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Welcome to CAPC Oakland ONLINE!

We are a reformed, multicultural, politically purple, community of followers of Jesus seeking to live our faith seriously in word, deed and relationships in the East Bay.

We usually celebrate in person, but cannot during this season of COVID-19. So instead we're worshipping together via ZOOM. While imperfect, and something that we'll get better at each time we gather remotely, it will allow us to gather together even in observing social distancing. We can't do coffee hour but you can call or connect with someone else by phone to share a moment together after worship.

CHILDREN

We don't have a quiet play area or Godly Play for kids via ZOOM – but we do have online coloring sheets, activities and even recorded Godly Play Stories that you can access 24/7 online at our website at <http://www.capcoakland.org/worshiponthego>

PRAYER CARDS

We can't do prayer cards but we can do live chat on ZOOM while we meet. Rev. Karl Shadley is being our digital Deacon who will respond to any chats during the service. Look for the chat box in the lower right hand corner of your ZOOM screen.

October 25, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG

“Our God Our Help In Ages Past”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsive Reading of Psalm 85

SONG OF PRAISE

“Micah 6:8 (God Has Shown Thee)”

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:8

NAMING THE HOPE WE HEAR IN SCRIPTURE

- Myrna Shadley

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Deacon Myrna Shadley

You can share your prayer requests for the good and the new using the Chat function on Zoom. Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

SUNG RESPONSE “Siyahamba (We Are Marching In The Light Of God)”

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

“uxolo lukaKristu ”

(Xhosa)

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In the season of COVID-19 you're invited to pass the peace of God however and to whoever you can this day as we live our lives of disciples of Jesus sheltering-in-place, as an living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

Today's Scripture :: Micah 6:8

Prophets use words to remake the world. The world - heaven and earth, men and women, animals and birds - was made in the first place by God's Word. Prophets, arriving on the scene and finding that world in ruins, finding a world of moral rubble and spiritual disorder, take up the work of words again to rebuild what human disobedience and mistrust have demolished. These prophets learn their speech from God. Their words are God-grounded, God-energized, God-passionate. As their words enter the language of specific communities, men and women find themselves in the presence of God, who enters the mess of human sin to rebuke and renew.

Left to ourselves, we turn God into an object, something we can deal with, some *thing* we can use to our benefit, whether that thing is a feeling or an idea or an image. Prophets scorn all such stuff. They train us to respond to God's presence and voice.

Micah, the final member of that powerful quartet of writing prophets who burst onto the world scene in the 8th century BC (Isaiah, Hosea, and Amos were the others), like virtually all his fellow prophets- those charged with keeping people alive to God and alert to listening to the voice of God - was a pastor of metaphor. This means that he used words not simply to define or identify what can be seen, touched, smelled, heard, or tasted, but to plunge into a world of *presence*.

Some people in Judah (to whom Micah writes) had settled into lives that were easy and comfortable, living under the illusion that God was indifferent to how they lived. But he wasn't. Micah comes to condemn and convert the people; to invite them to true sight, spiritual wholeness, and moral uprightness. But they didn't want to hear the bad news he was bringing about their corruption and need to change. They wanted good news that confirmed what they were already doing and what they wanted.

Our selection today comes from chapter 6 of Micah which is set up as a court case to be tried "God versus the People." The mountains and hills comprised the jury. The prophet argues for the prosecution, building his case on the evidence of God's salvation. He enters exhibits of the people's defection and shortcomings. Micah raises a question as to what kind of plea bargain would be acceptable to settle their case. The verdict was plain as to what they people should do, and that verdict was decreed in the simplest terms:

"God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?"

- Micah 6:8

(Text taken from the intro to the book of Micah by Eugene Peterson in *The Message* Bible translation.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

26 Chinyere Okereke 30 Josh Beatty

Coffee Hour Today - Call someone else up, catch-up, check in wherever you are.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Deacon's Meeting Today at 12pm.

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Community Care Package Team Meeting
Monday at 1:00pm on Zoom

Race Matters– Monday 10/26 6-7pm on Zoom. www.capcoakland.org/race-matters.

Session Meeting - Thursday, 10/29 6:00pm on our Zoom Channel.

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, October 30th 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. Piedmont Community Service Crew & Rotary are cooking. **We need serving & setting-up. Contact Monte to help!**

Women's Group – Saturday Mornings on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

Reverse Trick-or-Treating– We're aiming to do something special for our children and youth as Halloween is mostly canceled. Want to help take candy (and tricks!) to them? **Contact Monte to help next Saturday!!!**

Indian Meals to Go Order by Wednesday for pick up Friday & Saturday 5-7pm. (510) 717-9291 or brightsinghd@rediffmail.com

Tamales por Oakland – Order tamales from our Primera Iglesia partners to help them work and you enjoy a great meal! www.capcoakland.org

Godly Play – Sundays 9:45-10:25 on Zoom. New address! Check the weekly newsletter for the link. Or look online on our website.

DO YOU SEW? We need your help! Contact Joy Bares @joynalbarnes@gmail.com

Community Thanksgiving Meal. Contact Monte if you want to help with our Thanksgiving Meal To Go Meal.

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:
Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Chat Master: Karl Shadley
Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman & Andre Schoch
Sharing: Myrna Shadley

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

“Our God Our Help In Ages Past”

Isaac Watts (1719) | Blue Hymnal #210

1 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

3 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

4 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

5 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Call To Worship Responsive Reading of Psalm 85 | The Message Translation The PEOPLE read the BOLD print

One: God, you smiled on your good earth!
You brought good times back to Jacob!
You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people,
you put their sins far out of sight.
You took back your sin-provoked threats,
you cooled your hot, righteous anger.

**ALL: Help us again, God of our help;
don't hold a grudge against us forever.
You aren't going to keep this up, are you?
scowling and angry, year after year?
Why not help us make a fresh start
—a resurrection life?
Then your people will laugh and sing!
Show us how much you love us, God!
Give us the salvation we need!**

continued...

One: I can't wait to hear what he'll say.
God's about to pronounce his people well,
The holy people God loves so much,
so they'll never again live like fools.
See how close God's salvation is
to those who fear him?
Our country is home base for Glory!

**ALL: Love and Truth meet in the street,
Right Living and Whole Living
embrace and kiss!
Truth sprouts green from the ground,
Right Living pours down from the skies!
Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty;
our land responds with Bounty and Blessing.
Right Living strides out before him,
and clears a path for his passage.**

“Micah 6:8 (He Has Shown Thee Oh Man...)” *Edie Abbott*

God has shown thee, O People
What is good and what the Lord requires of thee
God has shown thee, O People
What is good and what the Lord requires of thee
But to do justly and to love mercy
And to walk humbly with thy God

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“Lord Listen To Your Children Praying” *Ken Medema (1970)* *Glory to God #469* © 1973 Hope Publishing Company

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

“We Are Marching In The Light Of God”

South African Traditional Song

Language: English; Xhosa

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Glory to God Hymnal #583

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, we are marching oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, we are marching oh
We are marching in the light of God

Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos
Siyahamba... ooh
Siyahamba, hamba, Siyahamba, hamba
Siyahambay kookay nyen kwen kos

We are living in the love of God

We are moving in the power of God