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FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
There's room for every story

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) have high health risks.

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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The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022 at 10:30am
in Person & on Zoom

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

PRELUDE "God's Surprise"

GATHERING SONG "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" *Blue Hymnal #2*

CALL TO WORSHIP LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

SONG OF PRAISE "Canticle Of Turning" *- Glory to God #100*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:1-17; Isaiah 2:1-5

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Regenerating Faith" *- Monte McClain*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Come And Find The Quiet Center"

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 "While We Are Waiting Come" *- Glory to God # 92*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Walking In The Light Of The Lord"

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 "Jingle Bells"

Reflections on Today's Readings Matthew 1:1-17 & Isaiah 2:1-5

Our Advent scripture series begins with Matthew's genealogy. In that long list of names, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ's story.

Just as Christ's genealogy reveals the relationships across time and space in his life, many of our names also tie us to the generations who come before us and those who will come after us. Matthew lists the names of Jesus' forebearers as a marker of hope finally realized. Even today, names are the seeded hope of one generation planted in another. They are the thread that connects our histories, stories, and futures. We are the hopes of those who've come before, and we live in hope for those who will come after us.

God works through the unexpected people and stories of the past and present. When you zoom in on the names in the family tree (and even in our own day-to-day lives), you may not be able to see how each character propels the story forward, but when you zoom out, you can see how each story is woven together into a larger tapestry. The Isaiah passage illustrates a convergence of opposing groups and identities coming together. Instead of the way of the past—of war—they learn a new way by transforming their weapons into gardening tools. What are the old paths that we've followed, and where must we diverge into a new way?

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in this text?
- In some ways, the record of Jesus' family tree is like a tapestry of mismatched strings woven together. Theologically, how does the untidiness of Jesus' lineage emphasize how God grafts family in different and unexpected ways? How might this create room for stories of blended families, families through adoption, or families who don't know their ancestry? How does this create room for your story?
- Isaiah's prophecy paints a powerful illustration of regeneration—of weapons of war becoming plows that break up soil and shears that prune away dead branches. Within your life, church, or community, what needs to be unearthed or dug up? What needs to be pruned away? What steps are required for this work to take place? Where is God regenerating a new path forward for you – and/or us?
- What invitation to act, speak, be(come), or change do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us in this text?



December Birthdays

1 Barbara Epstein-Eagle	Megan Beatty
2. Annette Laverty	8 Taylor Beatty 2008
8 Cristina Ramirez-Fonua	9 Laura LaMotte
13 Lane Stahl	14 Fredora Darmstadt
15 Janet Majors	31 Giannele Beatty 2011

Weekly Calendar

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

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.

Race Matters Group Mondays – 6-7pm on Zoom.
This Monday Gisele is sharing her story

Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) We meet for discussion around the for the week on Tuesday nights at 7p on Zoom.



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!

SING JAM :: SingJam Holiday Jam-a-ganza - Sun.
Dec 11, 4:30 pm here in the sanctuary

Advent Dinner: We're having a pot-luck at church Sunday, December 11th.

Advent: Starts today! It's the period of four week leading to Christmas. A great way to de-commercialize Christmas and ponder the mystery of God coming to us as a baby in a manger. We're doing lots of special things to celebrate. Pick up a daily devotional today. Look for daily postings on our social media accounts on Facebook & Instagram.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Liturgist: John LaMotte
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim
Video Tech: Thom Faulkner, Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

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

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Author: Charles Wesley | Glory to God #82 | Blue Hymnal #2

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Canticle Of Turning

*Author: Rory Cooney © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.
Glory to God #100 | Scripture: Luke 1:46-55*

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
and my weakness you did not spurn
So from east to west shall my name be blessed,
could the world be about to turn

chorus

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn

2. Though I am small, my God,
my all You work great things in me

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And Your mercy will last from the depths
of the past to the end of the age to be
Your very name puts the proud to shame
and to those who would for you yearn
You will show Your might, put the strong to flight
for the world is about to turn

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower
not a stone will be left on stone
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne
The hungry poor shall weep no more
for the food they can never earn
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed
for the world is about to turn

4. Though the nations rage from age to age
we remember who holds us fast
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp
This saving word that our forebears heard
is a promise which holds us bound
Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God
who is turning the world around

Come And Find The Quiet Center

*Author: Shirley Erena Murray | ©1992 Hope Publishing Co.
Sing the Faith #2128*

1. Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,

☩ Possible Liturgical words for the ☩ Prayers of the ☩ People
created by the folks of ☩ A Sanctified Art.

☩ Call to Confession

In God's house, everyone is welcome—
those who seem like they have it all together,
and those who feel like their world is falling apart.
No matter who we are, there's room for us here.
With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer,
speaking the truth of our lives.
Let us pray:

☩ Prayer of Confession

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self.
There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams.
There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's
room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

There's room for every story.

☩ Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith,
We who feel scattered are held together.
We who have lost our way are forgiven and found.
And we who are lonely
are brought into the fold and are told,
"There's room for you here."
From generation to generation,
this is the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven,
found, and welcomed.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

While We Are Waiting Come

Claire Cloninger | English; Japanese
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1 While we are waiting come
While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

2. With pow'r and glory come
With pow'r and glory come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

3. Come Savior quickly come
Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

Walking In The Light Of The Lord

Artist: The Pilgrim Travelers & Lou Rawls
from the Album: The Soul Stirring Gospel Sounds
of (Original Album Plus Bonus Tracks 1962)

1. It's a great thing to praise the Lord
It's a great thing to praise the Lord
It's a great thing to praise the Lord
Walking in the light of God

Refrain

Walk, walk, walk, walk in the light
Walk, walk, walk, walk in the light
Walk, walk, walk, walk in the light
Walking in the light of God

2. It's a great thing to love the Lord
It's a great thing to love the Lord
It's a great thing to love the Lord
Walking in the light of God

3. It's a great thing to serve the Lord
It's a great thing to serve the Lord
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Walking in the light of God