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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

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.

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GATHERING SONG

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Prayer for the Election

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:24 & Micah 6:8

SONG OF PRAISE

“This is the Day that the Lord Has Made”

NAMING THE HOPE WE HEAR IN SCRIPTURE

- Sharon Nelson

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Micah 6:8 (God Has Shown Thee)”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION TABLE - FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

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. We also invite you to type names of loved ones and saints who have gone before us into the great mystery of death as we celebrate Día de los Muertos/All Saints' Day today.

Leader: God, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

COMMUNION: FINDING GOD AROUND OUR DIGITAL TABLE

Today we'll celebrate this foundational meal by intinction wherever you are. Monte will begin with a prayer – during which you're invited to put your screen to “speaker view” – and then as we share the meal together please reset your screen to “gallery view.”

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

SENDING SONG

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: God is good!

Leader: And all the time!

People: All the time!

People: God is good!

EXHORTATION & BEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD

“Uxolo LukaKristu ”

(Xhosa)

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 Scriptures: Psalm 118:24 & Micah 6:8

"This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24

"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

A Litany Around the Election

Listening to scripture reminds us that that participating in God's realm always means standing in opposition to other kingdoms. Throughout history, followers of Jesus have faced opposition because their witness exposed the falsehood of others gods and threatened the power and profitability of earthly empires.

In the midst of this election season, let us commit ourselves to remembering whose realm we belong to and who our Savior truly is. May we be faithful witnesses who declare with both our mouths and with our lives that "Jesus is Lord" in ways that bring about truth, justice, and shalom for all people.

*By Erina Kim-Eubanks,
Co-Pastor Bethel Community Church, San Leandro*

REOPENING | COVID-19 | CAPC OAKLAND

The session voted (10.29.20) to affirm the recommendation made by our COVID-19 Response Team to not open the church for worship services in the foreseeable future. The current numbers are trending down locally, but across the country we are seeing new daily highs in case of numbers of infection. As the majority of our congregational population are at high risk to complications with COVID-19 because of age and/or health issues, the session unanimously deemed it best to not reopen for worship services at this time. As flu season begins, and the forecasted second wave of the virus appears, we will stick with this course of action until at least February when we will again as our Response Team to make a recommendation based on their wisdom and professional experience.

We're grateful to our Response team which includes Annette Laverty (Alameda County Public Health Worker); Dr. David Kittams (Pediatrician); and Sharon Nelson & Patt Schroeder (local Social Workers).

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Nenna Okereke 5 Harry Hussian
11 Albert Hussian 13 Elaine Price
15 Pete Feltman

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Faith in the Public Square - the Election - We're engaging our community in prayer and reflection in the coming days with a prayer installation in the garden and individual labyrinth walks in the Sanctuary Sunday - Wednesday 12-2pm, 4-6pm.

Daily Zoom Calls - every day at 12pm.

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

Race Matters - Monday 11/2 6-7pm on Zoom. www.capcoakland.org/race-matters.

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, November 6th. Gary & Louise are cooking. **We also need serving & setting-up. Contact Monte!**

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

Election Day is Tuesday 7am-8pm. Return your ballot, or pick up a new one at various spots around Alameda County. Find info at www.acvote.gov

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 create 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. This week sign-ups will go live for the help we need serving, setting-up, cleaning-up, cooking at home. Look for the newsletter link on Wednesday.

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Chat Master: Karl Shadley
Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman
Sharing: Sharon Nelson

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

Anonymous || Glory to God #835

1. I am weak but thou art strong
Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As a I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Refrain

Just a closer a walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

2. Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter, Lord who cares?
Who with my my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is over a
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore

Refrain

Call To Worship Responsive Prayer on Citizen Day (the Sunday before each National Election)

Prayer for the Elections

*by Rev. Shannon Kelly, Missioner for Young Adult and
Campus Ministries, The Episcopal Church*

**The Leader offers a prayer stanza, each of which is
highlighted by the following litany**

Leader: God, our creator,

People: **Guide us in truth and love.**

*You find the full text of the litany on the last page of to-
day's bulletin.*

“This is the Day”

Anonymous

This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.

“Micah 6:8 (He Has Shown Thee..)”

Eddie 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

But to do justly and to love mercy
And to walk humbly with thy God

“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

“Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

Ada R. Habershon (1907)

African American Heritage Hymnal #598

There are loved ones in the glory
Whose dear forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story,
Will you join them in their bliss?

Chorus:

Will the circle be unbroken
By and by, by and by?
Is a better world awaiting
In the sky Lord, in the sky?

In the joyous days of childhood
Oft they told of wondrous love
Pointed to the dying Savior;
Now they dwell with Him above.

(Chorus)

You remember songs of heaven
Which you sang with childish voice.
Do you love the hymns they taught you,
Or are songs of earth your choice?

(Chorus)

You can picture happy gath'ings
Round the fireside long ago,
And you think of tearful partings
When they left you here below.

(Chorus)

One by one their seats were emptied.
One by one they went away.
Now the family is parted.
Will it be complete one day?

(Chorus)

Prayer for the Elections

by Rev. Shannon Kelly, Missioner for Young Adult and Campus Ministries, The Episcopal Church

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone's voice.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

People: Guide us in truth and love.

