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8 DAYS A WEEK

THE MAINTENANCE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

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THE SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

Don't Just go to Church, BE the Church

July 18, 2021

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're figuring out how to do our Godly Play program with our new normal. We'll restart that program after July 11th.

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 cards and share it with the liturgist or to share you requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with 'prayer.'

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PRELUDE:

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

GATHERING SONG

"Come All You People (Uyai Mose)"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise, I Will Praise You Lord"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-12.

– Elaine Price

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"8 Days a Week"

– Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Here I Am Lord"

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 OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS - "Don't Be Afraid"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG

"Sing A New Church"

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

Reflections on Today's Readings Exodus 3:1-12

This week we turn to the third of what we as Presbyterians we call the Six Great Ends of the Church. ***The maintenance of divine worship.*** Book of Order (F-1.0304),

Worship is a word that's perhaps has come to mean something different in our society and culture. We worship our idols, or certain stars. We worship particular fads and styles. We worship ideas and values such as capitalism, the almighty Dollar. It's almost as if worship is a way of saying that we love or treasure something greatly.

Formally the word means "an act of religious devotion usually directed towards a deity." It comes from the Old English word ***weorþscipe***, meaning to venerate an object. as in "worthiness or worth-ship"—to give, at its simplest, worth to something.

The Church is called to provide and maintain worship of the God revealed in Jesus the Christ and through the testimonies of the Bible. Worship isn't just something we do though. It's also something that acts upon us. A common saying is that we are what we worship or value. Our actions, values, worship shape and form us – our wants, hopes, desires and ways of being in the world. And so the worship of God is something in which we participate and also a dynamic movement that forms and reshapes us into God's image – who we worship.

Today's scripture tells the story of Moses encountering God in the burning bush. He's going about his daily work (shepherding) and encountering something on his path that reroutes his life. He can't fathom this bush that burns without being consumed, and in that contemplation of beauty, mystery and transcendence he encounters the living God – who was, and is, and is to come. He removes his shoes, recognizing the holiness, the otherness of what's going on. This worship of God changes him. He goes home a different man, with a new vocation, a new vision of life, of himself, his neighbors and God. That's what worship does to us. And if you know the story Moses still has a long way to go to become the person that God intends for him to be. Worship is both a concrete act, we do as individuals and a community; and it's also something that we do again and again a process of transformation. Maybe that's why the word in Hebrew for Worship ***Avodah***. [עבודתה] also means work and service. Avodah worship is in all of life, all that we do and all that we are becoming.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in the text?
- How do you experience worship? How do you define what it is and what it isn't?
- Think of a powerful moment of worship you've lived. What made it powerful? How did it shape you?
- What do you expect and hunger for when you come to worship at CAPC Oakland? In your work life? How are they similar or different?

July Birthdays

21 Chickwendu Okereke	22 Kaya Ramirez Blake
24 Maya Patil	27 John Fonua
27 John LaMotte	31 Lisa Wu

Weekly Calendar

This is our fourth hybrid service – both in person and online. As we meet, we're embracing a new normal, which means we all are adjusting in diverse and different ways to our new normal. Pete Feltman our minister of music is on vacation, returning Sunday August 8th

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Race Matters Zoom Meeting We are taking a break in July; meeting next on July 26th.

Zoom Session Meeting Thursday 7/22 at 7pm.

Friday Night Meal - Friday, July 23rd 6:00pm. Sign up online at <http://www.capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal> or contact Monte to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up. Bright & Remya David are preparing the meal.

Women's Group – Saturdays at 9:30am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

Deacons Meeting Next Sunday 7/26

Godly Play is returning mid-August. More info on the yellow sheet in the entryway.

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

We need HELP hosting & serving Coffee Hour! Talk to Richard Harvey to volunteer.

Thank you to Today's Worship Leadership:
Chat Master: Kristy & Sophie Parsons McClain
Coffee Hour: Janet Majors & Marji Wilkens
Greeters: Fredora Darmstadt
Music: Monte & Kristy Parsons McClain
Preaching: Monte McClain
Reading: Elaine Price
Video Tech: Thom Faulkner

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Come All You People (Uyai mose)"

Original Language: Shona

Author: Alexander Gondo (20th cent.)

Arranger: John L. Bell (1994)

Transcriber: I-to Loh (1986)

Glory to God #388

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose, tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose, tinamate Mwari; uyai mose zvino.

1. Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.
2. Come all you people, come and praise the Savior;
3. Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;

Call to Worship Litany – by SusannahDB

<https://teaandtheology.com>

One: Come to this place to see what God has done.

PEOPLE: We are here for burning bushes and holy ground.

One: Here you will find God on special days
of celebration and ordinary days too.

**PEOPLE: We seek the God of our ancestors
knowing we may be called to new places.**

One: Listen for God's call
and know you do not go alone.

**PEOPLE: We are ready to worship
and see God in this place.**

**"Praise, I will praise you, Lord
(Je louerai l'Eternel)"**

Author: Claude Frayssé; Translator: Kenneth I. Morse (1989)

Language: English; French ; Kenneth I. Morse (1989)

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Glory to God #628*

1. Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!
2. Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!
3. Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
je chanterai ton nom.

Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!



“ Here I Am, Lord

*Author: Daniel L. Schutte (1981)
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #525*

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart

“Soon and very soon”

Author: Andraé Crouch (1976)

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

“Sing a New Church”

Michelle Williams

1. Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity,
gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.

Refrain:

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.

2. Radiant risen from the water, r
obed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight.
3. Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.
4. Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of
peace and justice; let it sound
through time and space.
5. Draw together at one table,
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.