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Sunday • November 5, 2023 at 10:30am
 Celebrating All Saint's Day & Día de los Muertos
 in Person & on Zoom

**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland!**

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus. Together we seek to vigorously live our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In our community, face masks are not required, but always welcome. Masks are available in the entry.

As a community we are committed to being safe, open and real. We'd love to know you better. Use this QR Code to share your contact info or questions with our staff so we



can follow up. We will not sell, share or abuse your personal info.

CHILDREN

We have Godly Play – “Sunday School” for children during our service. It’s a Montessori-like approach to teaching children language to use to learn to express faith through the telling of Bible Stories. The Goldy Play group and leaders leave for their arranged learning space after the 2nd song.

PRAYER CARDS

To operationalize participation in our Prayers of the People we invite you to fill out a prayer card and share it with the liturgist or to share you requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with ‘prayer.’

WI-FI

Want Wi-Fi during our gathering?
 Select our network – Capc1.
 Our password is 5106583666

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GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PRELUDE “Give Me Jesus”

GATHERING SONG “When the Saints Go Marching In” - Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE “For All The Saints” - Glory to God Hymnal #326

Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today’s Story-Teller

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:1-12

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD “Logs, Splinters, & 20/20 Vision” - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

MASH-UP SONG OF RESPONSE “Nothing Can Trouble/Seek Ye First” - Insert

COMING TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER - Monte

WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER .

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

COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

AS WE CELEBRATE THE COMMUNION MEAL YOU ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE BREAD AND A CUP FROM OUR SERVERS IN THE CENTER SPACE. WE WELCOME ALL WHO HUNGER FOR THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TABLE SONG “Let Us Break Bread Together” - Glory to God #520

OFFERING “Cares Chorus” - Insert

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG “Send Me Jesus (Thuma Mina)” - Insert

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 “La paz de Cristo” - Spanish

POSTLUDE “Little Rabbit”

Reflections on Today's Readings Matthew 7:1-12

We're nearing the end of our series wrestling with the key teaching of Jesus recorded in Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7, commonly known as the Sermon on the Mount. In the final verse of our reading today we encounter the Golden Rule: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (7:12). In the context of this large teaching we see that it's not nearly a common wisdom saying, but a saying of the Kingdom of Heaven. It harkens back to the beginning beatitudes, when Jesus says that he has come "not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but rather to fulfill them." (5:17). The arrival of the kingdom of God – which is the context of the whole teaching – takes conventional morality and revolutionizes it. ("you have heard it said...but I say to you..."). It takes the habitual ways of seeing the world and called them into radical question ("therefore, do not worry...").*

We hear today of hypocrisy in how we judge others without examining ourselves, in believing in God's love and power, yet praying timidly, mistrusting what God will do for us. Jesus has been teaching of the Kingdom of Heaven – which is here and now. It's the reason for us to repent – to turn around, choosing a different direction and life path. It's the purpose for which we are called as light of the world and salt of the earth. It's the foundation of our identity as beloved and blessed children of God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven". (5:3) We are citizens of this reign of God, we belong to this world-transforming community not because of what we can do, what we own, who our ancestors were, or our social standing.

In this season we celebrate All Saints' Day, which over history has incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. It's also incorporated and intersects with the Meso-American tradition of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) involving the recognition of ancestors and the affirmation of the importance of community in who and how we are in the world.

Jesus reminds us that we are God's people; that we want to live in a world where mercy, meekness, and peace prevail. So Jesus now calls us to treat the world in the same way – here and now.*

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?
- Whom do you find it difficult to give mercy or loving kindness? Why is that? Who has shown you mercy/kindness in life? How did their merciful love/kindness shape and change you?
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – *or to us, as a church* – to act, speak, be, or change?

*from Thomas G. Long. *Matthew*. pp.70-80

November Birthdays

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| 3 Nenna Okereke | 5 Harry Hussian |
| 11 Albert Hussian | 13 Elaine Price |
| 15 Pete Feltman | 16 Ruth Ann Friedland |
| 16 Elodie McClain 2005 | 19 Radman Beatty 2006 |

Today at & around CAPC Oakland

Post Service Garden Party! Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect after our service.

