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 in Person & on Zoom

**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland!**

We are a reformed, multicultural, community of followers of Jesus. Together we are committed to vigorously living 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 – Capc-net.
 Our password is 5951CAPC
 CCL #1137062

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

- PRELUDE “Come Sunday”
- WORDS OF WELCOME
- GATHERING SONG “O Jesus I Have Promised” - *Glory to God #724*
- CALL TO WORSHIP - *Susan ten Bosch Paull*
- SONG OF PRAISE “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” - *Blue Hymnal #138*
- LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD
- CELEBRATING GOD’S GOOD CREATION IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH - *G.A. Gaston*
 - *Kristy Parsons McClain*
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Luke 9:18-36 - *Susan ten Bosch Paull*
- PRACTICING GOD’S WORD
 “Taking the Holiness of the Mountaintop down to the Valley”
- SONG OF RESPONSE “O Wondrous Sight O Vision Fair” - *Glory to God #189*
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD THROUGH PRAYER STATIONS

Aroma of Confession	Praying in Color
Experiencing Forgiveness	Silent Seated Prayer
Listening to God’s Voice	Telling of Wonderful Deeds
Petal Prayers	The Tree of Life
- CLOSING WITH THE SINGING OF THE LORD’S PRAYER
- COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

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- OFFERING SONG “Lift Every Voice And Sing” - *Blue Hymnal #339, v. 1*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- THE GIFT OF GIVING - *David Kittams*
- SENDING SONG “Open the eyes of my heart, Lord” - *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 CHRIST “願主賜你平安 – *May the Lord grant you peace*”
 Yuàn zhǔ cì nǐ píng’ān (Mandarin) | Yuuen juu chee nay ping on (Cantonese)
- POSTLUDE “Take Your Shoes Off Moses”



Reflections on Today's Readings Luke 9:18-36



"Self-sacrificing is the way of Christ. And the Way of Christ is the way of the cross. The cross was the ancient world's tool of execution. But once it was used to execute Christ, it took on a new meaning. The cross now represents the confrontation of the world of sin, hate, and indifference with the God of love, forgiveness, and power. Once Christ was nailed to the cross, the meaning of the cross was changed from a place of cruel torture and death to a place of incredible love and victory. The cross means a crisis – the meaning of existence becomes open, revealed. God's love confronts humanity's sin, and God's love wins.

The taking up of a cross ordinarily would have been a once-in-a-lifetime task – and most terrifying. Here it becomes a daily possibility – and most joyous. Every day, crisis or no crisis, ordinary days and extraordinary days, in exciting times and rather dull time, I represent in my life this juxtaposition of the divine and the human." (Eugene Peterson, *the Message Bible* notes)

It's after the declaration of what Jesus is about that his white garments are transfigured into royal robes. The word transfiguration means a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state. Here it seems to point less toward what Jesus is becoming, than to what Jesus always was. Peter, James, and John are witnesses of this coronation. Their eyes are opened to what they may have hoped, but never recognized. Such a coronation is reminiscent of the ancient Hebrew entronement formula found in Psalm 93:1-2: "1The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; 2 your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting."

They descend the mountaintop of transfiguration to the valley of daily life, into the Valley of the Shadow of Death. It's there that Jesus begins turning toward his eventual crucifixion, the unavoidable consequence of his way of life, in Jerusalem. This is the turning point – the existential crisis and opportunity of the way of Jesus. Radical obedience. The transfiguration of what seems to be the least divine (suffering, death, the cross) into the ultimate revelation of God's love, purpose, and person. The voice from the heavens, speaking in a way like that at the baptism of Jesus, tells the disciples this time to listen to Jesus. And so with Jesus they "51 set [their] face to go to Jerusalem, as the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up." (Luke 9:51).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?
- Why would anyone embrace suffering? How can self-sacrifice lead to finding true life?
- Why would Jesus not want the disciples to reveal his identity as Messiah?
- Have you ever had such a mountain-top experience of transformation? How has it (re)shaped you?
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us, – to act, speak, be, or change, through this scripture?

February Birthdays

3 Tina Faulkner 4 William Markman 2008
9 Angel Carney 2002

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

Community Bible Study Sunday Edition
(Sundays 9:30-10:20am). Discussing the text used in our gathering each Sunday.

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

Community Bible Study Wednesday Edition
Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. This week we're wrestling with Psalm 13 & 51.

Ash Wednesday This Wednesday, 2/14 - 12-1pm
Prayers Stations and Ashes in the sanctuary

Book Club • We're reading *The Second Mountain* by David Brooks. We're discussing part 2 – Friday 2/16 at 11am on Zoom. Or discussing the whole book in person 2/29.

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6-7:00pm.
Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! *Our partners of Montclair Presbyterian Church are cooking. Janet Majors is the host.*

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

Movie Club • We're meeting for a potluck dinner on Tuesday, February 20th from 6:30-8:30p at Monte & Kristy McClain's. 7328 Circle Hill | 94605. Be sure to see the movie "Origin." Ahead of time – either in the cinema or streamed on Hulu.

Faith in the Public Square • Ceasefire in Gaza • We're discussing the call to action by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity [LINK] on Zoom on Thursday, 29th at 7pm. Learn more on our website with this QR Code.

Lunar New Year Lunch • Sunday, February 18
Join us for a community meal next Sunday after our gathering.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

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.

“O Jesus I Have Promised”

Author: John Ernest Bode (1869) | Glory to God #725

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
be now and always near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.

2 O let me feel you near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, you have promised
to all who follow you
that where you are in glory
your servant shall be too.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
now give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

Call to Worship Opening Litany

A prayer written by Howard Thurman, (1899-1981)

One: Open unto me -

ALL: light for my darkness

One: Open unto me -

ALL: courage for my fear.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: hope for my despair.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: peace for my turmoil.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: joy for my sorrow.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: strength for my weakness.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: wisdom for my confusion.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: forgiveness for my sins.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: love for my hates.

One: Open unto me -

ALL: thy Self for my self.

One: Lord,

ALL: Lord, open unto me. Amen.

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Author: Reginald Heber (1826)

Glory to God #1 | The Presbyterian Hymnal #138

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!

“O Wondrous Sight O Vision Fair”

Translator: J. M. Neale (1854)

Glory to God #189

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

“Lift Every Voice And Sing”

James Weldon Johnson (1900)

Glory to God #339 | The Blue Hymnal #563

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord”

Author: Paul Baloche

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Open the eyes of my heart lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you,
I want to see you
(repeat)

To see you high and lifted up
Shining in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love
As we sing holy holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you