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Sunday • May 7, 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 "All Who Hunger Gather Gladly"
- GATHERING SONG "I Come With Joy" - *Glory to God # 515*
- CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 65 - *Marji Wilkens*
- MASHUP-SONG OF PRAISE "Holy Most Holy Lord" - *Glory to God # 597*  
 "Amen We Praise Your Name" - *Glory to God # 598*
- Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today's Story-Teller*
- LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 25:6-9 & 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 - *Marji Wilkens*
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Companions on the Way" - *Rev. Monte McClain*
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS
- SONG OF RESPONSE "Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ" - *Insert*
- COMING TO THE WATERS OF BAPTISM - *Elder Marge Harvey*
- PROFESSION OF FAITH
- BAPTISM of Mozghan Lotf Mohamadi
- 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.**
- 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
- TABLE SONG "You Satisfy The Hungry Heart" - *Blue Hymnal #359*
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG "Taste And See" - *Glory to God # 525*
- 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 "درود بر شما" | **Salamat bashi** - *Farsi | Persian*
- POSTLUDE "You'll Never Walk Alone"

**Reflections on Today's Readings**  
**Psalm 65 & 1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

Today we wrestle with scriptures around communion. "Among the treasures of the nations are their meal practices. Meals create and express a human group. Meals are complex symbols, not just functional edibles. They are a primary form of culture, passing on the primary values of the group. To know what a people eats, who eats it, in what order and when, is to know a great deal about a society. To know what stories are told at a community's meals and what symbols function there, passing on what values is to know the heart of a cultures. Meals *are*, concretely communities and their survival. Meals are far more than simply enough food to get through the next hours. They symbolize and participate in social relationships, hierarchies, inclusion and exclusion, the boundaries around a group and the transactions across those boundaries."\*

Jesus instituted the eucharist meal as the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving. So when we share in this meal we give thanks for what the gracious God known by the power of the Spirit in the crucified and risen Jesus has done, is doing and will do. It's a meal evolved from Jewish and Hellenistic tables practices including the Passover Seder, the *deipnon* (the evening meal, usually the largest meal of the Ancient Greek day), and the *symposium* (a social gathering in ancient Greece, where, male citizens would gather for dinner, drinking, conversation, music, and entertainment.)

In 1 Corinthians the apostle Paul is likely speaking to the diverse expectations of the Agape meal – the way in which the early church celebrated communion. It was often confused. Rather than Christ as the center, cultural mores and expectations would be. Paul seems to be saying, that the eucharist meal must be open to all peoples, focused on grace, rejecting the ideas of purity and insider-hood, and by a connection to concern for the poor. When done in that way, centered upon the person, passion and purpose of Jesus – then the meal is a way of both proclaiming and experiencing Jesus.

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:**

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- What's the best meal you've ever had? Was it great because of the food; and/or because of the company and conversation?
- Paul talks about eating the communion meal in an unworthy manner. What's he getting at?
- 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

**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.

**Sign the Bible we have for Mozghan:** we're giving Mozghan a Bible Farsi and English to celebrate her baptism today. Be sure to sign it to add to the memory-making!

**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 Monte is leading the cook team.

**Presbytery of San Francisco Meeting, Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm on Zoom**

Use this QR Code to learn about the meeting agenda and register to attend.



**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 Arianism. *More info online.*

**Out & About Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>** – 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:**

Elder helping with Baptism: Marge Harvey

Godly Play: Beth Beatty

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

Prayer Liturgist: Monte McClain

Reader-Liturgist: Marji Wilkens

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 wholly 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*

### “I Come With Joy”

*Brian Wren (1968, rev. 1993) | Glory to God Hymnal #515*

1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

### Call to Worship Opening litany ~ Psalm 65

*The Message Version Translation*

One: Silence is praise to you,  
Zion-dwelling God,  
And also obedience.

You hear the prayer in it all.

**ALL: We all arrive at your doorstep sooner  
or later, loaded with guilt,  
Our sins too much for us—  
but you get rid of them once and for all.**

One: Earth-Tamer, Ocean-Pourer,  
Mountain-Maker, Hill-Dresser,

Muzzler of sea storm and wave crash,  
Of mobs in noisy riot—

Far and wide they'll come to a stop,  
they'll stare in awe, in wonder.

Dawn and dusk take turns  
calling, “Come and worship.

**ALL: Oh, visit the earth,**

**ask her to join the dance!**

**Deck her out in spring showers,**

**fill the God-River with living water.**

**Paint the wheat fields golden.**

**Creation was made for this!**

One: Drench the plowed fields,  
soak the dirt clods

With rainfall as harrow and rake  
bring her to blossom and fruit.

Snow-crown the peaks with splendor,  
scatter rose petals down your paths,

All through the wild meadows, rose petals.

Set the hills to dancing,

**ALL: Dress the canyon walls with live sheep,  
a drape of flax across the valleys.**

**Let them shout, and shout, and shout!**

**Oh, oh, let them sing!**

### “Holy Most Holy Lord”

*Paraphraser (into English): 2013 Greg Scheer*

*Traditional South African Language: English; Swahili*

*Glory to God Hymnal #597*

1. Holy, most holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth and filled,  
filled with your holy light.  
O blessed is the One,  
the One who comes,  
comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna,

Sanna, sannanina, sann, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sannanina, sann, sanna, sanna,

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina,

sanna, sanna, sanna.

Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina,

sanna, sanna, sanna.

### “Amen We Praise Your Name”

*Xhosa Title: Amen siakudumisa*

*Traditional South African*

*Language: English; Swahili | Glory to God Hymnal #598*

Ma-si-thi! Amen si—aku-du-mi-sa!

Ma-si-thi! Amen si—aku-du-mi-sa!

Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo.  
Amen si-aku-du-mi-sa! Ma-si-thi!

Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, we praise your name, O God!

### **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

*Jamaican folk melody: Linstead | Glory to God #526*

1. Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy  
Bread is broken the wine is poured  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard  
Jesus lives again  
Earth can breathe again  
Pass the word around loaves abound

2. Christ is able to make us one  
At the table he sets the tone  
Teaching people to live to bless  
Love in word and indeed express  
Jesus lives again  
Earth can breathe again  
Pass the word around loaves abound

3. Jesus calls us in sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt  
Gives us love to tell bread to share  
God (Immanuel) everywhere  
Jesus lives again  
Earth can breathe again  
Pass the word around loaves abound

### **You Satisfy The Hungry Heart**

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

1. You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gifts of finest wheat  
Come give to us O saving lord  
The bread of life to eat

2. As when the shepherd calls his sheep  
They know and heed his voice  
So when you call your family lord  
We follow and rejoice

chorus

3. Wiith joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude  
That you should us worthy lord  
To share this heavenly food

chorus

4. Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup one loaf declare  
Our oneness in the lord?

chorus

5. The mystery of your presence lord  
No mortal tongue can tell  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell

chorus

6. You give yourself to us o lord  
Then selfless let us be  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity

### **Taste And See**

*James E. Moore | Glory to God #520*

*Chorus*

Taste and see  
Taste and see  
The goodness of the Lord  
(repeat)

1. I will bless the lord at all times  
Praise shall always be on my lips  
My soul shall glory in the lord  
For God has been so good to me

2. Glorify the lord with me  
Together let us all praise God's name  
I called the lord who answered me  
From all my troubles I was set free

3. Worship the lord all you people  
You'll want for nothing if you ask  
Taste and see that the lord is good  
In God we need put all our trust