are "other" or different than us in perspective, priorities or passions than us. Here Paul says something different - even using the word saint three times. We are equal in the sight of God, and equally responsible for contributing to the unity of the Church (the body of Christ) through which the fullness of God fills the world.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?
- How do you react to being called a Saint? How about when you envision others who might not seem like saints?
- What invitation to do you hear in this word for you / us?



## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Nenna Okereke    | 5 Harry Hussian   |
| 11 Al Hussian      | 13 Elaine Price   |
| 15 Pete Feltman    | 16 Elodie McClain |
| Ruth Ann Friedland | 19 Radman Beatty  |

### COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

**ESL Class tomorrow & Mondays 7-9pm.** Our efforts to show God's love to local immigrants through simple one-on-one conversation.

**Join our Choir!** Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman in person or by email at [petefeltman@gmail.com](mailto:petefeltman@gmail.com)

**Celtic Prayer Group,** Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm  
Contact Marda at [mqstothers@gmail.com](mailto:mqstothers@gmail.com) for info.

**Friday Night Meal,** There is no meal this next week

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

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

**Pick up a Report on the ongoing work of the Church in the Narthex on green paper.**

**HELP NEEDED: THANSGIVING MEAL** - Get involved in our annual free community holiday meal through which we responds to the hungers of our city: food, a safe place, and a chance to serve. Sign up today in person or online at [www.capcoakland.org/thanksgiving-meal](http://www.capcoakland.org/thanksgiving-meal)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** In worship we're reflecting on the our call as the church in the light of or life as citizens of the USA through lectio divina on the Preamble of our constitution and the Brief Statement of Faith of the Presbyterian Church.

**Thank you to Today's Leadership**  
Counting; Marge Harvey, Marda Stothers  
Deacon Liturgist: Marda Stothers  
Fellowship: Anne Marie Adams, Sharon Nelson  
Godly Play: Children stay in worship for Communion

**Leadership for next week, 11/10/19:**  
Counting; Anne Marie Adams, Margaret Smith  
Deacon Liturgist: Marda Stothers  
Fellowship: Lina Foltz, Patt Schroeder  
Godly Play: Beth Beatty (ST); Avery Haynes (DK)

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

### "This Little Light Of Mine"

*Traditional Spiritual*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
2. Hide it under a bushel NO I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel NO I'm gonna let it shine  
Hide it under a bushel NO I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
3. Wont let satan blow it out Im gonna let it shine  
Wont let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine  
Wont let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine
4. Every where I go I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine  
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine
5. Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine  
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine  
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

### CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's reading is taken from the Desperate Preacher's website.*

**The People read the BOLD print**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The countless saints of history  
who have blazed a trail of courage  
through time,**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The tender touch of loved ones,  
the example of heroes,  
the healing words of comforters,  
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The gentle strength of grandmothers,  
the loyalty of friends,  
the kindness of strangers,  
the joy of children,  
the sacrifice of parents.**

One: We remember, O God...

**ALL: The supreme love of Jesus,  
the blessing of his Spirit,  
the reminder of his words,  
the sharing of his suffering,  
the glory of his resurrection:  
shown forth in the lives of his  
disciples,  
young and old,  
dead and living,  
articulate and silent,  
strange and familiar,  
brilliant and ordinary.**

One: We remember in every time and place  
the saints of God  
who have shown us the Lord.

**ALL: Since we are surrounded  
by so great a cloud of witnesses...  
let us worship God with joy!**

### "Come! Live in the Light!" (We Are Called)

*Author: David Haas (1988)  
Glory to God Hymnal #749*

1. Come! Live in the light!  
Sing with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

*Refrain:*

We are called to act with justice;  
we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another,  
to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and violence will be no more.

3. Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
as sisters and brothers united in love.

## **“Our Darkness”**

*Author: Taizé Community*

*English; French*

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Our darkness is never darkness in your sight  
The deepest night is clear as the daylight

## **“We Will Take What You Offer”**

*Author: John L. Bell (1998)*

We will take what you offer.  
We will live by your word.  
We will love one another  
and be fed by you, Lord.

## **“For All the Saints”**

*William Walsham How (1864)*

*Blue Hymnal #526*

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock,  
their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams  
in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **“All who hunger, gather gladly”**

*Sylvia G. Dunstan*

*Tune: HOLY MANNA*

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*Glory to God Hymnal #509*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.