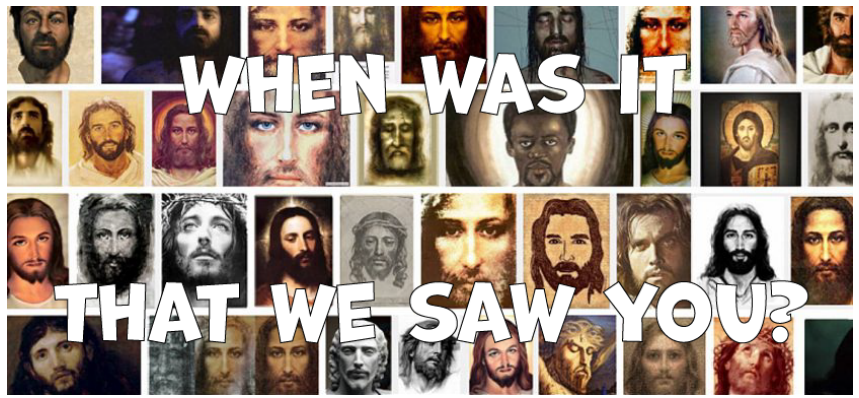


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November 13, 2022 at 10:30am
 in Person & on Zoom

**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 allows 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.

HYBRID WORSHIP

We do our Sunday Gatherings hybrid style – both in person and online for those that prefer that option. We're seeking to do that, using Zoom, to affirm our value of participation and collaboration in our gatherings.

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 "The Empathy Song"

GATHERING SONG "Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP - Marda Stothers

SONG OF PRAISE "Amazing Love"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:35-46 - Marda Stothers

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "As Plain as Day" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "When I Needed A Neighbor Were You There"

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

OFFERING SONG "Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us" - Glory to God # 44

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Whatever You Do"

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 "Мир Христа"(Ukrainian) [Mwir Khrysta]

POSTLUDE "Campbell's Farewell To Redcastle"

Reflections on Today's Readings Matthew 25:35-46

Today's text is at the center of many famous Christians' lifestyles and world-views. Among such witnesses is Gustavo Gutiérrez, a Peruvian philosopher, Catholic theologian, and Dominican priest. He is regarded as one of the founders of Latin American liberation theology. The central pastoral question of his work is: "How do we convey to the poor that God loves them?" He calls this "The Option for the Poor."

When Jesus said "Blessed are the poor," he does not say, "Blessed is poverty." For Gutiérrez, "Standing in solidarity with the poor means to mean taking a stand against inhumane poverty." Gutiérrez makes distinctions between material poverty, voluntary poverty and spiritual poverty.

Real poverty means privation: the lack of goods necessary to meet basic human needs. It means inadequate access to education, health care, public services, living wages, and discrimination because of culture, race or gender. Such poverty is evil; it is a subhuman condition in which the majority of humanity lives today, and it poses a major challenge to every Christian conscience and therefore to spirituality and theological reflection.

Spiritual poverty is about a radical openness to the will of God, a radical faith in a providential God, and a radical trust in a loving God. It often leads to the renunciation of material goods out of a desire to be more possessed by God alone and to love and serve God more completely.

Voluntary poverty is a conscious protest against injustice by choosing to live together with those who are materially poor. Its inspiration comes from the life of Jesus who entered into solidarity with the human condition, living as a poor person not because poverty itself has any intrinsic value but to criticize and challenge those people and systems that oppress the poor and compromise their God-given dignity. The Christian sides with the world's poor, Gutiérrez teaches, consciously acknowledging the forces of greed, violence and death that crush them. The Christian sees Christ present in the poor and marginalized, and joins their struggle to end poverty.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in the text of Matthew 25:35-46?
- How have you experienced this seeing Jesus in the face of others in your own life?... When? ... Where?
- Is our love of the poor to be more about personal actions or systemic changes? How does that fit into Jesus' redefine what it means to be HOLY -- $\psi\iota\delta\eta$ /*kodesh*/ which means "to be set apart for a specific purpose."
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us, about being set apart?

November Birthdays

3 Nenna Okereke	5 Harry Hussan
11 Al Hussian	13 Elaine Price
15 Pete Feltman	16 Ruth Ann Friedland
16 Elodie McClain. 2005	19 Radman Beatty 2006

Weekly Calendar

Post Service Garden Party! Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect and chat after service outside.

