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March 27, 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.

HYBRID WORSHIP

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.

We ask that you wear a mask during worship as some of our community (our children in particular) are not yet vaccinated.

Our hope is to empower each person to participate in worship whether in the sanctuary or via the tools that Zoom offers us.

While imperfect, this is the best way forward for us at this time to be consistent with our values and commitments.

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.

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 your 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 Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free"

GATHERING SONG "I Will Call Upon The Lord "

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Hear O Lord My Plea My Justice"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE John 18:12-27 – Marda Stothers

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "God Loves Me, But..." - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MASH-UP SONG OF RESPONSE "We Walk By Faith Not By Sight/Jesus Loves Me "

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 "Precious Lord Take My Hand"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Trouble Of This World "

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 (Ukrainian)

"Мир Христа" pronounced [Mwir Hryrsta]

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 "Come On Up To The House"

Reflections on Today's Readings John 18:12-27

We all make mistakes. Today's scripture is a story of the mistakes that Peter makes. We know that we learn from our mistakes, but no one wants to make them.

From now through Holy Week, we look at various portions of the last night and day of the life of Jesus in John's telling of the story. Today we hear of what happens just after Jesus is arrested by the authorities in the garden late at night. Recorded in John 17 and 18, we pick up immediately after. Peter has followed Jesus and the soldiers. He's a nobody, not important, but he's with John who is connected and from the right families. With his privilege they access a little bit closer, able to see what is happening to Jesus.

John tells two stories simultaneously: inside the house Jesus is being questioned by the religious authorities. Outside in public Peter is repeatedly questioned by others about his connection to Jesus. Behind closed doors Jesus is asked about what he did in front of everyone in the temple. In the open air Peter is asked about things that aren't necessarily visible – relationships, friendship and discipleship of which he wants no one to know.

Peter denies Jesus. He looks around and sees what's happening. He's afraid. Maybe Jesus wasn't what he thought? Maybe he's thinking that he didn't sign up for this scary stuff with the authorities, that might cost him his livelihood or even his life? Maybe he's thinking that everything he thought about Jesus and his teachings was too good to be true? He's just an average fisherman. Why would a prophetic leader choose him as a disciple, entrust him with leadership – and even want to be his friend?

Peter denies knowing Jesus. But does he deny Jesus to save his skin? Or is he denying the relationship that he claimed to be paramount in his life? Is he renouncing the Way of Jesus – that he claimed to follow?

Curiously Jesus has foreseen all of this. He warned Peter that he would deny and/or disown Jesus three times during that very night before dawn would be announced by the cries of the roosters. Peter seems to give up on his dreams when things get hard. He struggles to believe and trust when it seems less sure; when he's on his own. It's like he's hidden, or even forgotten about his deepest hopes and dreams that Jesus seemed to be bringing into existence?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in the text?
- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in these texts?
- What/Who does Peter deny?
- How is Peter's story similar to your own?
- What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us, as a church – to act, speak, be or change through this word of scripture?

March Birthdays

24 Marda Stothers 28 Lucian Haynes

Weekly Calendar

Today – Sunday, March 27

After our Gathering Join us for our garden party outside for snacks and a chance to encounter one another.

Deacons Meeting – in the Library

4-6:00pm S'More Community Gathering

Come hang out around the fire-pit and make s'mores at the McClain's home. 7328 Circle Hill Drive, Oakland 94605. (510) 520-0746

Connection Calls Mondays & Fridays 12-12:30pm a time for holy conversation (Mondays) and the practice of Lectio Divina (Fridays). On our regular Zoom channel.

Race Matters Group Mondays - 6pm on Zoom Monday 6-7pm - talking about how we talk about how race matters to and in how we articulate our faith in Jesus. We're sharing our own written confessions of Faith nourished by our sharing together. Find info at www.capcoakland.org/race-matters

Atonement Theories – Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom. This week we're meeting asynchronously (you do the work on your own) – learning about the various atonement explanations (with reading and videos) online at www.capcoakland.org/learning-communities. We'll gather together to talk about them on Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm.

