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**seeking:**  
Who are you  
looking for?



Easter Sunday • April 9, 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 "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free"

ARRIVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS

ENTRANCE SONG

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

- Blue Hymnal #123

*We invite all those present this morning, who have experienced bereavement and loss to death this past pandemic season, to come forward and form a Circle of Hope around the Cross. Together we will symbolically lay our burdens before the Cross: God's ultimate word on loss, as we live the mystery of life.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Sharon Nelson

SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise Ye The Lord Alleluia"

- Glory to God Hymnal #633

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

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

- Sharon Nelson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"Who Are You Looking For?"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Okay"

- insert

COMING TO THE TABLE

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.**

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

OFFERING SONG

"Come On Children Let's Sing"

- insert

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG

"Ain't That Good News"

- Spiritual

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

- Traditional Easter Greeting

**"Christ is Risen. "He (Christ) is risen indeed!"**

POSTLUDE

"I Danced In The Morning"

## Reflections on Today's Readings John 20:1-18

Nine questions have guided us on our Lenten journey. And this Easter morning, they bring us to the culminating question: "Who are you looking for?" All this time, we have been seeking: seeking answers, seeking guidance, seeking Jesus. But the responses we get depend very much on what—or who—we are looking for.

In every question, a picture of Jesus has been forming in your mind. Who is he to you? What is he capable of? What does he want? The way you feel about that determines greatly how you hear his response.

As Mary weeps at the empty tomb, the picture she has formed in her mind is one of tragedy. Jesus has died, and now someone has gone so far as to steal his body. I imagine she thought enemies of Jesus did this, the same who wanted to squelch his voice and end his movement. This is her cry, even in the face of two mysterious figures robed in white. And then she turns around. She sees a man standing there. She does not see that it is Jesus. She sees only in her grief, and only through the lens of tragedy. (What else could she do!?) In the Aramaic translation, Jesus says to her, "Why do you weep? And who do you want?"



"Who do you want?" What an interesting question. Of all the versions of Jesus out there, which one do you believe? For which Jesus are you crying? Who do you want? I believe the world heard the glad tidings of Easter because her answer revealed her wholehearted love of Jesus—beyond teacher, beyond healer, beyond savior. For Mary, Jesus truly became fully God and fully human. She loved all of him, because through him she had experienced a love that embraced all of her. This is the wholeness that heals the world and brings us into eternal life. What would it look like for us to see Jesus as he is?\*

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in this text?
- What would it mean for you to love Jesus with your whole heart, and live for him from that whole heartedness?
- 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?

\* Reflection by Rev. Danielle Shroyer | Artwork "Rabbouni" by Rev. T. Denise Anderson |  
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## April Birthdays

12 Chuck Marut

13 Toni Proulx

20 Kelechi Okereke

### 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 |** We're wrestling with John 20:19-31

**Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6:00-7:00PM.**  
Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up – this -or *any* Friday!

**Friday Night Meal Calling for Cook Teams! -**  
We have a core of motivated leaders, a generous group of volunteer servers and a few committed cooking teams. We do, however, struggle to fill our cooking calendar. The Friday Night Meal leadership team is asking if you can help us. Providing a meal for our hungry community is really easy, a lot of fun and nourishes both our guests and our souls. So if you can help or belong to, or know of, a group or club looking for an outreach mission, please reach out to Thom & Tina Faulkner. We'll find an open date, help you with menu planning and all the logistics! 510-593-6899

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

**R U a Heretic ? –** Thinking through your own faith as we look at the historic heresies. No burning or torture will take place in this class. Thursdays at 6pm on Zoom. Starting April 20<sup>th</sup>. *More info online.*

### Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: David Kittams

Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Roger Kim

Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Reader-Liturgist: Sharon Nelson

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*

### “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

*Charles Wesley (1740)*

*Blue Hymnal #123*

1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Call to Worship Opening litany** ~ Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

One: What are you looking for?

**ALL: The light before dawn.**

One: What are you looking for?

**ALL: A reason to hope.**

One: What are you looking for?

**ALL: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

One: What are you looking for?

**ALL: A place to belong.**

One: What are you looking for?

**ALL: We are looking for the Messiah.**

One: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

**ALL: Surely God is in this place.**

## “Praise Ye The Lord Hallelujah”

*J. Jefferson Cleveland (1981) | Glory to God #633*

*chorus*

Praise ye the lord Hallelujah  
Everybody praise the Lord  
Everybody praise the Lord 2x

1. Praise God with the sound of the trumpet  
Praise God with the lute and the harp  
Praise God with timbrel and dancing  
Praise God wherever you are

*chorus*

2. Praise God with holy cymbals  
Praise God with strings and pipes  
Praise God with clashing cymbals  
Praise God with all of your might

*chorus*

3. Praise God in the holy temple  
Praise God for almighty deeds  
Praise God for those bountiful mercies  
For God fulfills our needs

*chorus*

4. Praise God on top of the mountains  
Praise God both day and night  
Praise God down in the low valleys  
Praise God because it's alright

*chorus*

## Okay

*Kirk Franklin*

1. Woke up to a world that is changing  
Looking out the window,  
got me wondering lately  
Will we be okay?  
Will we be okay?

One day I can feel the sun shining  
Next day a bullet can leave a momma cryin'  
Will she be okay? Tell me will we be okay?

*prechorus*

Life is taking everything that I have  
just to survive

*chorus*

I got twenty-five dollars in my pocket  
And I think another ten  
in my glove compartment  
I'm trying so bad not to cry,  
but it's hard to stop it  
But you say all of my needs,  
you promised, you got it

*refrain*

So I'm gon' be okay  
I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)  
See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger  
Than any battle I'll ever face So I'm gon' be okay  
(I know its dark right now but still see the light)

Why do we hate one another  
When love is the most beautiful color?  
It takes away the grey  
And makes everything okay

Where is the American dream  
If only one percent knows what it means  
To really be okay? Tell me, is that okay?

*Prechorus*

*Chorus*

*Refrain*

*Bridge*

See our God is great  
This season of pain, it won't last always  
Life is taking everything that I have  
Just to survive

I got twenty-five dollars in my pocket  
And I think another ten  
in my glove compartment  
But that family with no food  
would trade places with you  
Give thanks and don't forget how you got it

So I'm gon' be okay  
I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)  
See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger  
Than any battle I'll ever face So I'm gon' be okay  
So I'm gon' be okay  
I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)  
See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger  
Than any battle I'll ever face So I'm gon' be okay

## **Come On Children Let's Sing**

*H. Smith*

1. Come on children, let's sing  
About the goodness of the Lord  
Come on children, let's shout  
All about God's rich reward  
Guide our footsteps everyday  
Keeps us in the narrow way  
Come on children, let's sing!  
About the goodness of the lord  
Yeah, come on children, let's sing!  
About the goodness of the lord  
Come on children, let's shout!  
All about God's rich reward  
Guide our footsteps everyday  
Keeps us in the narrow way  
Come on children, let's sing!  
Come on children, let's shout!  
How Lord almighty has brought us out  
- none like him without a doubt  
Come on children, let's sing!  
About the goodness of the Lord

2. He has been my all an' all  
He will never let me fall  
That is why I can sing That is why I can shout  
Because I know what it's all about  
The goodness of, the Lord,  
the Lord, the Lord, hey!

## **Ain't That Good News**

*traditional spiritual*

I got a crown up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a crown up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'ma gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news

I got a robe up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I got a robe up in that kingdom  
Ainta that good news  
I'm a gonna lay down this world  
gonna shoulder up a my cross  
Gonna take it home to my Jesus  
Ainta that good news