Letters of Love- Lina Foltz had a successful surgery for her liver cancer. She's getting treatment and convalescing in Southern California. Help us overwhelm her with love, support and grace by picking up an addressed stamped letter or post card today and sending her a word of encouragement.

Race Matters Group Mondays – 6-7pm on Zoom.

Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) We're starting weekly Bible Study up again - Tuesday nights 7p on Zoom. *Join the fun this Tuesday 11/15!*

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM.

Help us respond to the hungers of Oakland by signing up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up – this -or *any* Friday! Capcoakland.org/ or use this QR Code

Women's Group Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info.

Godly Play Sundays 9:30-10am on Zoom – our Montessori-approach to Sunday School!

Congregational Meeting :: Today, Sunday, Nov 13th to elect 4 at large members to our Nominating Team.

Thanksgiving Day Meal Thursday, 11/24 11a-12p. Sign up to help on our website. You can give financially to help fund our community meal effort.



Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Counters:, Jeff Trowbridge & Albert Hussian
Garden-Party Host: Kristy, Fredora & Myrna

Godly Play: Beth Beatty

Liturgist: Marda Stothers

Music: Dave Eagle (Drums),

Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim

Video Tech: Thom Faulkner, Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

Today's blog reflection came from https://liberationtheology.org/library/National_Catholic_Reporter_-_Gustavo_Gutierrez_and_the_preferential_option_for_the_poor_-_2011-11-09.pdf

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

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 through using gender inclusive language

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Author: Frank Mason North | Glory to God# 344

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

4 The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Call to Worship:

Adapted from Psalm 113 The Message Translition

One: Hallelujah!

You who serve God, praise God!
Just to speak God's name is praise!

**ALL: Just to remember God is a blessing—
now and tomorrow and always.**

**From east to west, from dawn to dusk,
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One: God is higher than anything and anyone,
outshining everything you can see in the skies.
Who can compare with God, our God,
so majestically enthroned,

**ALL: Surveying the magnificence of the
heavens and earth?**

**God picks up the poor from out of the dirt,
rescues the forgotten
who've been thrown out with the trash,**

One: Seats them among the honored guests,
a place of honor among the brightest and best.

**ALL: The Lord gives childless couples a family,
gives them joy as the parents of children.
Hallelujah!**

Amazing Love

Chris Tomlin

1. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I am alive and well,
Your spirit is within me
'Cause You died and rose again

2. I'm forgiven because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I am alive and well,
Your spirit is within me
'Cause You died and rose again

3. Amazing love, how can it be?
That You, my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You

When I Needed A Neighbor Were You There

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Chorus

When I needed a neighbor were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a neighbor were you there?

And the creed and the color
and the name won't matter, Were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there,
were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

Chorus

I was cold, I was naked, were you there,
were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

Chorus

When I needed a shelter were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a shelter were you there?

Chorus

When I needed a healer were you there,
were you there?
When I needed a healer were you there?

Chorus

Wherever you travel I'll be there,
I'll be there,
Wherever you travel I'll be there.

And the creed and the color
and the name won't matter, I'll be there.

Like A Mother Who Has Borne Us

Daniel Bechtel (1986) | Glory to God # 770

1. Like a mother who has borne us,
Held us close in her delight,
Fed us freely from her body.
God has called us into life.

2. Like a father who has taught us,
Grasped our hand and been our guide,
Lifted us and healed our sorrow,
God has walked with us in life.

3. Though as children we have wandered,
Placed our trust in power and might,
Left behind our brothers, sisters,
God still calls us into life.

Whatever You Do

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

Biblical Reference: Matthew 25:31-46

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn,

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1. "Whatever you do to the least ones of these,
I tell you in truth that you do unto me!"
Lord Jesus, you taught us! May we learn anew
That when we serve others, we also serve you.

2. When poor, waiting children pray hunger will end,
When those long-forgotten cry out for a friend,
When thirsty ones whisper,
"O Lord, where are you?" —
We hear, in their longing, that you're calling, too.

3. In prisons and jails, Lord, we find a surprise;
We see you in people whom others despise.
At hospital bedsides we offer a prayer
And find, when we visit the sick, you are there.

4. When we reach to others in flood-stricken lands
And offer our hearts there, and offer our hands —
We notice, Lord Jesus, the gift of your grace:
We see, in the crowds of the suffering, your face.

5. "Lord, when did we see you?"
Your teaching is clear
That when we serve others, we're serving you here.
And when your church heeds you
and helps those in pain,
Then out of the chaos, hope rises again.