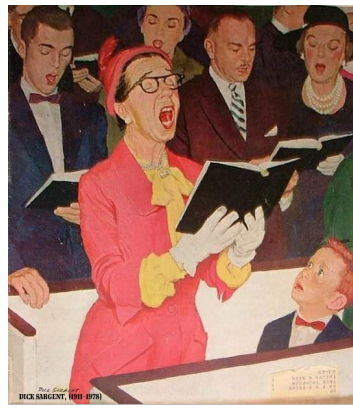


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**“QUI CANTAT,  
 BIS NRAT”**  
*The one  
 who sings  
 prays twice.*  
 - Attributed to Bishop Augustine of Hippo

Sunday • August 20, 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.

As a community we are committed to inclusivity and mutual empowerment which is why all our community gatherings are hybrid. (both in person and via Zoom).

This allows us to gather together and be consistent with our values and commitments.

In our community, face masks are not required, but always welcome. We want you to do what you need to do for you! Masks are available in the entry.

**CHILDREN**

We have Godly Play – “Sunday School” for children during our service. It’s a Montessori-like approach to teaching children language to use to learn to express faith through the telling of Bible Stories. The Godly Play group and leaders leave for their arranged learning space after the 2<sup>nd</sup> song.

**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.’

**WI-FI**

Want Wi-Fi during our gathering? Select our network – Capc1. Our password is 5106583666  
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**GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**

- PRELUDE “Wayfaring Stranger”
- GATHERING SONG “For The Beauty Of The Earth” - Blue Hymnal #473
- CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148 - Sarah Evangelista
- SONG OF PRAISE “I Sing The Mighty Power Of God” - Blue Hymnal #288  
*Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today’s Story-Teller*
- LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 - Sarah Evangelista
- PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD  
 “Harvest For The World”  
 Psalm 150  
 “When In Our Music God Is Glorified”
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE “Amen” - Insert
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER - Monte McClain  
 WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.  
 Leader: God, in your mercy.  
 People: **Hear our prayer.**
- OFFERING SONG “Come On Children Let's Sing” -Insert
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG “Sit Down (I Can't Sit Down)” - 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 “Amani ya Mungu” - Swahili
- POSTLUDE “Easy”

## Reflections on Today's Readings Psalms 98 & 149



We're wrapping up our summer series in which we've wrestled with the three words we've used to describe our church mission and ethos. They're *both* who we are *and* who we aspire to become. We've pondered what a 4<sup>th</sup> word might be that we would add. **MUSICAL** is one suggestion.

As human beings our existence is shaped by our bodies (physical) and spirits or minds (non-physical), and time. Music too is intimately related to body, mind, and time. Some say that "music is the supreme temporal art that may reveal to us, if we are attentive, the very pattern of our living through time." Music can awaken us to what it means to be human and provide us with language to express what is beyond expression in words.

Listening to music and making music together help us to find our place, our people, our selves. Searching for a way to belong, seeking to know who we are at the deepest level, is itself a spiritual search; and music accompanies us on this way.

Worship enables and sustains Christians as they seek to become bearers of the likeness of Christ. This is a process of growth and transformation that Protestants call *sanctification*, Catholics call *conversion*, and Orthodox call *deification*: it's the way that believers through grace and faith become like God. In our tradition we've prioritized the Word – spoken, read and preached over music. Yet music is often what most attracts and keeps people in a church community.

The psalms we read today lift up the power of music as liturgy (remember that liturgy in Greek *λειτουργία* - means "the work of the people"). In a sense music, making music, singing and listening to music is our work, and the way in which God's love work on us. Curiously, or maybe tragically, many of us have experienced firsthand that nothing creates more conflict in congregations today than music.

In worship we use music several different ways: 1. It's sung by the people. 2. Sung by a leader; 3. Sung by a choir; 4. Is instrumental. We have different tastes, styles, and expectations because we're different people, with different backgrounds. And yet music is a grace through which we can recognize our shared story. Maybe that's what the psalmists and prophets are saying repeatedly that God is calling us to sing a new song.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- In what type of music do you most (or least) often experience or hear God?
- How have your musical tastes changed? Why?
- How is music a big part of ministry and life together?

## August Birthdays

12 Sharon Nelson  
16 Daniel Stoops  
25 Margaret Smith

12 David Kittams  
22 Patrice Trowbridge

## August Anniversaries

10 Thom and Tina Faulkner 2002  
30 Monte and Kristy Parsons McClain 1997

## 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.

## This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

**Quilters Club** (a new small group!) Mondays 10a-12p, in the library. No experience required.

**Community Bible Study** – Tuesday 7:00-8:00PM on Zoom. We're wrestling together with the book of 1 Samuel. This week we're reading 1 Samuel 12:1-15:35 Resources & info online at [www.capcoakland.org/wrestling-with-scripture](http://www.capcoakland.org/wrestling-with-scripture)



**Session Meeting** – This Thursday 7:00PM 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 Friday Thom & Tina are cooking!

