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FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We see God in each other

Happy New Year!

January 1, 2023 at 10:30am
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 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) have high health risks.

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 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

"The Work of Christmas Begins"

Video by the Work of the People narrated by a poem of Howard Thurman

GATHERING SONG

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

- *Glory To God # 142*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HEARING GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:21-40

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD Making Room Where there is Room

- *Monte McClain*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Mary and Joseph Came to the temple". - *Glory To God # 148*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.
YOU'RE INVITED TO SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS VIA THE CHAT FUNCTION ON ZOOM

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG

"Song of Simeon"

- *Glory To God # 545*

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

"Мир Христа"

(Ukrainian)

[Mwir Khrysta]



Reflections on Today's Readings

Luke 2:21-40

Via Erik Erikson's Stages of Development Theory

Today we look at the story of Simeon and Anna who have been waiting to see God's promised Anointed One (Messiah) who will be freedom, justice and deliverance. They have lived their life for this. While the text is brief, they don't seem to be unfulfilled, bitter or filled with regret with how they've lived. That's in part what we're wrestling with today on the first day of a new year 2023!

Who was Erik Erickson?

Erik Erikson was an ego psychologist who developed one of the most popular and influential theories of development. While his theory was impacted by psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud's work, Erikson's theory centered on psychosocial development rather than psychosexual development.

Overview of Erikson's Stages of Development

Much like Sigmund Freud, Erikson believed that personality developed in a series of stages. But unlike Freud's theory of psychosexual stages, however, *Erikson's theory described the impact of social experience across the whole lifespan. Erikson was interested in how social interaction and relationships played a role in the development and growth of human beings.*

Erikson's theory was based on what is known as the epigenetic principle. *This principle suggests that people grow in a sequence that occurs over time and in the context of a larger community.*

Conflict During Each Stage

Each stage in Erikson's theory builds on the preceding stages and paves the way for following periods of development. In each stage, Erikson believed people experience a conflict that serves as a turning point in development.

In Erikson's view, these conflicts are centered on either developing a psychological quality or failing to develop that quality. During these times, the potential for personal growth is high but so is the potential for failure.

If people successfully deal with the conflict, they emerge from the stage with psychological strengths that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. If they fail to deal effectively with these conflicts, they may not develop the essential skills needed for a strong sense of self.

Learn more about this notion of how we become human through social interaction at <https://tinyurl.com/mppbxzjz>.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What invitation to act, speak, be(come), or change do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you – or to us in this text?

January Birthdays

8 Bill Bryant	10 Thom Faulkner
16 Mahri Holt	18 Gary Yee
18 Dick Street	20 Daniel Geary
25 Joy Barnes	29 Bill Beatty

January Anniversaries

9 Dann & Marji Wilkens 1982

Today at & around CAPC Oakland

Post Service Garden Party! We're remaining online after our Zoom service for those who want to talk and chat. If we have more than 5 people remain, we'll break up into small groups to facilitate conversation. You can leave whenever you like, by clicking on the LEAVE MEETING button in the zoom menu.

Letters of Love: Everyone loves getting mail! Pick up an addressed envelope in the back and write a note of encouragement and love to someone who could use a good word. Recipients and their situations are explained on the magnetic board.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture)

We meet for discussion around the text for the week on Tuesdays at 7p on Zoom. Tuesday 1/3 we're wrestling with Matthew 2:1-12 – the Visit of the Magi – the story underneath Epiphany.



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/](https://www.capcoakland.org/) or use this QR Code
This week our High School partners of Piedmont Community Service Crew are cooking the meal.



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! Starts up again next Sunday, January 8th!

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Music: Pete Feltman,
Prayer Liturgist & Preaching: Monte McClain

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

Twos in the moon of wintertime

Glory to God # 142 purple

Written cir-ca 1643 Jean de Bré-beuf this is a translation of the earliest known Canadian hymn, originally written in the Huron language by a missionary, later translated into French and eventually paraphrased into English.

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
When all the birds had fled,
Great Spirit, Lord of all the earth
Sent angel choirs instead.
Before their light the stars grew dim,
And wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain

Jesus, your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark
The tender Babe was found.
A ragged robe of rabbit skin
Enwrapped his beauty round.
But as the hunters brave drew nigh
The angel song rang loud and high:

Refrain

3. The earliest moon of wintertime
Is not so round and fair
As was the ring of glory on
The helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
With gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

Refrain

4. O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true:
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy
who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

Refrain

Call to Worship

Written by Monte rooted in Luke 4:16-20 and a well-known teaching of Rev. Frederick Beuchner on Call.

One: The work of Christmas has begun.
Not the decorating and cookie-baking,

ALL: Not the card-writing and cleaning so that things are just right.

One: No – the work of proclaiming in word and action
good news to the poor.
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

**ALL: setting free those who are oppressed,
and incarnating God's favor, love, and grace
in the world.**

One: The One who was and is and is to come, calls us
Not to be energizer bunnies,
nor self-absorbed saints.

**ALL: But to coax our best selves out into the world
Loving generously
with grace and solidarity**

One: In a world where all too often,
pain and fear have metastasized
into division, dysfunction, and despair.

**ALL: It's in continuing the work of Christmas
that our passions and gifts
will meet the needs of the world
and we will become fully who God made us to be.**

Mary and Joseph Came to the temple

Andrew Pratt (1994) | Glory to God Hymnal #148

This text retells the story in Luke 2:22–39, usually called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, which took place forty days after his birth. Mary, Joseph, and the Christ-child encounter there two devout people, Anna and Simeon, who identify this baby as the promised Messiah.

1 Mary and Joseph
came to the temple
brought the boy Jesus,
offered him there.
People were waiting
wanting to greet him;
long had they sought him,
solace for care.

2 Anna had prayed there,
widowed, long waiting,
worshiping God by
day and by night.
Now she is praising,
filled with elation:
here is God's promise,
Christ is her light.

3 Simeon sings now:
God proffers blessing,
brilliantly gilding
dawn of his day.
Light in the darkness,
never extinguished,
Light of all nations,
light up our way.

Song of Simeon

Latin Title: Nunc Dimittis

Paraphraser: Dewey Westra (1931; alt.)

Glory to God Hymnal #545

1 Lord, bid your servant go in peace;
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.

2. This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.

