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 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 Godly 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 “You Better Be Tough (Never Can Pray Enough)”

WORDS OF WELCOME - Sharon Nelson

GATHERING SONG “Morning Has Broken” - Blue Hymnal #469

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE “Brethren We Have Met To Worship” - Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-30 - Sharon Nelson

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD “Who's welfare are we to seek?”

SONG OF RESPONSE “God You Spin The Whirling Planets” - Glory to God #23

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

You can give electronically using this QR Code



COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” - Blue Hymnal #172

SENDING SONG “All Are Welcome” - Glory to God #301

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

People: All the time!

Leader: And all the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST “Salam almasih” | سلام المسيح - Arabic

POSTLUDE “Red Haired Boy”

Reflections on Today's Readings

Luke 4:14-30

We are in a season in which we are faced with decisions to make about what is said and what isn't. It points back to the metnarrative quote from Lyotard we mentioned last week. We are faced with multiple "narrative" or big stories that explain why things are they we they are, or how the world. Some of those we claim and believe, others often we live without realizing it.

Our world today, at least in our country is turning on some stories that are said and/or not said. What is insurrection? How do you define it? Did Ex-President Trump commit insurrection? Does that make him ineligible to run in the election? Or think about the recent goings on Harvard and the departure of President Dr. Claudine Gay. How do you define genocide? Is criticizing or the state of Isarel the same as hostility towards Jewish people?

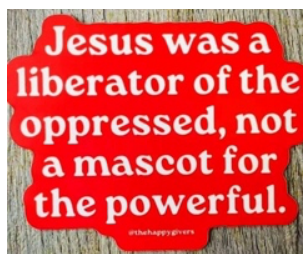
Our scripture today is similar. Marvelously written, (pay attention to the plethora of use of words such as seen, heard, speak, say), it contains much that said and some that's unspoken. Why would the townsfolk so quickly go from deep admiration of Jesus to wanting to kill him and throw him off a cliff? As we hear the story something happens that we don't here, or miss. Jesus reads from Isaiah 61. He reads the sctipures, as is supposed to happen. The text doesn't say if the reading was the reading of the day, or a choice Jesus made. It does tell us that parts of the scripture of Isaiah 61 are left out, principally the second part of the final verse "to proclaim and the day of vengeance of our God."

This scripture is pregnant with meanings, refergin to the Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25)– when all debts are forgiven, and slates wiped clean. . It also points to the Messiah-to-come who would announce and bring about this righteous justice, and deliverance of God's people from oppression. Jesus choses to leave out the whole getting-even-with-our- enemies-by-wiping-them-out part.

When his hometown asks for miracles and healings, Jesus answers the community request by referring to stories about Elijah (1 Kings 17) and Elisha (2 Kings 5). They heal and help not Israelites, but foreigner:, gentiles, those that are supposedly not-chosen-by-God. Jesus seems to cut off at the knees any notions of religious nationalism, insisting upon God's salvation and deliverance for all people. That's not what they want to hear. I think of the ministry of Rev. Dr. Marting Luther King Jr and what was said and not said. Reading this, I think of our nation and larger church today – also facing religious nationalism. I think of the life-changing good news of such radical liberation.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?
- Are there parts of the gospel – the teaching of Jesus – that you don't like? What are they?
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us,– to act, speak, be, or change, through this scripture?



January Birthdays

18 Gary Yee
25 Joy Barnes

20 Daniel Geary
29 Bill Beatty

Today at & around CAPC Oakland

Post Service Sanctuary 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

Sunday Bible Study Before Worship • (from 9:30-10:15am). We'll discuss the text for worship each Sunday. Find text study sheets online if you want to read in advance.

Quilters Club Mondays 10a-12p, in the library.

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6-7:00pm. Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! *Tim Hsu is heading up the cooking.*



Women's Group: Saturday 9:30-10:30am (Zoom)

Upcoming Book Series • We're thinking of offering an upcoming book series on *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life In The Second Mountain* by David Brooks . It explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. And wrestles with how we navigate that in the second-half of life. (post 40/50). If you'd be interested in this book group talk to Monte

Upcoming Bible Study • Wednesday nights (Zoom) we'll be working through the Psalms. Starts 1/16.

Lunar New Year • Would you like to help shape our celebration? Talk to Monte

Black History Month • Would you like to help shape our celebration? Talk to Monte

Community Calendar • Help us remember where we've been in 2023 and dream of how God might call us to respond to our world in 2024. You can add your memories and/or hopes to the paper frieze on the interior walls of the sanctuary.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

LITURGIST READER: Sharon Nelson

MUSIC: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Kate Rose, Ben

VIDEO TECH: Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian, Thom Faulkner

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.

“Morning Has Broken”

Eleanor Farjeon (1931)

Glory to God #664 | The Blue Hymnal #469

1 Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Call to Worship Opening Litany

Justice Local Church Ministries, United Church of Christ.

Written for worship on MLK Jr. Weekend.

One: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams,
we gather today to remember
that you have created us all
in your image and in your likeness

**All: And so, we still have the courage
to dream the impossible.**

One: We remember how you spoke into the darkness
and created light

**All: And so, we still have the courage
to dream the impossible.**

One: We remember the ways you have delivered your people
beginning of time,
right up until this present moment

**All: And so, we still have the courage
to dream the impossible.**

One: You have comforted us
through the middle passage, racism, segregation,
stripped identities and unjust laws

**All: And so, we still have the courage
to dream the impossible.**

One: God you have been the guiding light
along the paths of Hope and Love
leading toward a beloved community
where all are equally seen and radically loved
**All: And so, we still have the courage
to dream the impossible.**

**We gather today remembering your
presence amongst us and the call
to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly
with you and our neighbors.**

“Brethren We Have Met To Worship”

Tune: Holy Manna | Text: George Atkins 1819

1. Brethren we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word
All is vain unless the spirit
of Holy One comes down
Brethren pray and holy manna
will be showered all around

2. Sisters will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the savior tell them
that he will be found
Sisters pray and holy manna
will be showered all around

3. Is there here a trembling jailer
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren join your cries to help them,
sisters let your prayers abound
Pray o pray that holy manna
will be scattered all around

4. Let us love our God supremely
let us love each other too
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new
Christ will call us home to heaven
at his table we'll sit down
Christ will gird himself
and serve us with sweet manna all around

“God You Spin The Whirling Planets”

Jane Parker Huber | Glory to God #23

1. God, You spin the whirling planets,
Fill the sea and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms,
Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in Your image
Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy
And the truth that makes us free.

2. You have called us to be faithful
In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship
Joined in one community.
When we blur Your gracious image,
Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as Your people,
We move onward toward Your goal.

3. God, Your word is still creating,
Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas
Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion.
Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image,
We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Isaac Watts (1719) | The Blue Hymnal #172

1 My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name:
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
Does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode,
.....continued next column...

And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest,
But like a child at home.

“All Are Welcome”

Marty Haugen | Glory to God #301

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
Refrain
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
Refrain

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
Refrain

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
Refrain

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
Refrain