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

**Staff Vacation News** Monte McClain will be on vacation Sundays, August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rev. Sarah Reyes will be preaching and leading worship on those Sundays.

**Local Mission Action** – We're partnering with the Golden Squirrel to collect needed school supplies for our neighboring Claremont Middle School. Info in the entryway and online at [capcoakland.me](http://capcoakland.me)

**Music as Spiritual Practice.** – Listening to music is an ancient way of encountering God. Pick up a handout on the practice of *Musica Divina* to learn how to do it and try it out for yourself (entryway)

### Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty  
Liturgist-Prayer: Monte McClain  
Liturgist-Reader: Sarah Evangelista  
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Josephine Hass, Roger Kim.  
Video Tech: Dann Wilkens, Thom Faulkner, 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*

### “For The Beauty Of The Earth”

*Author: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1864)  
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #473  
John Rutter version*

1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
over and around us lies  
Lord of all, to thee we raise,  
this our joyful hymn of praise

2. For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:  
sun and moon and stars of light  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

3. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
for all gentle thoughts and mild  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

4. For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heav'n.  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.

### Call to Worship Opening litany

*~ Psalm 148*

**The people read the bold text**

One: Praise the Lord!

**ALL: Praise the Lord from heaven!  
Praise God on the heights!**

One: Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you  
who comprise his heavenly forces!

**ALL: Sun and moon, praise God!  
All of you bright stars, praise God!**

One: You highest heaven, praise God!  
Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

**ALL: Let all of these praise the Lord's name  
because God gave the command  
and they were created!**

One: God set them in place always and forever.  
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**ALL: Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!**

One: Do the same, fire and hail, snow, and smoke,  
stormy wind that does what God says!

**ALL: Do the same,  
you mountains,  
every single hill,  
fruit trees, and every single cedar!**

One: Do the same, you animals  
—wild or tame—  
you creatures that creep along  
and you birds that fly!

**ALL: Do the same, you kings of the earth  
and every single person,  
you princes and every single ruler on earth!**

One: Do the same, you young men  
—young women too!—  
you who are old together with you who are young!

**ALL: Let all of these praise the Lord's name  
because only God's name is high over all.  
Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.  
Praise the Lord!**

## **"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"**

*tune: Ellacombe text: Isaac Watts  
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #288*

1. I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at God's command  
and all the stars obey

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food  
God formed the creatures with a word  
and then pronounced them good  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eyes  
If I survey the ground I tread  
or gaze upon the skies

3. There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes Thy glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
by order from Thy throne  
While all that borrows life from Thee  
is ever in Thy care  
And everywhere that we can be,  
Thou, God are present there

## **"Harvest For The World"**

*The Isley Brothers  
lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC*

1. All babies together, everyone a seed  
Half of us are satisfied, half of us in need  
Love's bountiful in us, tarnished by our greed  
When will there be a harvest for the world

2. A nation planted, so concerned with gain  
As the seasons come and go, greater grows the pain  
And far too many feelin' the strain  
When will there be a harvest for the world

3. Gather everyman, gather everywoman  
Celebrate your lives, give thanks for your children  
Gather everyone, gather all together  
Overlooking none, hopin' life gets better for the world

4. Dress me up for battle, when all I want is peace  
Those of us who pay the price, come home with the  
least  
Nation after nation, turning into beast  
When will there be a harvest for the world

## **"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"**

*Author: Fred Pratt Green (1971)  
Tune: ENGELBERG | Glory to God #641  
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #264*

1 When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!

2 How oft, in making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!

3 So has the Church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue,  
Alleluia!

4 And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
Alleluia!

5 Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise,  
let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,  
and may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia!

## **"Amen"**

*Traditional Spiritual*

Amen Amen  
Amen Amen Amen

## **“Come On Children Let's Sing”**

*H. Smith*

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  
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!

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

## **“Sit Down (I Can't Sit Down)”**

*Sister Rosetta Tharpe*

*Refrain:*

Why don't you sit down? I can't sit down  
Sit down I told you. I can't sit down  
Go away don't bother me. I can't sit down  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down

1. Who's that yonder dressed in white?  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down  
He looks like the children of the Israelite  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down
2. Who's that yonder dressed in red  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down  
Looks like the children that Moses led  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down
3. Who's that yonder dressed in blue  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down  
Must be my brother and he's coming thru  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down
4. Who's that yonder dressed in gold  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down  
Must be a prophet from the days of old  
I just got to heaven and I can't sit down