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The Integrity We Don't Often Talk About

November 6, 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 "I Keep Falling In Love With Him"

GATHERING SONG "When The Saints Go Marching In" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP - Janet Majors

SONG OF PRAISE "For All The Saints" - Glory to God #326

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-40 - Janet Majors

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "The Integrity We Don't Talk About" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry" - Glory to God #488

CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY IN FAITH
 THE BAPTISM OF ELENA TROWBRIDGE

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

COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

OFFERING SONG "I'm Gonna Eat At The Welcome Table" - Glory to God # 770

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Take My Life" - Glory to God # 697

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 "Мир Христа"(Ukrainian) [Mwir Khrysta]

POSTLUDE "Autumn Leaves"

Reflections on Today's Readings

Matthew 22:15-40

Brno Del Zou (1963-) is a French artist influenced by the artistic culture of his youth in the 1980s. They were a turbulent time culturally, and were marked by growing global capitalism, widespread mass media, significant discrepancies in wealth, alongside a distinctive sense of music and fashion, epitomized by electronic pop music and hip hop. Brno Del Zou reconstructs this turbulence through Neo-Expressionist portraits.



In his art he seems to be asking the question: "Who am I?" And "Who are you?" Brno takes different facial features from an individual and jumbles them, also known as 'photosculptures'. Although they are not in the right places, we can still identify the subject. I'm struck by how his artwork is a unique presentation of the multiple levels and characteristics of who we are re-combined into a new integral portrait.

We are more than just one thing. In fact that truth is underneath the saying that we are more than just the sum of our parts. We live in a time and cultural moment that seems to reduce us to our political stances, what we do, what we own, our social or racial point of origin, and our educational accomplishments. We ourselves struggle to hold together who we are physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually. In particular we often dissociated our faith/spirituality from other major areas of our lives and identity.

Today's scripture speaks to that challenge of personal integrity. It's a series of three brief encounters between Jesus and the established religious authorities of his day. They are responding to his public criticism of their leadership and example in the previous verses and chapter. And we often spiritualize the story (and all of the stories of the Bible). Jesus' protest isn't only about their spirituality but also about their unjust economic approach to their neighbor, their narcissistic self-advancing approach to faith, their other-ing of those in their care, and their use of the past to legitimize whatever they want to do in the present.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in this story?
- These three encounters are presented as challenges to Jesus' authority by the established religious authorities of the day. The first encounter asks the question about the authority of the state versus that of God. The second addresses the power of tradition and the past? The final seems to articulate the most important thing for God...Jesus seems to say that it's all important and all connected. Which of the three encounters most clearly speaks to you, or resonates with your own questions? Why?
- We've been talking about the word HOLY קֹדֶשׁ /kodesh/ which means "to be set apart for a specific purpose." God called the people to be holy - set apart for a particular reason). 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 - today we're doing it inside because of the Halloween Parade along College Avenue.

Letters of Love- Lina Foltz had a successful surgery for her liver cancer this past Wednesday 11/2. 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.

WE NEED YOU!!! Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) We're starting weekly Bible Study up again - trying to decide between Tuesday nights 7 or 8p, Thursday nights 7 or 8p (both on Zoom) or before Church on Sunday mornings (in person). Communicate your preference to Monte today so that we can get meeting again!

Race Matters Group Mondays - 6-7pm 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!

Congregational Meeting :: 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:, Marge Harvey & Marda Stothers

Garden-Party Host: Kristy, Fredora & Myrna

Godly Play: David Kittams

Liturgist: Janet Majors

Music: Dave Eagle (Drums),

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

When The Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

We are traveling in the footsteps
Of those who've gone before
But we'll all be reunited
On a new and sunlit shore

O when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Some say this world of trouble
Is the only one we need
But I'm waiting for that morning
When the new world is revealed

O when the air is pure and clean
When the air is pure and clean
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

When we all have food to eat
When we all have food to eat
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

And when the sun refuse to shine
And when the sun refuse to shine
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

Call to Worship:

Adapted from the prayer "Enough" by Douglas Kaine McKelvey in Every Moment Holy – mixed with Psalm 145.

One: Living God, give us discernment

ALL: in the face of troubling news reports.

One: Loving God, give us discernment

**ALL: to known when to pray,
When to speak out,
When to act,
and when to simply**

**...and our devices,
and to sit quietly
in your presence,**

One: Casting the burdens of this world
upon the strong shoulders
of the one who
alone
is able to bear them up.

**ALL: Lord God you are great and so worthy of
praise!**

One: Your greatness can't be grasped.
One generation will praise your works to the next
one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

**ALL: We gather today to listen to their testimony,
to recognize our interdependence,
to celebrate your faithfulness as we
contemplate your wondrous works
and awesome deeds.**

For All The Saints. *Author William Walsham How*
Tune: SINE NOMINE | Glory to God #326

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

shut off our screens

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

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1 I was there to hear your borning cry
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold
I was there when you were but a child
With a faith to suit you well
In a blaze of light, you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

2 When you heard the wonder of the word
I was there to cheer you on
You were raised to praise the living Lord
To whom you now belong
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk til rising sun

3 In the middle ages of your life
Not too old, no longer young
I'll be there to guide you through the night
Complete what I've begun
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise

4 I was there to hear your borning cry
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold

I'm Gonna Eat At The Welcome Table

African American spiritual | Glory to God # 770

1 I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

2 I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

3 I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

4 Here all the world will find a welcome;
here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

5 We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.
We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

Take My Life

Frances R. Havergal (1874) | Glory to God #697

1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.