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GOOD NEWS

εὐαγγέλιον



The Second Sunday of Easter • April 7, 2024 at 10:30am
in Person & on Zoom

Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, community of followers of Jesus. Together we are committed to vigorously living our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In our community, face masks are not required, but always welcome. Masks are available in the entry.

As a community we are committed to being safe, open and real. We'd love to know you better. Use this QR Code to share your contact info or questions with our staff so we can follow up. We will not sell, share or abuse your personal info.



CHILDREN

We are moving towards restarting 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. Until then we have quiet toys, and activity sheets around today's scripture in the play area up front.

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 – Capc-net.
Our password is 5951CAPC

CCL #1137062

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING MASH-UP SONG “As We Gather” & “The Steadfast Love” - insert

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE “To God be the Glory” - Insert

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE Mark 1:11 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-11, 17-31

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD “What's Good News Today?” - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE “Down by the Riverside” - Spiritual

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.**

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 “Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” - Insert

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

OFFERING SONG “Psalm 19” - insert

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” - Blue Hymnal #464

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 - Traditional Easter Greeting

“Christ is Risen. “He (Christ) is risen indeed!”

POSTLUDE

Reflections on Today's Readings Mark 1:11 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-11, 17-31

The word gospel comes from the Greek word *euangelion* [εὐαγγέλιον]. It's made of two words:

[εὐ- αγγέλιον] or eu-angelion

1. ἄγγελος • (ángelos) mean a messenger; one that announces. (later it came to mean angel, heavenly spirit).

2. Eu- In Greek the word Kalos means "good" and in a compound word, such as *euangelion* the EU- at the beginning means good. So the word literally mean a good - message or messenger.

Our modern English word "gospel" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *godspell* ("good story").

The classical Greek word *euangelion* [εὐαγγέλιον] means "a reward for bringing of good news" or the "good news" itself. In the emperor cult particularly, in which the Roman emperor was venerated as the spirit and protector of the empire, the term took on a religious meaning: the announcement of the appearance or accession to the throne of the ruler. In contemporary Greek it denoted a weighty, authoritative, royal, and official message. It could also denote the news of a military victory. In Christian writings it came to mean the good news of God - told in the person, life, and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. This message of God's victory in our world is told in the life of Jesus. And so *euangelion* came to be the name of the short biography-like writings that told the life story and contained essential teachings of Jesus.

The gospels are written from a post-resurrection perspective, offering a story concerning the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Each of the four gospels (Mark-Matthew-Luke and John) has a unique perspective. . Most scholars believe that Mark was written first, some time between 60-70 CE, While each gospel tells the story a bit differently, they all - together - have been considered essential (or canon) by the church over the past 2,000 years. Only Mark starts so abruptly: "The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God."

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in this text?
- How do you hear the gospel as Good News? How might others not experience it as good news?
- What is Paul trying to say about the gospel and how we understand it as human being?
- 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?



April Birthdays

12 Chuck Marut
18 Carol Dolezal
25 Dann Wilkens
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.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Community Bible Study Sunday Edition

(Sundays 9:30-10:20am). Discussing the text used in our gathering each Sunday.

Quilters Club Mondays 10a-12p, in the library.

Community Bible Study Wednesday Edition

Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. *Mark 1:1-15*

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

Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! *Our own Tim Hsu is cooking!*

Book Clubs Options - We're looking at our next

Book Club Options. We're going to read [Man's](#)

[Search for Meaning](#) by Viktor Frankl and

[Everything Good about God is True:](#) by

Bruce Reyes-Chow. [Sign up online](#) (using

this QR Code to let Monte know if you plan

to read and want to discuss one, or both, books.



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

Support our ministry for the next 100 years! -

Pick up a flyer in the entryway today about how you can continue to - or begin to - partner with us!

Construction Update - Our construction crew is

installing the scaffolding for removing and replacing the gym roof this Thursday, April 11. Look for video updates on our social media channels and also on our blog.

Pete Feltman (and the band) are on vacation

this week. - They'll be back in worship next Sunday 4/14

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

MUSIC: Kristy Parsons-McClain & Monte McClain

VIDEO TECH: Thom Faulkner, Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian

VIDEO CREATION: The Work of the People

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

“As We Gather”

*Songwriters: Thomas W. Coomes / Michael Robert Fay
Worship and Rejoice #646*

As we gather may your spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify your name
Knowing well that as our heart begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came

“The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

Edith McNeill | Glory to God #59

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God's mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.

Call to Worship Opening litany

*(based upon Genesis 9, Psalm 25, Mark 1)
<https://www.ministrymatters.com>*

One: God said, “I will be your God.”

**ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.**

One: God said,
“I will lead you in the paths of truth.”

**ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.**

One: God said, “I will forgive you.”

**ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.**

One: God said, “My kingdom is near.”

**ALL: God has promised.
God remembers.
God is faithful.**

“To God be the Glory”

*Author: Fanny Crosby (1875)
The Blue Hymnal #485 | Glory to God #634*

1 To God be the glory; great things God has done!

So loved God the world that God gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory:
great things God has done!

2 Great things God has taught us;
great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

“Down by the Riverside”

Traditional Spiritual

1 Going to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside;
Going to lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Going to study war no more.

Chorus:

I ain't goingt' study war no more,
Ain't goingt' study war no more,
Ain't goingt' study war no more.
Ain't goingt' study war no more,
Ain't goingt' study war no more,
Ain't goingt' study war no more.

2. Going to walk with the Prince of Peace,
Down by the riverside,...

3. Going to overcome evil with good,
Down by the riverside,...

O the Deep, Deep love of Jesus

*Author: S. Trevor Francis
The Celebration Hymnal #352*

1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to Thy glorious rest above.

2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore!
How He watcheth o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

Psalm 19

Sonny Salsbury

1. Don't you wonder why
The stars are in the sky
They're tell you and I
Of the glory of God
Every towering tree
Is there for folks to see
So then no doubt can be
Of the glory of God.

Chorus:

So let the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Do the same thing for thee
And a witness be
to the glory of God.

2. Comes the morning sun
To make the darkness run
And say our day's begun
To the glory of God
But when the shadows fall
And the night winds call
They're telling one and all
Of the glory of God.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Henry van Dyke (1907, alt.)
Glory to God #611 | The Blue Hymnal #464*

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2 All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.