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**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 this time of disruption and new normal we gather hybrid-ly (both in person and via Zoom).

This is our new normal.

It's something that we'll get better at each time we gather, allowing us to gather together and be consistent with our values and commitments. We ask that you wear a mask during worship as some of our community (our children in particular) are not yet vaccinated.

CHILDREN

We've reconfigured out how to do our Godly Play program for children via Zoom. We meet 9:30-10am on Sundays via Zoom. Info in the announcements on the back.

POST-SERVICE GARDEN PARTY

We are serving a light snack and coffee after worship in the garden throughout the summer. You can enjoy that mask-free. We ask you to not touch any of the food or drink, instead let us serve you.

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.'

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

PRELUDE: "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands"

GATHERING SONG "The Welcome Table"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "I Shall Not Leave From By Your Side"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Ruth 1:14-18; Mark 12:28-31

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Am I Your People?" - Rev. Ruth T. West

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Though I May Speak"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Myrna Shadley
 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 OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS "Bringing In The Sheaves"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Deep Settled Peace"

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 GOD "The Peace of Christ"

In the season of a pandemic new normal, you're invited to pass the peace of God however and to whoever you can this day as we live our lives of disciples of Jesus sheltering-in-place, as a living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

POSTLUDE "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy"

Today we're blessed to journey with Rev. Ruth T. West as our guest preacher shaping us worship this morning.

Rev. Ruth T. West is an ordained PC(USA) Minister of the Word & Sacrament and Spiritual Director/Activist. In addition to a Masters of Divinity (MDiv), Ruth holds an MBA, Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction and a Certificate in Trauma & Spiritual Care. She is currently Associate Director of Advanced Pastoral Studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary (University of Redlands) and is herself at the dissertation stage of her doctoral education. Ruth is also a contributing author for the spiritual direction textbook, *Kaleidoscope: Broadening the Palette in the Art of Spiritual Direction* (chapter 2). A recent excerpt from this chapter was included in Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation (June 23, 2021), and can be accessed at <https://tinyurl.com/yr5y73xp> or go to cac.org.

Today's Scriptures addressing the them of belonging are:

Ruth 1:14-18

New Revised Standard Version

¹⁴ Then they [Naomi and her daughters-in-law Naomi and Orpah] wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Mark 12:28-31

New Revised Standard Version

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

November Birthdays

- 5 Harry Hussian (Jr.)
- 11 Albert Hussian Elaine Price
- 15 Pete Feltman
- 16 Ruth Ann Frieland Elodie McClain 2005
- 19 Radman Beatty 2006

Weekly Calendar

Race Matters Monday, November 1st @ 6pm on Zoom Talking about what Critical Race Theory actually is and means, led by David Kit-tams. capcoakland.org/racematters

Friday Night Meal – Friday, November 5th 6:00pm.

Sign up online w/ the QR Code to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up. The community of Trinity Fellowship of Berkeley is cooking.

Letters of Love send a greeting card to someone who could use a good word or to one of our governmental representatives (back wall).

Godly Play for Children/Youth Sundays 9:30-10am on Zoom

Sabbath as Resistance – Tuesdays 7pm (Zoom) Tuesday, 11/2 we're discussing chapter 3.

Wrestling with Scripture Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom. *Reading the weekly text in community.*

Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Meal

This year we are again adapting the annual community meal we've been serving for 40+ years to a COVID socially-distanced TO-GO format. We'll be serving Thanksgiving Day from the Gym 11a-12p. Find more info and sign-up to help online at www.capcoakland.org Or use this QR CODE.



Thank you to Today's Worship Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Preaching: Rev. Ruth T. West.
Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

We seek to use gender inclusive language, as we affirm that God is neither male or 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.

"I'm Gonna Sit At The Welcome Table"

African-American spiritual

1. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table One of these days

2. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
3. I'm gonna see my savior come home

Repeat verse 1

Call to Worship Litany -

*Written by Monte, inspired from Priya Parker's book
The Art of Gathering*

One: What a mess.

**ALL: This past week,
this past month,
this past year.
What a hot mess.**

One: We regather today 504 years to the day that
Martin Luther nailed his concerns and
troubles with how the church was gathering
and who it was not including
to the church door in Wittenberg.

**ALL: We regather today here in Oakland,
after it having been
dangerous, scary, even illegal.**

One: We regather together
to celebrate and to mourn

**ALL: We regather together to connect
and remember who we are
and who we are not.**

One: We regather together to listen to what God
has done in the past
and is doing in the present

**ALL: that we might hear God's word:
hope for today, vision for tomorrow.**

One: We regather together because we can

**ALL: The world we live in today
is in such a mess.**

One: What a hot mess.

**ALL: and today I choose to regather
in that mess with you.**

"I Shall Not Leave From By Your Side"

Text: Chris Shelton, 2018

From Songs for the Holy Other

1. I shall not leave from by your side;
where you will live, I shall abide.
Where you will go, I'll walk with you.
Where you will sleep, I'll slumber, too.

2. Your people, I shall call my own:
flesh of my flesh, and bone of bone;
and to your God I'll sing my praise,
the One whose love shall fill our days.

3. And when, at last, you close your eyes,
and angels bid your soul to rise,
my heart shall fly to heaven with you,
for death cannot such love undo.

4. May God, who binds us heart to heart,
abide with us, and never part.
Though joy or pain may round us roll,
the love of God shall make us whole.

“Though I May Speak ”

Hal H. Hopson (1972)

Tune: O WALY WALY

Glory to God #693

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

“Bringing In The Sheaves”

Knowles Shaw (1874)

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal #471

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

2 Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

3 Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

“Deep Settled Peace”

Alfred B. Smith, 1946

chorus

There's a deep settled peace in my soul
I've been redeemed and made whole
I've been washed in the blood of the lamb
And I know I understand
That deep settled peace in my soul

1. I found no rest for my soul
Till I heard that story told
Now I'm in the shepherd's fold
And have that deep settled peace in my soul

chorus

2. Let not your heart be troubled so
If to Jesus you will go
And of him you'll learn to know
You'll have that deep settled peace in your soul

chorus

3. Then when death around you lies
And you must cross that great divide
If you have Jesus on your side
There'll be a deep settled peace in your soul

chorus

I Shall Not Leave from By Your Side

Chris Shelton

PROSPECT

Southern Harmony, harm. David N. Johnson

1. I shall not leave from by your side;
2. Your peo - ple, I shall call my own:
3. And when, at last, you close your eyes,
4. May God who binds us heart to heart,

where you will live, I shall a - bide.
flesh of my flesh, and bone of bone;
and an - gels bid your soul to rise,
a - bide with us, and ne - ver part.

Where you will go, I'll walk with you.
and to your God I'll sing my praise,
my heart shall fly to heaven with you,
Though joy or pain may round us roll,

Where you will sleep, I'll slum - ber too.
the One whose love shall fill our days.
for death can - not such love un - do.
the love of God shall make us whole.

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.