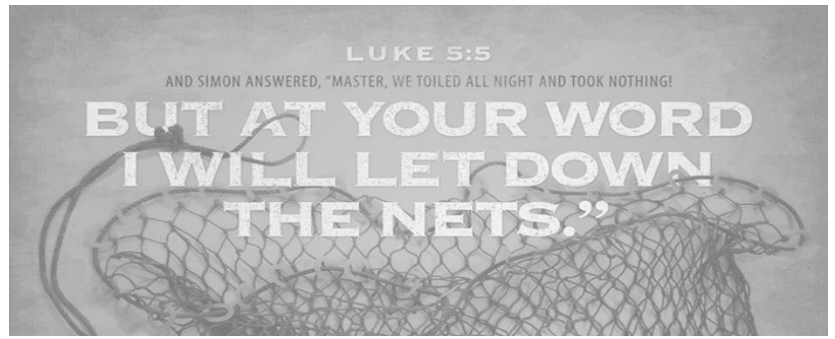


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January 21, 2024 at 10:30am
in Person & on Zoom

**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 “Lord You Have Come To The Lakeshore”
- WORDS OF WELCOME
- GATHERING SONG “Stars And Planets Flung In Orbit” - *Insert*
- CALL TO WORSHIP - *Gary Yee*
- SONG OF PRAISE “On The Sea Of Life” - *Insert*
- LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Luke 5:1-16 - *Gary Yee*
- PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD “At the End of our Net” - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE “Take Me To The Water” - *Insert*
- COMING TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM - *Elder Dann Wilkens*
- PROFESSION OF FAITH
- BAPTISM OF Daniel Stoops
- 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.
- COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING
- OFFERING SONG “Worthy” - *Insert*
- SENDING SONG “The Summons” - *Glory to God #726*
- 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 CHRIST “Salam almasih” | سلام المسيح - *Arabic*
- POSTLUDE “Reel Des Voyageurs”

You can give electronically using this QR Code



Reflections on Today's Readings

Luke 5:1-16

Our stories today have one major word in common. It's the word prostrate or falling down before someone. It's used to describe Peter's total-body reaction to Jesus' miraculous catch of fish and expression of his awe. It's use in the second story to describe the man identified with only his sickness, leprosy. This nameless man has become a stranger in his own land because of his leprosy, He's cut off from his society by the purity laws, isolated from his community as someone unclean, thus unable to come to public gatherings for prayer and celebration. He's alienated from his own sense of self as he has become a person without a people. He falls down before Jesus in the hope and hunger of being healed and set free.

Traditionally we hear this first story (1-11) as one that talks about vocation and living our life for God. Jesus calls us to conversion: to new life with a new focus, yet it includes using our natural gifts. The fishermen are called to become fishers-of-men. It's a story that embodies that God uses us, needs us, involves us in collaboration and participation, not domination. Peter is Peter, yet through faith he discovers who God has always wanted him to become. That's why Jesus gives him a new name. Peter sees how much Jesus gets, how little he himself gets. He wants to reorient himself with this man in whom he tastes the goodness, vastness and grace of God.

The story of the man with leprosy (12-16) talks about empathy and grace. It paints a word picture of how God loves us, wants good for us, and will remake us as whole and healed and in doing so recreate our fractured communities. Yet I'm struck that the man who comes and falls at the feet of Jesus, maybe isn't just doing so out of desperation or as his last-chance-hope. Maybe he sees that Jesus is the only person who really sees him: as more than his disease, as more than an outcast to be avoided. Maybe his awe comes from being amazed to discover that he is worthy of love, relationship and wholeness. It's a story that paints a picture of more than just empathetic love. It reflects how God sees us as beloved. Just like the voice from the heavens has said about Jesus at his baptism in Luke 3:22.

Taken together they talk of how we are transformed by the way that we see God in the world, and when we glimpse how God sees us. The word holy means "that which is set apart," or "different than the ordinary." I think these stories tell us of how these two people experience the Holy in Jesus – in a way that they've been hungering for, in a way that reorients and redirects their life. I also think they convey how God makes us holy, or sees us as holy – worthy of God's love, blessing and grace – even when we can't see it ourselves.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?
- How is Jesus bringing about the mission of freedom he declared as his purpose in Luke 3:18-19?
- 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 20 Daniel Geary
25 Joy Barnes 27 Mozghan LotfMohamadi
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.

