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FROM
 GENERATION
 TO GENERATION...
We are changed by the story.



January 8, 2023 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 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 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 "Have A Talk With God"
- GATHERING SONG "Christ Be Our Light" - *Glory To God # 314*
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE "We Three Kings" - *Glory To God # 151*
- HEARING GOD'S WORD
- LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12 & Mark 8:22-26
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "We Are Changed by the Story" - *Monte McClain*
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE "As With Gladness Men Of Old" - *Glory To God # 150*
- 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.

COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

- SONG DURING COMMUNION "Go Tell It On The Mountain" - *Glory to God # 136*
 AS WE CELEBRATE THE COMMUNION MEAL YOU ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD
 TO RECEIVE BREAD AND A CUP FROM OUR SERVERS IN THE CENTER SPACE.
 WE WELCOME ALL WHO HUNGER FOR THE PEACE OF CHRIST TO THE TABLE.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

- OFFERING SONG "Go Tell It On The Mountain" - *Glory to God # 136*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- SENDING SONG "This Little Light Of Mine" - *Blue Hymnal # 50*

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) [Mwir Khrysta]

- POSTLUDE "It's Alright"

Reflections on Today's Readings Matthew 2:1-12 & Mark 8:22-26

Today's text tells the story of the arrival of the Magi. It's at the heart of our modern celebration of Christmas. This is the part that brings up the gift-giving! Curiously only Matthew tells the arrival of the Magi. If you remember only Luke and Matthew tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The other two gospels begin the story differently. There are plenty of questions that the text leaves us with:

- Who are these Magi?
- What is a magi?
- Were there only three? Or do we think there are three because they brought three gifts?
- And gold, frankincense and myrrh... what kind of gifts are those? Everyone knows that a family with a newborn needs diapers, formula and maybe some earplugs.
- What's up with the Star? Why does only Matthew talk about it?
- And if everyone could observe the star, how come it seems as if only the Magi could see it?

We can easily get lost in all these questions, rather than focusing upon the underlying question: Matthew thinks this story is important. So what does it mean?

We see a connection between this story of the arrival of the Magi and the healing of the man born blind in Mark 8. Both the man and the magi are radically changed by their encounter with Jesus. They are not the same. And consequently they can't just go home, back to the same old thing. They're told to come home by a different path, or to return home but not through the village and all the limiting expectations that reside there. How were the Magi changed by their encounter with Jesus? And the blind man?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in these texts?
- What is the meaning of the story of the visit of the Magi? Why would only Matthew tell it? What is he saying in telling that story?
- What does it mean that the Magi are told to go home by a different road?
- The blind man had to be touched twice by Jesus to fully recover his sight. He's then told to go home but not through the village that has known him for his life and with his disability. What does that mean?
- 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?

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! Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect after our service.

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.

Taking down Christmas Decorations: Can you help us take the various Christmas Trees and boxes up to the storage closet in the gym after our service today?

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.



Christmas Clean-Up: Thursday 1/12 at 9am, we'll be dismantling the wall hangings and lights and putting them back into storage. Talk to Jeff Trowbridge if you can help with that.

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/ or use this QR Code



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!

We're organizing a Meal Train for Cristina

Ramirez. Sign up online to help and love Cristina in this time of mourning following the death of her husband John this past Thursday. It's as simple as providing a home-cooked meal.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Communion Prep: Janet Majors
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, & Roger Kim
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Video Tech: Thom Faulkner, Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens

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

Christ Be Our Light

*Author: Bernadette Farrell
Glory to God #314*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Call to Worship

*~ inspired by Mark 8:29 and posted on Spill the Beans.
<http://www.spillbeans.org.uk/>*

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus
the bread breaker

ALL: the light gatherer

One: cross carrier

ALL: welcome

One: May the peace of the Lord Jesus

ALL: the peace maker

One: and the temple disturber

ALL: friend of the sinner

One: and companion on the road
be with us all

ALL: Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus

One: the savior

ALL: the healer

One: the teacher

ALL: and worship him

One: and ask ourselves

ALL: who do we say he is?

We Three Kings

*John Henry Hopkins Jr. (1857, alt.)
Glory to God #151*

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising,
worshipping God Most High.

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
sounds through the earth and skies.

As With Gladness Men Of Old

*Author: W. Chatterton Dix
Glory to God #150*

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

*African-American spiritual
Glory to God #136*

1. Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born
While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light
2. Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born
The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our savior's birth

3. Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born
Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born

This Little Light Of Mine

*Traditional Spiritual
Glory to God #135
The Presbyterian Hymnal #50*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
2. Hide it under a bushel NO!
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel NO! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel NO! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
3. Won't let satan blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Wont let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Wont let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
4. Every where I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
5. Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine