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Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus seeking to live our faith seriously in word, deed and relationships in the East Bay.

If you've never celebrated with us, you can follow along using this paper or the projection on the screen. Hymnals and Bibles are in the pews. We invite you to join us for a moment of community connection afterwards with a drink and simple snack.

CHILDREN

We have a quiet play area for children in the front of the sanctuary with toys and coloring sheets that can be played with during services. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where the service is broadcast if you need more space.

We invite children 3 years old to 6th grade to depart for Godly Play following our second song. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

PRAYER CARDS

You're invited to share your prayers of concern or gratitude by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and placing them in the glass vase on the table. We'll use them during today's service.

WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA

2wire927 is our open wifi. The password is 7304088568. If you do social media during the service we invite you to add #capcoakland to include others.

NESTLÉ PARKING LOT

We're able to park in the lot behind the church. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, using the pedestrian door there near Crossroads Trading.

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING SONG "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - *Blue Hymnal #464*

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Insert*

SONG OF PRAISE "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" - *Blue Hymnal #476*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

ACT OF CONFESSION

OPENING OURSELVES TO BEING UNDONE, THAT WE MIGHT BE REDONE

SUNG RESPONSE "Change My Heart, O God" - *Insert*

DECLARATION OF GOD'S GRACE

THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S GRACE DISRUPTS OUR HUMAN CONDITION OF SIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Deacon Myrna Shadley*
Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card

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

To pray with someone after the service, look for today's liturgist after today's service

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY SONG "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" - *Blue Hymnal #591*

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Mark 10:17-31 *Pew Bible pp. 980*

SPEAKING OF FAITH - *Linda Davis, Robbin Peach*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "The Summons" - *Insert*

COMMUNION: FINDING GOD AROUND THE TABLE

We celebrate by intinction, coming forward to receive the meal. If you'd prefer an individual cup or to be served at your seat, please raise your hand during our celebration as we'll attend to you.

SONG DURING COMMUNION "Let Us Break Bread Together" - *Pew Bible pp. 513*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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 "Amani ya mungu" (Swahili)

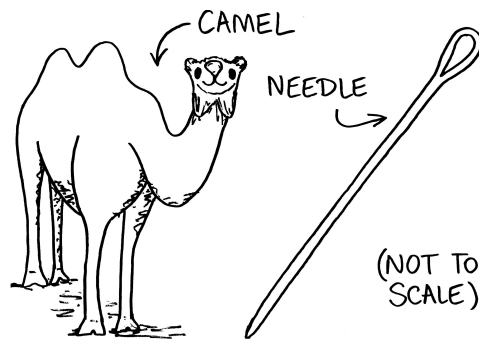
We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community as an audible sign of the Dominion of God at work towards the healing transformation of the world.

Thoughts on Today's Reading Mark 10:17-31

The Book of Mark is most likely the first of the four gospel books to be written, sometime in the late 60s CE. In this season of Lent, we move to the center and second-half of the story. Jesus turns his face towards Jerusalem, and all of what that represents: his passionate execution by crucifixion and paradoxical resurrection. Our section today appears just before the third and final teaching on the death of the Messiah in 10:32-34 and the disciples asking for the best spots in the kingdom when Jesus comes to power.

This story is well-known for two reasons in particular. This is the only time – in the written scripture – that it's said that Jesus loves someone. So it must be important in the narrative. Here it seems to be the point upon which this episode hangs. It's thought that Jesus ties his comments to the 10 Commandments and the Shema ("Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one") because this member of the elite quite possibly doesn't connect the way in which he owns lands and treats his tenants and renters with how he follows the teachings of God. Could it be that Jesus asks so much of the elite man, not because he's rich, but because Jesus loves him and cares about him? This man seemingly has everything, but still lacks one necessary thing to live well.