Poster of Love: *We're making one today for Louise Hirschman going in for cancer surgery Wednesday.*

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Sunday Bible Study Before Worship •

(from 9:30-10:15am). Discussing the text used in our gathering each Sunday.

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! *Our High School Partners of Piedmont Community Service Crew are cooking.*



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

Upcoming Book Series • We're reading *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks. We'll have a mid-day and evening session, on zoom and in person. Today is the last change to help choose the times and days. talk to Monte.

Wrestling with Scripture • Wednesday nights Community Bible Study (Weds 7pm on Zoom). This week we're wrestling with Psalms 104 & 39.

Movie Night • We're headed to the movies to see "Origin." Listen for more details today.

Black History Month • Would you like to help shape our celebration? Sign up online with this QR Code.



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:

LITURGISTS: Gary Yee & Dann Wilkens
MUSIC: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Kate Rose, Tom Beyer
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.

“Stars And Planets Flung In Orbit”

Herman G. Stuempfle

1. Stars and planets flung in orbit,
galaxies that swirl through space,
powers hid within the atom,
cells that form an infant's face:
these, O God, in silence praise you;
by your wisdom they are made.
2. Skies adorned with sunset splendor,
silent peaks in calm repose,
golden fields awaiting harvest,
foaming surf and fragrant rose:
earth, its bounty clothed with beauty,
echoes all creation's praise.
3. Life in wondrous, wild profusion,
seed and fruit, each flower and tree,
beast and fish and swarming insect,
soaring bird, rejoicing, free:
these, your creatures, join in chorus,
praising you in wordless song.
4. Humankind, earth's deepest mystery,
born of dust but touched by grace,
torn apart by tongue and color,
yet a single, striving race:
we, in whom you trace your image,
add our words to nature's song.
5. Gracious God, we bring before you
gifts of human life alone,
truth that throbs through song and story,
visions caught in paint and stone:
these, O God, we gladly offer,
gifts to praise the Giver's name.
6. Christ, the Word before creation
as creation's final goal,
once you came for earth's redemption;
by your Spirit make earth whole:
then, O God, the new creation
will your praise for ever sing.

Call to Worship Opening Litany

*Redacted from a prayer originally found at Ministry Matters
<http://tinyurl.com/ettw5enz>*

One: From fishing fleets and busy harbors,
ALL: God gathers simple sailors.

One: Amidst brokenness and sickness,
ALL: God empowers community healers.

One: Through persecution and injustice,
ALL: God calls brave prophets.

One: When we least expect it,
**ALL: Christ gathers us in,
and calls to follow him.
Let us gather and answer Christ's call.**

“On The Sea Of Life”

Melody: TS Sloan Lyrics: George Sebren

1. We are on the sea of life
sailing to a better home
where the saved of all of the earth
shall abide
we've got all our trials here
many pleasures wait us there
when we cross the foam
and reach the other side

chorus
(sailing on)
we are sailing onward sailing
sailing on a foam
we are talking to the captain
as the angry billows hum
(sailing to)
soon, yes soon we'll reach the harbor
and be safely o'er the tide
we are going onward, to the other side

2. We've a captain brave and true
who will guide us o'er the blue
And will shield us when the storms
hover nigh
He can still the angry wave
and from evil he can save
If we'll trust Him and His loving promise try

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3 Many millions now abide
in that home beyond the tide
where the ransomed pilgrims
wade free from care
there is room on board for all
who will heed the captains call
and take ship for heaven's
country bright and fair

"Take Me To The Water"

African-American spiritual | Glory to God #480

1 Take me to the water;
Take me to the water
Take me to the water;
To be baptized

2. I love Jesus, I love Jesus
I love Jesus; Yes I Do

3. He's my Savior; He's my Savior
He's my Savior; Yes He Is

3. Oh when I get to heaven,
when I get to heaven
when I get to heaven
I shall see God

4. I know I got his spirit
I know I got his spirit
His anointing falls

5. Glory Hallelujah; Glory Hallelujah
Glory Hallelujah; To Be Baptized

"Worthy"

1 Worthy, worthy
worthy is the lamb
Worthy, worthy,
worthy is the lamb

2 Praise you, praise you,
praise you evermore
We praise you, we praise you,
we praise you evermore

3 Love you, love you,
love you evermore
We love you, we love you,
we love you evermore

"The Summons"

Author: John L. Bell

Tune: KELVINGROVE (Scottish)

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Glory to God #726

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.