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**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 you 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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Sunday • August 27, 2023 at 10:30am  
 in Person & on Zoom

**GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**

- PRELUDE “Accentuate The Positive”
- GATHERING SONG “When Morning Gilds The Skies” - Blue Hymnal #487
- CALL TO WORSHIP - Fredora Darmstadt
- SONG OF PRAISE “The Church's One Foundation” - Blue Hymnal #442  
*Children are invited to depart for Godly Play upstairs with today’s Story-Teller*
- LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD
- HEARING SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:13-20 - Fredora Darmstadt
- PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD - Rev. Dr. Sarah Reyes
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” - Blue Hymnal #379
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER - Linda Davis  
 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 “His Eye Is On The Sparrow” - Glory to God #661
- THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
- SENDING SONG “The Church Of Christ Cannot Be Bound” - Glory to God #766
- 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 “Bill Cheethum”

## Reflections on Today's Reading

### Matthew 16:13-20

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

SOME INTERESTING TEXTUAL NOTES DEALING WITH GREEK AND HEBREW:

**Messiah** The Greek word - Χριστός pronounced /Christos/. 5547 Χριστός. It means properly, "the Anointed One," the Christ (it's the Greek translation of the Hebrew word, "Messiah" משיח (mashiach - the anointed one). It comes from the root word χρίω, pronounced /chrio/ meaning "to anoint with olive oil" -Anointing (literally) involved rubbing olive oil on the head, etc., especially to present someone as divinely-authorized (appointed by God) to serve as prophet, priest or king, etc. See 1 Ki 19:16; Lev 8:12; Ps 133:2; 1 Sam 10:1, 16:13; 2 Sam 2:4, 5:3.

**Peter** In Greek the word Πέτρος pronounced /Petros/ - It was a first name meaning "a stone" or "a boulder", Peter, one of the twelve apostles .

**rock** in Greek πέτρα pronounced /petra/. It means a (large mass of) rock such as a rock, ledge, cliff, cave, stony ground. "- a huge mass of rock (a boulder), such as a projecting cliff. An ideal place to use as a foundation for a strong building.

**Bound | loosed::** in the gospels these words δέω - deó (to tie, bind) and λύω - luó (to loose, to untie, to release, to dissolve) are also used as synonyms for forgive (unbind) and not forgive - relating to sins, past harms, and evils.

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in these texts?
- How have you experienced Jesus as the Messiah?
- 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? What invitation do you hear the Spirit of God speaking to you - or to us - through this word of scripture?

## August Birthdays

12 Sharon Nelson	12 David Kittams
16 Daniel Stoops	22 Patrice Trowbridge
25 Margaret Smith	31 Talitha Aho

## August Anniversaries

10 Thom and Tina Faulkner 2002  
21 Talitha Amadea Aho & Michael Aho 2016  
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

**Deacons Meeting** - Today after worship. (library)

**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 16:1-18:30. Resources & info online at [www.capcoakland.org/wrestling-with-scripture](http://www.capcoakland.org/wrestling-with-scripture)



**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. Dr. 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 use this QR Code to find the shopping list of needed supplies.



## Thank You to Today's Leadership:

Godly Play: Beth Beatty  
Liturgist-Prayer: Linda Davis  
Liturgist-Reader: Fredora Darmstadt  
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Josephine Hass, Roger Kim.  
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Sarah Reyes  
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*

### “When Morning Gilds The Skies”

*German Title: Beim frühen Morgenlicht*

*Translator: Edward Caswall (1854)*

*Source: German, 1828 | Glory to God #667*

*The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #487*

1 When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer  
to Jesus I repair:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind?  
A solace here I find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Or fades my earthly bliss?  
My comfort still is this:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round  
in joyful notes resound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,  
my canticle divine:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

### Call to Worship Opening litany

~ Quotations assembled from \*Rachel Held Evans, <sup>o</sup>Dietrich Bonhoeffer and <sup>∞</sup>Menno Simons.

**The people read the bold text**

One: We've come to church this morning. As we've experienced church is more than a building, it's an alternative community in but not of the world.

**ALL: “The church is God saying: 'I'm throwing a banquet, and all these mismatched, messed-up people are invited. Here, have some wine.’”\***

One: The church is the forum of grace - a workshop, an internship, a spiritual gym. It's where we are reminded that “Cheap grace is preaching forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession. ... Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.” <sup>o</sup>

**ALL: “True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant. It clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute and serves those who harm it. It binds up that which is wounded.” <sup>∞</sup>**

One: “But there is a difference between curing and healing, and I believe the church is called to the slow and difficult work of healing. We are called to enter into one another's pain, anoint it as holy, and stick around no matter the outcome.”\*

**ALL: We've come to church this morning - hungry for hope, thirsty for grace, eager to grow, open to the unbound, and willing to be set free...  
Come Holy Spirit, Come!**

### “The Church's One Foundation”

*Samuel John Stone (1866, alt.)*

*Glory to God #321*

*The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #442*

1 The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

### **"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"**

*Edward Mote (1834 c., alt.)  
The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #379  
Glory to God #353*

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain:*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

### **"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"**

*Author: Civilla D. Martin (1905)  
Glory to God #661*

1 Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely  
and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion?  
My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

*Refrain:*

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

2 "Let not your heart be troubled,"  
his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth  
but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

3 Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him,  
from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

# “The Church Of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

Adam M. L. Tice (2005) | © 2005 GIA Publications, Inc.  
Glory to God #766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” was inspired by Menno Simons’ well-known quotation: “True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant. It clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute and serves those who harm it. It binds up that which is wounded.” Since winning the 2005 Macalester-Plymouth hymn writing competition it has been published in a wide variety of hymnals, most often with the African-American traditional tune MCKEE (sound sample; score).

1. The Church of Christ cannot be bound  
by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found,  
there can the church be known.

2. True faith will open up the door  
and step into the street.  
True service will seek out the poor  
and ask to wash their feet.

3. True love will not sit idly by  
when justice is denied.  
True mercy hears the homeless cry  
and welcomes them inside.

4. If what we have, we freely share  
to meet our neighbor’s need,  
then we extend the Spirit’s care  
through ev’ry selfless deed.

5. The church of Christ cannot be bound  
by walls of wood or stone.  
Where charity and love are found,  
there can the church be known.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION  
766 The Church of Christ  
Cannot Be Bound

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home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
Spir - its care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.