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Sunday • April 30, 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 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 "Take Me To The Water"
- GATHERING SONG "In Christ Called To Baptize" - *Glory to God # 297*
- CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46 - *Janet Majors*
- SONG OF PRAISE "In Christ Called To Baptize" - *Glory to God # 297*

Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today's Story-Teller

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

- HEARING SCRIPTURE Acts 2:37-42; Romans 6:1-11 - *Janet Majors*
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Living Under Water" - *Rev. Monte McClain*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- SONG OF RESPONSE "I Was There To Hear Your Borneing Cry" - *Insert*

COMMUNITY BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE OF GARY YEE & LOUISE WATERS

- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - *Louise Hirschman*
 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 "More Love To Thee, O Christ" - *Blue Hymnal #359*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

- SENDING SONG "Wade In The Water" - *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 - *Latin*

"Pax domini sit vobiscum"

- POSTLUDE "All The Things You Are"

Reflections on Today's Readings Acts 2:37-42; Romans 6:1-11

Today we're wrestling with scriptures around baptism. The word Baptism [βαπτίζω in Greek] means to dip, submerge, cleanse, wash, or drown. Hence it came to mean to baptize, to immerse (literally, "dip under"). The psalmist talks about the refuge of God, the space and place where we can be still, safe, secure and sure. The Acts of the Apostles talks of baptism as the response to the invitation to faith in Jesus – the invitation to inhabit such a refuge-safe-place. And in Romans the Apostle Paul talks of baptism as a participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the genesis and continuation of life as a new creation (the old has gone a new way of being has come – 2 Corinthians 5:17).



We might say that baptism is:

- A place and space;
- Something we do;
- Something that's done to us;
- Something we choose;
- Something that God does to/for us;
- It's a beginning, an once-for-all;
- It's also a daily new way of living and being in the world;
- It's a symbol of what God has done – a visible image of an invisible grace;
- It's also the means – of the way – through which we receive faith, respond to faith, confirm faith, or mature in faith.

What do you think? How have you experienced or understood baptism in your life?; in our life as a church?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged you, enraged you, or surprised you in these texts?
- The psalmist talks about the city of God as a refuge, a place where you can be still and know that God is God. How do you identify with that?
- The Acts of the Apostles lists baptism as the natural response to hunger to know Jesus, the entrance into the church. How is baptism related to repentance change of mind or change of life direction? How is it a promise?
- Paul talks about baptism as a death, a submerging or drowning in the death of Jesus (along with him) and a raising to resurrected and new life. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced such new life? How do you long to?
- 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?

May Birthdays

8 Donovan Adams 2015 15 Richard Harvey
18 Marge Harvey 23 Rebecca LaMotte

May Wedding Anniversaries

2 Karl & Myrna Shadley 1987

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.

Godly Play: we're beginning in person Godly Play today! Our Godly Players will stay with us in worship through the second song then head up to do their work and fun together in the Godly Play room.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) – Tues 7pm on Zoom | Psalm 65 & 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 "The Sacrament of Communion"

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM.

Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up – this -or any Friday!

Ann Iverson Sharing about work at the border

TOMORROW – Monday, May 1st @6pm on Zoom

Ann just returned from a trip to the Texas border to volunteer with Team Brownsville, an organization dedicated to assisting those seeking asylum on both sides of the border. Hear about her experience – and consider going next year!

Women's Group: Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom.

R U a Heretic ? Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. –

Thinking through your own faith as we look at the historic heresies. This week we're talking about Gnosticism. *More info online.*

Out & About Saturday May 13th – we're looking to increase our physical presence in this monthly neighborhood event. Would you like to help envision and facilitate an activity for kids and families?

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim
Prayer Liturgist: Janet Majors
Reader-Liturgist: John LaMotte
Video Tech: Thom Faulkner, Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian

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

“In Christ Called To Baptize”

Ruth Duck (1995) | Glory to God Hymnal #297

1. In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.
In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

2 In Christ called to banquet,
one table we share,
a haven of welcome,
a circle of care.
Although we are many,
we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
proclaims Christ, our head.

3 In Christ called to witness,
by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ's ways.

4 Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.
Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.
In Christ may we grow.

Call to Worship Opening litany ~ Psalm 46

Modern English Version

One: God is our refuge and strength,
a well-proven help in trouble.

**ALL: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
be removed,**

**and though the mountains be carried into the
midst of the sea;**

One: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains shake with its swelling.

**ALL: There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.**

One: God is in the midst of her; she will not be moved;
God will help her in the early dawn.

**ALL: The nations roared; the kingdoms were
moved;
He uttered His voice; the earth melted.**

One: The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**ALL Come, see the works of the Lord,
who makes desolations in the earth.**

One: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and cuts off the spear;
He burns the chariot in the fire.

**ALL: Be still and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.**

**The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

“I've Got Peace Like A River”

Traditional Spiritual

1. I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

2. I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
Repeat...

3. I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
Repeat...

4. I've got peace, love and joy like a river
I've got peace, love and joy like a river

I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul
Repeat...

I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker

1. I was there to hear your borning cry
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold
I was there when you were but a child
With a faith to suit you well
In a blaze of light, you wandered off
To find where demons dwell.

2. When you heard the wonder of the word
I was there to cheer you on
You were raised to praise the living Lord
To whom you now belong
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk til rising sun

3. In the middle ages of your life
Not too old, no longer young
I'll be there to guide you through the night
Complete what I've begun
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes
I'll be there as I have always been
With just one more surprise

4. I was there to hear your borning cry
I'll be there when you are old
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold

More Love To Thee, O Christ

Elizabeth Payson Prentiss (1856)
Blue Hymnal #359 | Glory to God #828

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make
On bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

2 Once earthly joy I craved,
Sought peace and rest;
Now Thee alone I seek,
Give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath
Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ to Thee;
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!

Wade In The Water

Traditional Spiritual

Refrain

Wade in the water, wade in the water children
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble
the water

1. See that host all dressed in white
God's gonna trouble the water
Leader looks like that Israelite
God's gonna trouble the water

2. See that band all dressed in red?
God's gonna trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led
God's gonna trouble the water

3. Look over yonder and what do you see?
God's gonna trouble the water
The holy ghost a coming for me
God's gonna trouble the water

4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed
Gods' gonna trouble the water
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream
Gods' gonna trouble the water