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# THIS IS THE WAY

living woke in a slumbering world

February 5, 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 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 "Deep River"
- GATHERING SONG "The Summons" - *Glory to God Hymnal #726*
- CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 12 - *Tim Hsu*
- SONG OF PRAISE "Oh Happy Day" - *Blue Hymnal # 302*
- HEARING GOD'S WORD
- CELEBRATING GOD'S GOOD CREATION IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH
- LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 5:12-15; & Matthew 5:1-12  
 - *Gary Yee*  
 - *Tim Hsu*
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Living Woke in a Slumbering World"  
 - *Monte McClain*
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH  
 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
- SONG OF RESPONSE "City Of God" - *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 GIFTS
- OFFERING SONG "Lift Every Voice" - *The Blue Hymnal #563, v1*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG "Lord Make Us More Holy" - *Glory to God #313*
- SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE
- Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!  
**People: All the time! People: God is good!**
- EXHORTATION & BLESSING
- PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "願主賜你平安. May the Lord grant you peace  
 Yuàn zhǔ cì nǐ píng'ān (Mandarin) | Yuuen juu chee nay ping on (Cantonese)
- POSTLUDE "Sit Down (I Can't Sit Down)"

## Reflections on Today's Readings Deuteronomy 5:12-15 & Matthew 5:1-12

Our readings today reflect the foundational culture of the Church – of those who seek to follow in the Way of God to which Jesus points. Our reading of the seventh commandment in Deuteronomy is a reminder that God is about the business of liberation in view of being whole and holy. The sabbath day of rest, reflection and worship was intended to be a practice to remind people of their freedom, and to mature their ethical understanding of what it meant for them to be free and to promote freedom among other people.

The Beatitudes, told in Matthew 5, begin the Sermon on the Mount which continues through Matthew 7. In this dense yet simple vision Jesus lays out the way in which God sees the world, the way that Jesus experienced the world through his dependence upon God. Even more it's an invitation for those who follow the Way of Jesus to awaken, to see the world as God created it to be. Ironically, or even tragically, as Father John Dear observes, "Churches have dismissed the Beatitudes and the sermon on the Mount – the most important teachings of Jesus – as sweet poetry that need not be followed. Instead, we have upheld every empire, blessed every way, led every crusade, supported slavery, burned people at the stake, worn the robes of the KKK, built nuclear weapons, manned the Pentagon, and supported virtually every injustice on record. Today, it's Christians who build and maintain nuclear weapons and threaten to use them at a moment's notice to vaporize millions of people. It's Christians who lead us deeper into the catastrophe of climate change instead of mainstreaming alternative to fossil fuels. We might be devout, we might claim to love Jesus as our personal savior, we might even get indignant over those who do not believe in a virtuous life – yet we go right on serving the empire and the culture of violence. As we compartmentalize our spirituality, we go on supporting the world's killings, oppressions, and economic and military domination over billions of sisters and brothers around the world, not to mention the creatures of the earth and the earth itself. I wonder if Christians even know the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount, for that Jesus was nonviolent and forbade violence." John Dear, *The Beatitudes of Peace*.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- Freedom is at the foundation of Judeo-Christian faith and also American culture. How do you understand freedom? *From what* are you free? *For what* are you free?
- How is it possible to live by the Beatitudes?
- 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?

## February Birthdays

4 William Markman 2008    8 Dixie Lind  
9 Angel Carney 2002

### 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.

**Lunar New Year Lunch** we're celebrating the new year and the coming of Spring with a light coffee hour lunch moment Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after service hosted by Gary Yee and Louise Waters.

### 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. This week we're reading Acts 10:9-23.



### 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/](http://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!

**Discover Your Spiritual Type Class Thursdays at 6pm on Zoom.** More info on our website. Use this QR Code to go straight there. Read chapter 8 for this week's class.



**Black History Month** We're celebrating all month long the diverse beauty of God's good creation and our shared history. Each Sunday we'll have special sharing in our service. We also are doing a book club around the book *What Kind of Christianity* by William Yoo. Our first book club discussion will be on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at which we'll be discussing chapters 1- 3. You can join the Zoom call book discussion at 12pm or 7pm.

### Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Black History Month Sharing: Gary Yee  
Godly Play: David Kittams  
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim  
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley  
Reader-Liturgist: Tim Hsu  
Video Tech: Albert Hussian, Dann Wilkens, Thom Faulkner

## LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*We affirm that God is neither male 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 our use of gender inclusive language*

### The Summons

tune: Kelvingrove | lyrics: John Bell

1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know a  
and never be the same  
Will you let my love be shown  
Will you let my name be known  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me
4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me
5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## Call to Worship ~ Romans 12:1-2; 9-21

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**ALL: Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

One: The Apostle Paul tells us that such worship invites us to present your bodies as a living sacrifice

**ALL: In doing so, we are not conformed to this age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that we might discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

One: The will of God is that our love be genuine; that we hate what is evil; that we hold fast to what is good;

**ALL: Being good friends who love deeply; practicing playing second fiddle in our relationships, not seeking to always be center stage.**

One: Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

**ALL: Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."**

One: Instead do as the Scriptures tell us if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness.

**ALL: Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.**

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### Oh Happy Day

*Author: Walter Hawkins*

Oh happy day (*oh happy day*)

Oh happy day (*oh happy day*)

When Jesus washed (*when Jesus washed*)

When Jesus washed (*when Jesus washed*)

When Jesus washed (*when Jesus washed*)

He washed my sins away (*Oh happy day*)

Oh happy day (*oh happy day*)

He taught me how to walk,  
fight, and pray, fight and pray  
And live rejoicing every day,  
every day ...

## City Of God

Dan Schutte

1. Awake from your slumber!  
Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

### *Refrain*

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

2. We are sons of the morning;  
we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us  
has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, now lift up your voice.  
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!

### *Refrain*

Let us build the city of God.  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!

## Lift Every Voice

Author: James and Rosamond Johnson (1900)

The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #563

Glory to God #339

1. Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea  
Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us  
Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us  
Facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won

## Lord Make Us More Holy

African American spiritual

Glory to God Hymnal #313

1 Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy;  
Lord, make us more holy,  
until we meet again:  
holy, holy, holy,  
until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving;  
Lord, make us more loving,  
until we meet again:  
loving, loving, loving,  
until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient;  
Lord, make us more patient;  
Lord, make us more patient,  
until we meet again:  
patient, patient, patient,  
until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful;  
Lord, make us more faithful,  
until we meet again:  
faithful, faithful, faithful,  
until we meet again.