Friday Night Meal – Friday, March 25th 6:00-7:00PM. Our High School partners of Piedmont Community Service Crew are cooking. Sign up online to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up.

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

Godly Play Sundays 9:30-10am on Zoom

Thank you to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, D Eagle, B Karmariz, R Kim
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Preaching: Monte McClain
Reading: Marda Stothers
Video Tech: Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian, Thom Faulkner

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.

“I Will Call Upon The Lord ”

Michael O'Shields. | Glory to God #621

Verse

I Will Call Upon The Lord
Who Is Worthy To Be Praised
So Shall I Be Saved From My Enemies
I Will Call Upon The Lord.

Refrain

The Lord Liveth And Blessed Be My Rock
Let The Lord Of My Salvation Be Exalted

Call to Worship

*Structured around Matthew 24:6-8, Luke 13,
Romans 8 & Psalm 91*

One: Jesus said,
“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars,
but see to it that you are not alarmed.
Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.
Nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom.
There will be famines and earthquakes
in various places.
All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

**ALL: Lord we hear this scripture and hear of wars,
injustice and evil in our world today –
among nations,
within our own nations,
and in how we treat one another.**

One: The Apostle Paul tells us that the whole creation
has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right
up to the present time.

**ALL: And that we as followers of the Way of Jesus
groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adop-
tion: the redemption of our bodies.**

One: For in that hope, we are being saved.
ALL: But hope that is seen is no hope at all.

One: Who hopes for what they already have?
**ALL: But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we
wait for it with expectation.**

One: In our waiting, we look for where we might
encounter and hear you truth...

**ALL: This Truth – You, Living Word -
promised we would encounter you in others.**

One: In the hungry.

ALL: In the sick.

One: In the lonely.

ALL: In the imprisoned.

One: In the thirsty.

ALL: In the outcasts.

One: Lord we are hungry for truth, wisdom,
expanded vision, renewed strength as we wait..

**ALL: Come feed and stretch us,
raise us up with wings like an eagle,
give us sight like a hawk,
inspire us to love as a hen gathers her chicks.**

“Hear O Lord My Plea My Justice”

*(Psalm 17) Author: Michael Morgan (1995, rev. 2010)
Glory to God #211*

1. Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice;
Listen to my heart-felt prayer.
In your just deliberation
May I find redemption there.

2. Test my heart for its affliction;
Purify my soul with fire;
Let my mortal tongue speak wisdom,
Righteousness be my desire.

3. Keep me, Lord, in sure protection,
As the apple of your eye.
Shelter me beneath your shadow
When my hour of death draws nigh.

4. In its wake, send vindication;
To its darkness, show your face.
Bring me to my resurrection
Clothed in garments of your grace.

“We Walk By Faith Not By Sight”

mashed up with

“Jesus Loves Me ”

Fred Pratt Green (1973) |

The Presbyterian Hymnal #94 | Glory to God #202

1. We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as None e'er spoke
But we believe him near

2. We may not touch his hands and side
Nor follow where he trod
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry my lord my god

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found

4. That, when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
With full and endless sight

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

Thomas Andrew Dorsey (1938) | Glory to God #834

1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on through the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
And lead me home.

2. When my way grows dreary
Precious Lord, lead me near
When my life is almost gone
At the river I will stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
And lead me home.

“Trouble Of This World ”

African-American spiritual

Soon I will be done With the troubles of the world
Troubles of the world, troubles of this world
Soon I will be done With the troubles of the world
I'm going home to live with God

There'll be No more weepin' and wailin'
No more weepin' and wailin'
No more weepin' and wailin'
I'm going home to live with God my Lord

Soon I will be done With the troubles of the world
Troubles of the world, troubles of this world
Soon I will be done With the troubles of the world
I'm going home to live with God

I'm going up to see King Jesus
I'm gonna shake his loving hand
I'm gonna tell him all about my troubles
While traveling through this land

I'm going up to see my maker
I'm gonna shake his loving hand
I'm gonna tell him all about my troubles
While traveling through this land