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April 10, 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 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'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**

Our Church leadership has made the decision to 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

GATHERING SONG "Come All You People"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Sanna" & "Halle Halle"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE John 12:12-27 & 19:16b-22 - Sharon Nelson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"Palm Sunday, Cancel Culture, & the Risk of Indifference" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF ADVOCACY

"Letter Writing on Behalf of the Incarcerated"

During This time you are invited to...

- Come sit down and write a letter to Supervisor Keith Carson on behalf of the rights and God-given dignity of those incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail who are not being treated as human beings created in the full image of God.
- You can also come and place your offering gifts in the basket up front.

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.**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Thuma Mina"

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 (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 "The Work of the People"

## Reflections on Today's Readings John 12:12-27 & 19:6b-22

Today's text selections continue the story of the arrest, torture and execution of Jesus (chapter 19) and also retell the story of the Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem (chapter 12). The latter is what we commonly call Palm Sunday. It marks the entry into Holy Week – the week we retell the curious and troubling story of how Jesus goes from universal acclaim to public execution on a cross in one week.

Jesus enters into Jerusalem on colt or donkey. It was the common beast of burden...the animal that a poor man might own and ride. He comes into the capital city, the heart of the Israelite nation to acclamation with the waving of Palms and chants of "Hosanna!" Palms were common plants and trees in the land (they still are today). The branches were woven together to make rooves for the booths of the Feast of Tabernacle – a thanksgiving-type of holiday that focused on the coming of the Messiah. So as the crowd waves the palm branches they are indicating not just attention and excitement, but messianic anticipation. Hosanna is a Hebrew word which means Please Save us God! Hosanna is a Hebrew word which means Please Save us God! [חַשׁוּבָה - "yasha" which means "to save or deliver" and אַנְּנָה - "anna" which means "please, I beseech."]. So the crowd isn't just holding up lighters at a great concert to celebrate the moment – they are crying out for justice, deliverance, help, for God to save them!

All this happens and is retold by John using the images and language of the Roman Triumph. This is what our ticker-tape-parades date back to. It was when a general, or emperor, of Rome would return to the capital of the Empire after a victorious military campaign. Everyone would turn out to watch their parade-like entry or "triumph." The great military man would enter last after troops, and all the foreign enemies that they had subdued tied in chains and shamed before the Roman people. He (as it was always a man) would ride in not on a colt, or a camel, or a small horse, but on a mighty steed. Just like rich and famous people don't come to events in Fords, but rather in Mercedes and Teslas. John seems to retell the story of the entry of Jesus into the capital as a story that subverts and turns upside down (challenges) the political power of Rome, and the story it told of itself and its emperors as the Lord of Lords.

John 19 tells of how Pilate gets the last laugh in his tense dispute with the religious leaders at the trial of Jesus. They say he's claimed to be king, so Pilate has the title of King placed over the cross on which Jesus is executed publicly as a revolutionary terrorist and heretic. We can ask if he's mocking Jesus as well, or maybe he really doesn't get what he's doing?

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in these texts?
- What questions does this story of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus spark in you?
- How could the crowds go from acclaiming Jesus as the King of Kings to canceling him – wanting him executed publicly in the most shameful way possible in only 6 days?
- 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?

## April Birthdays

12 Chuck Marut      13 Toni Proulx  
20 Kelechi Okereke

## Weekly Calendar

**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 - on vacation, meeting again on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Find info at [www.capcoakland.org/race-matters](http://www.capcoakland.org/race-matters)

### HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

**Maundy Thursday – Dinner Service 4/7 at 7pm.** Bring a dish to share. Our service is reading the story of the Last Supper while we eat together. RSVP For the meal at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9bu2es>

**Friday Night Meal – Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00PM.** Montclair Presbyterian Church is cooking burritos. Sign up online to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up.

**Good Friday Gathering 4/7 at 7:15pm.** Join us as we read aloud the story of the passion and crucifixion and then testify to the promise of God's solidarity with us by raising the cross in the public square with prayers for the world enveloped with candlelight.

**Easter Sunday -- Next Sunday, 4/17 at 10:30am** Worship with spoken word, joyous music and an egg hunt for children.

**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:

Garden-Party Hosts: Marji Wilkens  
Godly Play: Beth Beatty  
Ministers of the Word: YOU!  
Music: Monte McClain  
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley  
Preaching: Monte McClain  
Reader: Sharon Nelson  
Video Tech: Dann Wilkens, 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.*

### “Uyai Moise / Come, All You People”

*This short gathering song from Zimbabwe is a wonderful introduction to paperless singing. Composed by Alexander Gondo, it is in Shona, a Bantu language spoken by almost 11 million people in the region. The four-part arrangement that appears in many hymnals and songbooks is by John Bell (of the Iona community)*

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.

(3x)

Come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior. (3x)

Come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit. (3x)

Come now and worship the Lord.

*Hallelujah in Hebrew means – Praise Yahweh [GOD - /jah/]. It also is both a proclamation and a prayer.*

## Call to Worship

*Litany from Psalm 118*

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Let Israel say, “His love endures forever!” and all who fear God say, “His love endures forever!”

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: With the Lord on our side, what can we fear?  
What can humankind do?

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the Lord, our God!

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: The Lord is our strength and our might. The Lord has become our salvation!

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

**ALL: Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,

**ALL: we greet you;**

One: Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,

**ALL: we cheer you;**

One: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

**ALL: We salute you: Christ our Lord.**

One: You are giving the beast of burden

**ALL: a new dignity;**

One: you are giving majesty

**ALL: a new face;**

One: you are giving those who long for redemption

**ALL: A new song to sing.**

One: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

**ALL: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord!**

### “Sanna”

*Traditional African*

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna...

Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna...

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna

*Sanna (Hosanna) in Hebrew means – Yahweh saves or rescues! It's both a proclamation and a prayer. It's what the crowd chants as Jesus enters into Jerusalem in the victory triumph parade told in John 12*

### “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah ”

*Carribean*

Halle, halle, halle --lujah!

Halle, halle, halle --lujah!

Halle, halle, halle --lujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

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### “Thuma Mina" or "Send Me, Lord”

*Traditional, South Africa*

*Glory to God #746*

Zulu:

1 Thuma mina, thuma mina,  
thuma mina, Nkosi yam.

English:

1 Send me, Lord, send me, Lord,  
send me, Lord, into the world.

2 Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,...

3 Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord,...