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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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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "Amazing Love" - Insert

CALL TO WORSHIP - - Insert

SONG OF PRAISE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" - Insert

Children from 2 years to 6th grade are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary and depart for our Godly Play time. You can collect your child(ren) after the service upstairs.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

ACT OF CONFESSION

OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE

SUNG RESPONSE "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" - Insert

DECLARATION OF GOD'S GRACE

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon Janet Majors

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 "His eye is on the Sparrow" - Insert

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Mark 2:1-22 Pew Bible pp. 969

SPEAKING OF FAITH "Peanut Butter is to Jelly as Sin is to _____." - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "I know the Lord has laid his hands on me" - 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 "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 Reading Mark 2:1-22

"Yearning for a new way will not produce it. Only ending the old way can do that. You cannot hold onto the old, all the while declaring that you want something new. The old will defy the new; The Old will deny the new; The old will decry the new. There is only one way to bring in the new. You must make room for it."

-Neale Donald Walsch

Today's scripture presents the counter-attack of the old guard against the new phenomenon of Jesus. We heard in last week's reading (Mark 1:22, 27-28), and again in today's passage (Mark 2:12) that people were blown away by the teaching, authority and presence of Jesus. They'd never seen anyone like him before. When he speaks, it cuts to the heart. When he acts, things change. He's not just a good-talker and gentle-healer, but also a chain-breaker and world-changer.

Today's selection is again a series of short stories of controversies, chaos, conflict and community. While we're told that the average people are amazed and filled with anxious gratitude. The religious leaders are stuck on the question of "Why are you doing this?"

Jesus draws a connection between the forgiveness of sins and the healing of our relationships, between our individual brokenness and our communal home. How we are – whether that be in a broken body, or with a burned-all-the-bridges-reputation, or passive spectator, that's not how God will leave us, or let us be. The gospel victory of God is one of love, but also of healing, freedom, recreation, and transformation. It brings people together in a common goal (such as the healing of a paralyzed friend), across boundaries and bias (such as how collaborating tax collectors – like Levi – were viewed by their fellow citizens), and from among diverse religious tribes (such as those that seek public piety over all other things and those who seek to enjoy the gifts of God here and now).

The gospel demands a new way of being, whatever it may be. That's what Jesus is saying in talking about bridegrooms, fabric, and wine skins. It's like a chemical reaction that cannot be contained by our old ways of being. As the poem says, "There is only one way to bring in the new. You must make room for it."



QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What word, phrase or image grabs your attention in today's reading?**
- **How do you experience the promise and potential of the Gospel? How would you describe it?**
- **How or where do you need to let go of the "old" to see what is, to make room for God's newness in your life in 2020?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Margie Laverty	8 Bill Bryant
10 Thom Faulkner	18 Gary Yee
20 Daniel Geary	25 Joy Barnes
29 Bill Beatty	

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

Mission Matters Meeting today after worship in the library. We're meeting to discern and decide how to dispense monies allocated in 2019 for missional efforts that we have yet to spend!

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

Celtic Prayer Group, Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm

Friday Night Meal, 6-7pm (1/17) This week a group from Montclair Presbyterian Church is heading up the meal effort. Would you like to get involved in this ministry? *If so, talk to Monte!*

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

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

Happy Half-Hour Thursdays 6-6:30pm – wind down your week with a communal spiritual practice then grab a bit or drink along the Ave.

The Last Gift Box Workshop | Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 3:00 to 5:00 pm | Tina Cole Kreitz, will share the strategies available in her guide to help adult children and their parents decide how they wish to live and die. *Flyers in the entryway*

English as a Second Language Classes | our ministry with local immigrants here in Oakland – Starts up again Monday, January 13th – 7-9pm

Organizing 2020 sign up to be involved in ministry areas or emerging small groups today up front or online at www.capcoakland.org/2020

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:
Counting; Anne Marie Adams, Margaret Smith
Deacon Liturgist: Janet Majors
Fellowship: Elaine Price, Chris Olson
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST); Joy Barnes (DK)

Leadership for next week, 1/17/2020:
Counting; Albert Hussian, Jeff Trowbridge
Deacon Liturgist: David Kittams
Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty
Godly Play: Linda Davis (ST); F. Darmstadt (DK)
Greeters: Biruta Vinerts, Elaine Price

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Amazing Love"

Chris Tomlin

1 I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me
'Cause You died and rose again

2. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I am alive and well, Your spirit is within me
'Cause You died and rose again

3. Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Taken from the United Church of Christ Liturgical page
for Sunday, January 12, 2020*

The People read the BOLD print

One: Glory and power! Splendor and holiness!
Give it to God and God gives it right back.

**ALL: You might be baptized by water—
sprinkled from a font
dunked in a bath
reborn in a bay—
any way, God's voice is clear
as storm-breaking waves
calling you beloved.**

One: Glory and power! Splendor and holiness!
Give it to God and God gives it right back.

**ALL: You might be baptized by fire—
left out of the bootstrap legacy
imprisoned by stigma or prejudice
battered by family "values"—
any way, God's voice is clear
as earth-shaking quakes
calling you beloved.**

Continued in the next column....

**ALL: You might be baptized by Spirit—
mystic wilderness-wonderer
prophetic rabble-rouser
compassionate hand-holder—
any way, God's voice is clear as
prayer-meeting shouts
calling you beloved.**

One: Glory and power! Splendor and holiness!
Give it to God
and God gives it right back.

**ALL: God, shake us up.
God, fire us up.
God, lift us up.**

One: Beloved, Let us worship God.

"I have decided to follow Jesus"

Anonymous

1. I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.
Chorus

2. The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

4. My cross I'll carry, til I see Jesus
My cross I'll carry, til I see Jesus
My cross I'll carry, til I see Jesus
No turning back, no turning back.

5. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

Helen Howarth Lemmel (1922)

1. O soul are you weary and troubled
No light in the darkness you see
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Refrain

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace

2. Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow him there
Over us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

3. His word shall not fail you He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell.

"His eye is on the sparrow"

Civilla D. Martin (1905)

Glory to God Hymnal #661

1. Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
and long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me

chorus

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free
His eye is on the sparrow
and I know he watches me

2. Let not your heart be troubled his tender word I hear
And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and fears
though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know he watches me

3. Whenever I am tempted
whenever clouds arise
When song gives place
to sighing when hope within me dies
I draw closer to him
from care he sets me free

"I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me"

African-American spiritual

Refrain

Oh I know the Lord, I know the Lord
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me, Oh
I know the Lord, I know the Lord
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

1. Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
King Jesus preaching to the poor
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me

2. Oh wasn't that such a happy day
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
When Jesus washed all my sins away
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

3. How great a day, how great the hour
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
When Jesus comes with all His power
I know the Lord has laid His hands on me
Oh I know the Lord has laid His hands on me

4. My Lord's done just what he said;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;
he's healed the sick and raised the dead;
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
Oh I know the Lord has laid his hands on me