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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.'

CCL #1137062.

June 6, 2022 at 10:30am in Person & on Zoom

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

PRELUDE "O God Show Mercy To Us"
 GATHERING SONG "All Are Welcome" - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens" - insert

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Acts 17:16-34 - Marge Harvey

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Making Known the Unknown God"
 - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "In Christ There Is No East Or West" -insert

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

YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH IN THE OFFERING PLATE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE

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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION "You Can't Beat God's Giving" - insert

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG "In That Great Gettin' Up Morning" - insert

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)
 pronounced [Mwir Hryrsta]

We pass the peace in different languages to embody the depth and width of the Commonwealth of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

POSTLUDE "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Reflections on Today's Readings

Acts 17:16-34

How do we talk about God today? Do we even dare to do so? It seems like when we talk about God, Jesus, or Church we're talking about a lot of things..... In doing so, we're potentially associated with politics, the big lie, QAnon, anti-vaxers, the far right, humanists, sexual predators, a self-righteous church that hides all its sexual abuse of children and women. We might be associated with rigid small box thinking, or being so relativist that we don't stand for anything. We may be perceived as racist, homophobic, transphobic, politically correct, anti-immigrant, elitist, communist, bourgeois, old school, has-been, MAGA devoted, or anti-science. Is it any wonder that often times many of us are reluctant to identify as Christians, as followers of Jesus of Nazareth, or our association with the Church?

Today's passage tells the story of the Apostle Paul taking a break from his travels and disciple-making to take in the main public square of the great cosmopolitan city of Athens. The areopagus also known as Mars Hill was located near the acropolies (the ancient Temple still standing today). It was a center of intellectual and cultural life. People went there to discuss and debate ideas, to dialogue and discover. It was a public space enveloped with different statues or idols of various gods foreign and domestic. Paul is intrigued by one that seems to be a catch-all. It's labeled with this inscription: 'To an unknown God.'

Paul engages those there with talk of this unknown God that he claims to know. Curiously the God of the Bible is unknown, or un-named God – YHWH is a name that means "The One who was, is and is to come, or I am who I am. It's a name that defies all definition. You can't put it in a box. It proclaims that God is alive, on the loose, known less by a name than by stories and encounters. So Paul sets out to explain how it is that he knows this unknown God.

Today we're hesitant to talk about God or Jesus in public. Maybe it's because we don't know what to say....maybe it's because we know what we don't want to say than what we might say? Maybe we're complacent, afraid, tongue-tied, unsure.... Today we celebrate Pentecost – the birth•day of the Church – when the disciples were overcome by the Spirit of God and began to tell everyone around – in their native languages – about how they had personally encountered God in Jesus of Nazareth. What might such a Pentecost-moment look like for us today?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in this story?
- How do you not talk about God (or talk about God) in the public square? How come?
- 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?

June Birthdays

13 Lina Foltz Careaga 14 Patt Schroeder
15 Brian Trowbridge 24 Beth Beatty
29 Sophie McClain

Weekly Calendar

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

Zoom Connection Calls Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12-12:30pm a time for holy conversation (Mon) and the practice of Lectio Divina (Fri).

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!

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!

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Garden-Party Host: Marji Wilkens

Godly Play: Beth Beatty

Musicians: Pete Feltman, B. Karmar, D. Eagle

Reader: Marge Harvey

Video Tech: A Hussian, D Wilkens, T Faulkner

Monte Sabbatical News– Pastor Monte is taking a sabbatical from June 6 to October 5th.

Should you need Pastoral Care during Monte's absence you can call the following pastors:

Rev. Bill Beatty. (510) 851-2237

Rev. Karl Shadley (510) 435-4264

Rev. Matt Prinz. (510) 856-7434

For questions about ministries & leadership:

Our Session (ruling elders) - contact:

Marge Harvey (510) 823-4716 – or -

Margaret Smith (510) 704-3838

Our Deacons – contact:

Marji Wilkens (760) 574-9769

Sunday Worship – contact:

Sharon Nelson (510) 387-9118

Find other resources – the church directory, reimbursement forms and worship schedules & aids on our website under the MEMBERS Page (under RESOURCES).

Password is youmatterandareloved

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.

“All Are Welcome ”

*Author: Marty Haugen |© 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.
Glory to God #301*

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak
and words are strong and true

Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water wine and wheat

A banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God through Jesus
is revealed in time and space

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone

To heal and strengthen serve and teach
and live the word they've known

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face

Let us bring an end to fear and danger
All are welcome, all are welcome, a
ll are welcome in this place

5. Let us build a house where all are named
their songs and visions heard

And loved and treasured taught and claimed
as words within the word

Built of tears and cries and laughter
Prayers of faith and songs of grace

Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Call to Worship *By AnnMarie Kneebone*

One: Come, sing a new song of worship.

People: Come, sing a new song of praise.

Leader: Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

People: With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Leader: Pentecost – a day when power and comfort
flowed.

People: Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration

Leader: A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in
flaming glory

People: and the glory was given to the people.

Leader: The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

People: Sing praises!

ALL: WE SING PRAISES, INDEED!

“God Who Stretched The Spangled Heavens”

Author: Catherine Cameron (1967)

Glory to God #24 | The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #268

1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,

flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,

we your children, in your likeness,
share inventive powers with you.

Great Creator, still creating, show us
what we yet may do.

2 Proudly rise our modern cities,
stately buildings, row on row;

yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,
stare on canyoned streets below,

where the lonely drift unnoticed
in the city's ebb and flow,

lost to purpose and to meaning,
scarcely caring where they go.

3 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
known the ecstasy of winging through
untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.

4 As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

*John Oxenham (1908, alt.)
Glory to God#318*

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

"You Can't Beat God's Giving"

*Doris Akers 1957 | © 1958 by Manna Music, Inc.
African American Heritage Hymnal #671*

Chorus

You can't beat God giving,
No matter how hard you try
And just as sure as you are living
And the Lord is in heaven on high
The more you give the more He gives to you
But keep on giving because its really true that
You can't beat God giving,
No matter how you try

"In That Great Gettin' Up Morning"

Mahalia Jackson

Chorus

In that great gettin up morning
fare thee well fare thee well
In that great gettin up morning
fare thee well fare thee well

1. When you see the lightin flashin
fare thee well fare thee well
When you hear the thunder crashin
fare thee well fare thee well
When you see the stars a fallin
fare thee well fare thee well
When you hear the chariots callin
fare thee well fare thee well
2. When you see that lightin flashin
when you hear the thunder crashin
When you see the stars a fallin
when you hear the chariots callin
Good news, chariots a comin,
good news chariot's a comin
So glad chariots's a comin
and I don't wanna be left out
3. There's a long white robe in the heavens I know
Long white robe in the heavens I know,
long white robe in the heavens I know
Good news, chariots a comin,
good news chariot's a comin
So glad chariots's a comin
and I don't wanna be left out

fare thee well; fare thee well ; fare thee well
fare thee well ; Fare thee well