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Sunday • May 21, 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 "God Bless The Child"
- GATHERING SONG "God Welcomes All" - *Glory to God # 399*
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE "Shout To The North" - *Glory to God # 319*
Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today's Story-Teller
- LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Healing Take a Long Time" - *Rev. Louis Muvunyi*
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE "In Christ There Is No East Or West" - *Blue Hymnal # 440*
- COMMUNITY BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE OF
 DAVID KITTAMS & MARIAN KOHLSTEDT
- 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 "Oh God Have Mercy On Us" - *Glory to God #341*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG "May The God Of Hope Go With Us" - *Glory to God # 765*
- 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 "Amahoro yi Imana Abane Nawe" - *Rwandan*
- POSTLUDE "Fragile"

Reflections on Today's Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-11

Today we continue in our theme of Mental Health Awareness Month. We're looking at the idea of reconciliation, forgiveness, and healing, as we hear from Bishop Louis Muvunyi about the PhD work he's done around reconciliation and how to empower it as a ministry of the church and followers of Jesus in his home country of Rwanda.

In just 100 days in 1994, about 800,000 people were slaughtered in Rwanda by ethnic Hutu extremists. They were targeting members of the minority Tutsi community, as well as their political opponents, irrespective of their ethnic origin. About 85% of Rwandans are Hutus but the Tutsi minority has long dominated the country. In 1959, the Hutus overthrew the Tutsi monarchy and tens of thousands of Tutsis fled to neighboring countries, including Uganda.

A group of Tutsi exiles formed a rebel group, the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), which invaded Rwanda in 1990 and fighting continued until a 1993 peace deal was agreed. On the night of 6 April 1994 a plane carrying then-President Juvenal Habyarimana, and his counterpart Cyprien Ntaryamira of Burundi - both Hutus - was shot down, killing everyone on board.

Hutu extremists blamed the RPF and immediately started a well-organized campaign of slaughter. The RPF said the plane had been shot down by Hutus to provide an excuse for the genocide.

Bishop Muvunyi is returning to Rwanda to work as chaplain at the 2 year old East African Christian College in the town of Kigali. With already 700 students in diverse fields, the college is intended to be a force for both reconciliation and unity in this post-genocide time. And as we know increasingly in our own country, reconciliation and unity are easier talked about than done - especially when a larger population is siloed and divided by tribe, race, political beliefs and worldviews.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- Ezekiel writes a vision of new life coming from dead bones. How is he speaking about reconciliation?
- How do you struggle with loving others who may have visited trauma upon you?
- How do you struggle to be an agent of reconciliation?
- 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

7 Tyler Conant Martin 8 Donovan Adams 2015
15 Richard Harvey 18 Marge Harvey
23 Rebecca LaMotte

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.

Deacons meeting - today after worship.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Community Bible Study (Wrestling with Scripture) - Tues 7pm on Zoom



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

Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, and clean-up - this -or any Friday! This coming week Ann Iverson is leading the cook team.

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 are not meeting - join us June 24th as we talk about the Donatists. *More info online.*

Session Meeting - Thursday at 7pm at the church. *If you're an elder, don't forget to do your homework!*

New Church Directory - we're putting together a new church directory. Take a moment to look at your address/contact info and correct anything that needs it. Lists are in the back of the sanctuary.

Mental Health Awareness Month - we're talking about Mental Health & Wellness all month in worship. Find resources and helpful links on our blog at www.capcoakland.me. or with this QR Code



Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Bill Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle,
Ben Kramarz, & Roger Kim
Preaching: Bishop Louis Muvunyi
Video Tech: Albert Hussian, 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

“God Welcomes All”

Author: John L. Bell (2008)

Tune: AMEN THEMBA | Glory to God #399

God welcome all,
Strangers and friends,
God's love is strong
And it never ends.

Call to Worship Opening litany

*~ Worship Resources for Mental Health Month
Valleyview Mennonite Church, London, Ontario*

One: With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**People: Come among us,
Healing God,
with that love which never ends.**

One: With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**People: Come among us,
Friend of the broken,
with your compassion
which makes us whole.**

One: With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

**People: Come among us,
Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

“Shout To The North”

Author: Martin Smith | Glory to God #319

1. Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

2. Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love

Bridge

We've been through fire we've been
through rain
We've been refined by the power of his name
We've fallen deeper in love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

3. Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

“In Christ There Is No East Or West”

Author: John Oxenham (1908)

Glory to God #318 | Blue Hymnal #440

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth. and the demons
cast out.

Oh God Have Mercy On Us

Composer Gustav Holst (1918)

Psalm 67 | Glory to God#341

1 O God, show mercy to us,
and bless us with your grace;
and cause to shine upon us
the brightness of your face,
so that your way most holy
on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people
your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise you;
let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises
and songs of gladness ring.

2 For you will judge the peoples
in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations
will your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise you;
let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance
to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us;
our God will blessing send,
and all the earth will worship
to its remotest end.

May The God Of Hope Go With Us

Translator: Alvin Schutmaat

Tune: ARGENTINA (Traditional) | Glory to God #765

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Contemporary English Version

¹Some time later, I [the prophet Ezekiel] felt the Lord's power take control of me, and his Spirit carried me to a valley full of bones. ²The Lord showed me all around, and everywhere I looked I saw bones that were dried out. ³He said, "Ezekiel, son of man, can these bones come back to life?"

I replied, "Lord God, only you can answer that."

⁴He then told me to say:

Dry bones, listen to what the Lord is saying to you, ⁵"I, the Lord God, will put breath in you, and once again you will live. ⁶I will wrap you with muscles and skin and breathe life into you. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

⁷I did what the Lord said, but before I finished speaking, I heard a rattling noise. The bones were coming together! ⁸I saw muscles and skin cover the bones, but they had no life in them.

⁹The Lord said:

Ezekiel, now say to the wind, "The Lord God commands you to blow from every direction and to breathe life into these dead bodies, so they can live again."

¹⁰As soon as I said this, the wind blew among the bodies, and they came back to life! They all stood up, and there were enough to make a large army.

¹¹The Lord said:

Ezekiel, the people of Israel are like dead bones. They complain that they are dried up and that they have no hope for the future. ¹²So tell them, "I, the Lord God, promise to open your graves and set you free. I will bring you back to Israel, ¹³and when that happens, you will realize that I am the Lord. ¹⁴My Spirit will give you breath, and you will live again. I will bring you home, and you will know that I have kept my promise. I, the Lord, have spoken."

In Hebrew the word רֹחַ or ruah can mean "spirit," "breath," and "wind".