Letters of Love: *Everyone loves getting mail!* Pick up an addressed envelope in the back and write a note of encouragement and love to someone who could use a good word. Recipients and their situations are explained on the magnetic board.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Advent Music Ensemble - practicing after worship.

Quilters Club Mondays 10a-12p, in the library. No experience required.

No Community Bible Study this Tuesday

In Defense of Kindness Book Club –Thursday 11/9 at 11am on Zoom. We're discussing pp. 39-84.

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM. Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up! This Friday Gary Yee & Gang are cooking!

Women's Group: Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom.

Process Theology Part 2 • Wednesday, 11/15 @ 7pm in person in the sanctuary– We're continuing our reflection around Process Theology. Download the reading on our website with this QR Code.



Sunday Bible Study Before Worship • We're looking at restarting Bible Study in person on Sunday mornings before worship (from 9:30-10:15am). Fill out the survey online or on paper in the entryway.



Community Thanksgiving Meal • We're serving Thanksgiving To-Go again this year, partnering with neighbors to respond to the hungers of Oakland at the holidays. You can sign up to help online on our website or use this QR Code.



Worship on Sunday December 24th • This year Christmas Eve Day is on a Sunday. We're doing a poll in worship today to see who would like to see if we should do both a "normal" Sunday service and the Christmas Eve Service that day, or just the evening service.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle Roger Kim, Ben Kramaz
Video Tech: Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

We affirm that God is neither male nor female – but wholly and holy other. In doing so, we seek to empower each person to participate fully in worship, able to identify with the lyrics of songs and the words of our communal prayers through our use of gender inclusive language.

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Traditional Spiritual

1. We are traveling \ in the footsteps
Of those who've gone before
But we'll all be reunited
On a new and sunlit shore

2. O when the saints \ go marching in
When the saints go marching in
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

3. Some say this world of trouble
Is the only one we need
But I'm waiting for that morning
When the new world is revealed

4. O when the air \ is pure and clean
When the air is pure and clean
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

5. When we all \ have food to eat
When we all have food to eat
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

6. And when the sun \ refuse to shine
And when the sun refuse to shine
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Call to Worship Opening litany

(Psalm 24, Revelation 21)

One: Faithful Redeemer,
you are the beginning and ending of all things.

**ALL: You promise to wipe away every tear,
that death and mourning will be no more.**

One: You make your home among us,
ALL: You and abide with us as our God.

One: Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,
ALL: You that we may truly be your people,

One: living and doing your will,
**ALL: You in the name of Jesus, who is the
Christ. Amen.**

“For All The Saints”

Author: William Walsham How (1864)

Glory to God #326

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 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 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!

“Nothing Can Trouble”

Author: St. Teresa of Avila; Translator:

Communauté de Taizé

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Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

“Seek Ye First”

*Karen Lafferty (1972) | © 1972, Maranatha! Music
Glory to God #175*

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And God's righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!
3. We shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

*African American spiritual | Glory to God #525
The Presbyterian Hymnal #513*

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
(on our knees;)
Let us break bread together on our knees.
(on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)
- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
(on our knees;)
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
(on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
(on our knees;)
Let us praise God together on our knees.
(on our knees.)
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

“Cares Chorus”

*Kelly Willard
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Sing the Faith #2215*

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

“Send Me Jesus (Thuma Mina)”

Traditional South African

Send me, Jesus; send me, Jesus;
send me, Jesus; send me, Lord.

Lead me, Jesus; Lead me, Jesus;
Lead me, Jesus; Lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Jesus; Fill me, Jesus;
Fill me, Jesus; Fill me, Lord.

Thuma mina. thuma mina.
Thuma mina, Somandla.

Litany for All Saints Worship
written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution website.

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:
Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:
Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters,
husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:
Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.
As we read these names, we will pause after every name
to remember, pray, and give thanks for their life.

(Speaking of the names of those who have died...)

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.
**We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.
Amen.

— Rev. Mindi, on her Rev-o-lution website.