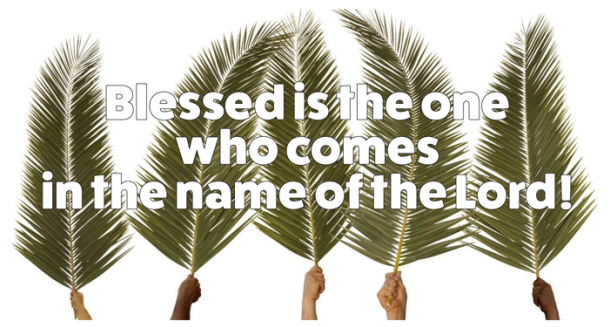


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Palm Sunday • March 24, 2024 at 10:30am
 in Person & on Zoom

**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 are moving towards restarting 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. Until then we have quiet toys, and activity sheets around today’s scripture in the play area up front.

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

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

- PRELUDE “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”
- WORDS OF WELCOME
- GATHERING SONG “All Glory Laud And Honor” - *Insert*
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE “Hosanna Loud Hosanna” - *Insert*
- LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:18-22 & Romans 9:9-17 - *Sharon Nelson*
- PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD “Choosing to Follow What is Good” -*Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow*
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE “Jesus Jesu Fill Us With Your Love” - *Insert*
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER -*Richard Harvey*

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 “Jesus Our Divine Companion” - *Insert*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG “Sanna Sannanina” - *Blue Hymnal #484*
- 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 “Udo diri gi” (Udo, spoken in Nigeria)
- POSTLUDE “Fishers Hornpipe”

Today's Readings

• **Matthew 4:18-22 & Romans 9:9-17** •

Matthew 4:18-22 (CEB)

¹⁸ As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." ²⁰ Right away, they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and ²² immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Romans 9:9-17 (CEB)

⁹ Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other. ¹¹ Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord! ¹² Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. ¹⁴ Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. ¹⁶ Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart. ¹⁷ Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

We're blessed today to have Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow preaching and sharing with us in worship. Bruce is a local Presbyterian pastor, and was the youngest ever Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA when he was elected in 2008. He is the author of several books including:

- *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith* March 4, 2024
- *In Defense of Kindness: Why It Matters, How It Changes Our Lives, and How It Can Save the World* (2021)
- *Rule #2: Don't Be an Asshat: An Official Handbook for Raising Parents and Children* (2016)
- *40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words: Lenten Reflections for Everyday Life* (2015)
- *But I Don't See You as Asian: Curating Conversations about Race* (2013)

Bruce is also a life-long A's fan, living with long COVID, and one of the reasons that Pete Feltman works with us as our minister of music!

Bruce blogs at: <https://theamalgamation.substack.com>

Bruce also podcasts at: <https://reyes-chow.com/podcasts>

March Birthdays

1 Al Barnes	6 Jeff Trowbridge
8 Breeze Ramirez	11 Michael Evans
12 Kristy McClain	17 Louise Hirschman
24 Marda Stothers	28 Lucian Haynes

March Anniversaries

3 Mike and Lori Castner 1979
10 Richard and Marge Harvey 2011
28 Maya Patil's adoption date 2003

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. *Meeting next week 3/31.*

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

Community Bible Study Wednesday Edition Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. *No meeting this week.*

Maunder Thursday Table Service – Thursday 6-8:00pm. [Sign up online](#) or in person for our potluck service as we embody the story of the last supper. Or use this QR Code to RSVP.



Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6-7:00pm. Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! *Piedmont Community Service Crew is cooking. Janet Majors is the host.*

Good Friday Service – Fridays 7:15-8pm. We're gathering to retell the story of the crucifixion and embodying it for us in our world today as we carry the cross into the garden.

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

Easter Sunday – March 31st 10:30am – we'll do our annual practice of bringing in the cross and have an egg hunt for children.

Monte needs help this week with several things. Sign up on the paperboard to help!

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

MUSIC: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle,
Ben Kramarz, Kate Rose, Tom Beyer & Anna Lei
VIDEO TECH: Thom Faulkner, 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.

“All Glory Laud And Honor”

Translator: J. M. Neale (1854); Author: Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c. 820) Glory to God #196 | The Blue Pres Hymnal #88

Refrain

All glory laud and honor
to Thee redeemer king
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosanna's ring!

1. Thou art the king of Israel
Thou David's royal son
Who in the Lord's name comest
the King and blessed one

2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayers and anthems
before Thee we present

3. To Thee before Thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
our melody we raise

4. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring
Who in all good delightest
Thou good and gracious king

Call to Worship Opening Litany

Taken from John 12:12-16 and words by Nadia Bolz Weber

One: The great crowd that had come to the festival
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

ALL: So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!'

One: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it;
as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'

ALL: His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

One: But before many of the followers of Jesus would proclaim that he is risen, they would maybe join in the shout of "Crucify him!" They would turn their back on him, disappointed, embarrassed that he wouldn't, that he couldn't, save himself. ...That he wasn't going to save them.

ALL: Like them, we too often want a God who we see as chain-breaker and freedom-giver, but we don't want one who suffers and dies, seeming to be a loser.

One: Like them, we too often think of God more as an angry loan shark demanding his pound of flesh, seeking to punish us for our sins, as opposed to a God who invites us and all of creation to sing a new song.

ALL: And so, we too come this day to remember, to be reminded, to remind each other that that the God we often want, isn't the God that is; that the hot mess of doubt and darkness we find ourselves in, is in part because we think the cross is about us and not about God.

One: We struggle to trust that God is actually good.

ALL: Hosanna! – Come Holy One!

**Remind us of your heart,
Rekindle in us your love,
Reorient us to your kingdom values.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

Translator: Mary E. Byrne (1905) | Versifier: Eleanor Hull (1912)

“Bí Thusa ‘mo Shúile,” Ancient Irish; Irish, ca. 700

Glory to God #450 | Blue Hymnal #339

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises the simplest and the best

2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving the chanting clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait

3. Hosanna in the highest that ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer the Lord of heaven our king
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice

“Jesus Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”

Author: Tom Colvin (1963) | Tune: CHEREPONI

The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #367 | Glory to God #203

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who pours out himself for them.

2 Neighbors are rich folk and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are nearby and far away.

3 These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

“Jesus Our Divine Companion”

tune: Pleading Savior text: Henry van Dyke

1. Jesus our divine companion
by Your lowly human birth
You have come to join the workers
burden bearers of the earth
You the carpenter of Nazareth
toiling for Your daily food
By Your patience and Your courage
You have taught us work is good

2. Where the many toil together
there you are among Your own
Where the solitary labor
You are there with them alone
You the peace that passes knowledge
dwelling in the daily strife
You the bread of heaven
are broken in the sacrament of life

“Sanna Sannanina”

Source: Swahili text: trad. South African

Place of Origin: Tanzania

Language: English; Swahili

Sanna, sannanina,
sanna, sanna, sanna.
Sanna, sannanina,
sanna, sanna, sanna.
Sanna, sanna, sanna sannanina,
sanna, sanna, sanna.
Sanna, sanna, sanna sannanina,
sanna, sanna, sanna.