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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 "Going Up Yonder"

GATHERING SONG "Deep River"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Potter's Hand"

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE John 18:28-19:16a

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Ecce Homo" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

MASH-UP SONG OF RESPONSE "He Became Poor That We May Be Rich"
 "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

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.**

COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

TODAY WE'RE CELEBRATING THIS FOUNDATIONAL MEAL BY INTINCTION WHEREVER YOU ARE. HERE IN THIS SPACE WE'LL CELEBRATE BY COMING FORWARD SELECTING A PIECE OF BREAD AND A SMALL CUP OF JUICE. PLEASE APPROACH THE TABLE FROM THE CENTER AND RETURN ON THE SIDES. YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR OFFERING ON THE PLATE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "Lord Listen To Your Children Praying"

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 "What A Wonderful World"

Reflections on Today's Readings John 18:28-19:16a

Today's text selection continues the story of the arrest, torture and execution of Jesus. Today's reading is shaped around the conversations between Jesus and Pontius Pilate. Pilate was the fifth governor (prefect) of the Roman province of Judaea, under Emperor Tiberius from 26/27 to 36/37 AD. His duties were primarily military; however, Pilate's troops were meant more as a police than a military force, and Pilate's duties extended beyond military matters. As Roman governor, he was head of the judicial system. He had the power to inflict capital punishment, and was responsible for collecting tributes and taxes, and for disbursing funds, including the minting of coins. Because the Romans allowed a certain degree of local control, Pilate shared a limited amount of civil and religious power with the Jewish Sanhedrin (the leaders that bring Jesus to him).

Most of what we know about Pilate, from outside the Bible (which isn't much) comes from the ancient Jewish historian – Flavius Josephus (who lived in the 1st century) In the *Wars of the Jews* 2.169-174 he wrote : “Pilate, being sent by Tiberius as procurator to Judaea, introduced into Jerusalem by night and under cover the effigies of Caesar which are called standards. This proceeding, when day broke, aroused immense excitement among the Jews; those on the spot were in consternation, considering their laws to have been trampled under foot, as those laws permit no image to be erected in the city; while the indignation of the townspeople stirred the countryfolk, who flocked together in crowds. Hastening after Pilate to Caesarea, the Jews implored him to remove the standards from Jerusalem and to uphold the laws of their ancestors. When Pilate refused, they fell prostrate around his house and for five whole days and nights remained motionless in that position. On the ensuing day Pilate took his seat on his tribunal in the great stadium and summoning the multitude, with the apparent intention of answering them, gave the arranged signal to his armed soldiers to surround the Jews. Finding themselves in a ring of troops, three deep, the Jews were struck dumb at this unexpected sight. Pilate, after threatening to cut them down, if they refused to admit Caesar's images, signaled to the soldiers to draw their swords. Thereupon the Jews, as by concerted action, flung themselves in a body on the ground, extended their necks, and exclaimed that they were ready rather to die than to transgress the law. Overcome with astonishment at such intense religious zeal, Pilate gave orders for the immediate removal of the standards from Jerusalem.”

Pilate was not a lover of the Jewish nation, nor a practitioner of Judaism. He was a tough, no-nonsense military man who was in charge of one of the most unsettled regions of the Roman Empire. He forced change on the Israelites and also was a few times (as above) overcome by their non-violent protests to his actions.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in these texts?
- The story is presented with Pilate, who represents the true political king (emperor) intrigued by the truth spoken of by this supposed spiritual king. How do you respond to Jesus' words that his kingdom is not of this world. What does that mean to you?; for us?
- How is Pilate'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?

April Birthdays

12 Chuck Marut 13 Toni Proulx
20 Kelechi Okereke

Weekly Calendar

Today - 3:00-4:30pm Global Missions – hearing from Bright and Remya David about church in south India. Meeting at the home of Marda Stothers 2600 Warring Street, Berkeley 94704

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

SPECIAL LENT ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS

Atonement Theories - Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom. We're meeting together to talk about how we understand why Jesus died and how it changes the world. Pre-class Videos and Readings to take in before Tuesday are on the website at www.capcoakland.org/len.

Palm Sunday - Service of Action - Next Sunday, 4/10 at 10:30am Starting Holy Week with a special gathering around the kingdom of God and how we build it today!

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.

Friday Night Meal - Friday, April 8th 6:00-7:00PM. Trinity Fellowship of Berkeley is 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:
Garden-Party Hosts: F Darmstadt & K Parsons-McClain
Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, D Eagle, B Karmar, R Kim
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Preaching: Monte McClain
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.

“Deep River”

Traditional Spiritual

Chorus

Deep river, my home is over Jordan
Deep river; Lord I want to cross over
Into camp ground

1. Oh, don't you want to go to the gospel feast
That promised land where all is peace

Chorus

2. I'll go up to heaven and take my seat
And cast my crown at Jesus feet

Chorus

3. When I go up to heaven I'll walk about
There's nobody there to turn me out

Chorus

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout the earth!
You made your glory higher than heaven!

**ALL: From the mouths of nursing babies
you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes,
in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

One: When I look up at your skies,
at what your fingers made—
the moon and the stars
that you set firmly in place—

**ALL: what are human beings
that you think about them;
what are human beings
that you pay attention to them?**

**You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.**

One: You've let them rule over your handiwork,
putting everything under their feet—
all sheep and all cattle,
the wild animals too,

**ALL: the birds in the sky,
the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels
the pathways of the sea.**

**Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name
throughout the earth!.**

“Potter's Hand”

Darlene Zschech

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Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior
I know for sure all of my days are held in Your hand.
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me call me into your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit, teach me dear Lord.
To live all of my life through your eyes.

(prechorus)

I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart, I know You're drawing me to Yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray.

chorus

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me
I give my life, to the Potter's hand.

“He Became Poor That We May Be Rich”

John Bell of the Iona Community

He became poor
That we may be rich
Loving the world
And leaving his throne

King of all Kings
And Lord of all Lords
Flesh of our flesh
And bone of our bone

“Oh, Lord hear my prayer”

Taizé Community © 1982

Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
When I call answer me
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
When I call answer me
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Oh, Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me

“You Satisfy The Hungry Heart”

*Gift of Finest Wheat | Author: Omer Westendorf (1976)
Glory to God #523*

chorus

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gifts of finest wheat
Come give to us O saving lord
The bread of life to eat

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family lord
We follow and rejoice

chorus

2. With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should us worthy lord
To share this heavenly food

chorus

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup one loaf declare
Our oneness in the lord?

chorus

4. The mystery of your presence lord
No mortal tongue can tell
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell

chorus

5. You give yourself to us o lord
Then selfless let us be
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity

“Lord Listen To Your Children Praying”

Ken Medema (1970) | Glory to God #469

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.