The second reason for which this scripture is well known is the saying it contains: "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." A teaching from the Middle Ages claimed, falsely, that there was a gate through which one entered in the



ancient city of Jerusalem that was so low that camels had to kneel down and be unpacked of the goods they were transporting before they could enter the city. Scholars today have not found proof of the existence of this ancient gate, and suspect that it was a way to make the teaching of Jesus more palpable and doable. What Jesus is saying is that no one can do it, which makes sense when it's connected to the statement of human impossibility but divine possibility in verse 27.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What grabs your attention in today's reading?**
- **How do you hear the teaching of Jesus with the elite man and the disciples? Who do you most identify with? Why?**
- **How are the words of Jesus challenging? How are they a grace? What words do you want to leave out or skip over?**
- **Think of the people you love and cherish in life. What do you want for them? What then might God, who loves us beyond all measure, want for us? Maybe that's why Jesus does what he does in this story. How does that encourage, bless, inspire you?**
- **What invitation to walk, act, speak, or relate to others on the Way of Jesus do you hear in the text today?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Al Barnes | 6 Jeff Trowbridge |
| 12 Kristy McClain | 17 Louise Hirschman |
| 22 Ellen Brylawski | 24 Marda Stothers |
| 28 Lucian Haynes (2010) | |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland – The Session is creating a protocol to help us care for one another should the virus arrive in the Bay Area. Today for communion we're changing the way we serve, to reduce hand-touching of elements and potential contagion. *We always have hand-sanitizer on the welcome table in the entryway with which you can wash your hands.*

Join our Choir! Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman

Celtic Prayer Group, Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm
Talk to Marda Stothers for more information.

There is no Friday Night Meal this week.

Women's Group, Saturdays 8:30am | in the church library (meets 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays)

The Vocabulary of Faith | Sundays 9:30-10:15am

Happy Half-Hour Thursdays 6-6:30pm

ESL Ministry with Immigrants Mondays, 7-9pm

Guatemala Pictures –If you didn't pick up a picture of the students we're supporting in Guatemala last week, find one on the pulpit today

National Day of Unplugging technology Sabbath begins this Friday 3/6 at sunset and ends Saturday 3/7 at sunset. Info in the entry

Lent Devotionals find them in the entryway

New Member Lunch –March 8th after worship
Talk to Monte or Elder Sharon Nelson

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:
Accompanist: Jennifer Huang (as Pete is sick)
Counting: Marda Stothers, Marge Harvey
Fellowship: Emma Fleming, Ben Bencomo
Greeters: Chickwendu Okereke, Fredora Darmstadt

Leadership for next week, 3/8/2020:
Counting: Anne Marie Adams, Margaret Smith
Fellowship: Marge & Richard Harvey
Godly Play: David Kittams (ST), Joy Barnes (DK)
Greeters: Joy Barnes, David Kittams

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Author: Henry van Dyke (1907; alt.)

Tune: HYMN TO JOY; Composer: Ludwig von Beethoven

Blue Hymnal #464

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Opening Prayer written by Rev. Mindi posted to the blog

<http://rev-o-lution.org> **The People read the BOLD print**

One: Hear, O People: God loves you,
and God loves you madly;

All: We shall love the Lord our God with all our being.

One: Hear, O People: God calls you to serve the poor;

All: We serve the Lord, who came to us humble, without a home.

One: Hear, O People: God calls you to follow Jesus;

All: Worship our God, who came to serve us, so we may serve the world. Amen.

"Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

Author: Robert Grant (1833)

Blue Hymnal #476

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds
form,
And bright is God's path on the wings of the
storm.

3 The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

"Change My Heart, O God"

Original Language: Spanish

Author (English and Spanish): Eddie Espinosa (1982)

Glory to God Hymnal #695

Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

English Title: *Doxology* // Author: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
Geneva Psalter, 1551
Blue Hymnal #591

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

"The Summons"

John L. Bell // Tune: *KELVINGROVE*
Glory to God Hymnal #726
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1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?
4. 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?
5. 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.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

African-American spiritual
Blue Hymnal #513

1. 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.)*

