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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 have Godly Play for kids via ZOOM at 9:45am on Sunday. Find info and links at <http://www.capcoakland.org/zoom-worship-virtual-gatherings>

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 responds to any chats during the service. Look for the chat box in the lower right hand corner of your ZOOM screen.

PAST EVENTS

Find past services & sermons online at capcoakland.org/worshiponthego

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Goodness is Stronger than Evil"

NAMING THE HOPE WE HEAR IN SCRIPTURE

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Psalm 2:1-7
 Matthew 5:1-12
 Acts 11:25-30
 Matthew 10:5-16

CONVERSATIONAL SERMON - Monte McClain & Karl Shadley

SONG RESPONSE OF RESPONSE "Ancient Words"

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

SENDING SONG "When the Storms of Life are Raging Stand by Me"

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)

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 a living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

What's a Conversational Sermon?

“Conversation” is one of the buzzwords in the twenty-first century church. It has very positive connotations, to be contrasted with less amicable words like “debate,” “argument,” “bickering,” “fighting,” “commanding,” and “condemning”. Conversation is polite, respectful, collaborative, revealing, humble and compassionate.

It is also biblical; we must be quick to listen and slow to speak (James 1:19). Christians who cease to be engaged in authentic conversation with one another and with the world have failed to follow their master. Truth can be powerfully proclaimed and deeply apprehended through conversations. Through conversation,

- Nicodemus discovered that he must be born again;
- the Samaritan woman exchanged her water jar for living water;
- the man born blind received spiritual as well as physical sight;
- Martha's hope of the resurrection became focused upon the one who gives life;
- Peter apprehended forgiveness and re-commissioning.

Biblically-centered conversation is a sign that a congregation is truly engaging God's Word. Why is it then that most Christians, when we gather for the most important meeting of our week, do not have a conversation? Instead, a preacher stands in front of the congregation for thirty, forty, even fifty or sixty minutes and speaks without any verbal interaction from the congregation.

Many in the Church wonder these days if it's time to replace the single voice in the sermon with something, well, more conversational?

In this week of elections, change, and uncertainty - talking together, conversing, about what it means to follow Jesus as Master and Lord is just what we should be doing. Karl and I are proposing a conversation around 2 scriptures that we each propose as vital and vigorous call for us to not just believe in Jesus but to live like Jesus - to not just have orthodox thoughts but to be formed and always reforming in the image, example and purpose of Jesus.

At each baptism we are invited to recall our vocation of continual formation through this liturgical invitation: *“Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.”* We hope this conversation reforms all of us. - Monte

Parts of this text are reprinted from <https://www.9marks.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

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

Race Matters– Monday 11/8 6-7pm on Zoom.
www.capcoakland.org/race-matters.

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, November 13th. 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

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 Barnes @ 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.

Transportation Help Needed! Lori Castner is looking for occasional help with transportation so that she can go and visit Mike at the Sunset Nursing Home at Skyline & Redwood Road. The commitment would involve no more than 2 hours (dropping off and picking up) 1 week a month. Contact Lori Castner at (510) 388-9913 if you can help.

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

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

*Frederick William Faber (1862)
Glory to God #435*

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea
There’s a kindness in God’s justice
Which is more than liberty
There is no place where earth’s sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven
There is no place where earth’s failings
Have such kindly judgment given

2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind
If our love were but more faithful
We would gladly trust God’s word
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord

Call To Worship Unison Opening Prayer

*(Micah 6, Psalm 15, Matthew 5, 1 Corinthians 1)
Taken from www.ministrymatters.com.*

Loving God,
we come this morning
seeking to abide in your presence.
Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom,
that we may know how to live as your people.
Open our hearts to your spirit of truth,
that we may love all your people with a love
that speaks of justice, kindness,
and radical grace.
May this time of worship
be authentic and pleasing to you.
Amen.

“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

*Text: Desmond Tutu, 1994; Music: John L. Bell, 1996
Glory to God Hymnal #750*

Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours; victory is ours
through God who loves us.

Victory is ours; victory is ours
through God who loves us.

“Ancient Words”

*Lynn DeShazo
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1. Holy words long preserved,
For our walk in this world
They resound with God’s own heart,
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life, Words of hope,
Give us strength, Help us cope
In this world where e’er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus:
Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart

2. Holy words of our faith,
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved,
For our walk in this world
They resound with God’s own heart,
O let the ancient words impart

“When the Storms of Life are Raging Stand by Me”

Charles Albert Tindley (1905)

African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal #420

**SCRIPTURES DISCUSSED IN TODAY'S
CONVERSATIONAL SERMON**

Psalm 2:1-7

1. When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me,
When the storms of life are raging,
Stand by me,
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea;
Thou who rulest wind and water,
Stand by me.

2 In the midst of tribulations,
Stand by me,
In the midst of tribulations,
Stand by me,
When the hosts of hell assail,
And my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle,
Stand by me.

3 In the midst of faults and failures,
Stand by me,
In the midst of faults and failures,
Stand by me,
When I do the best I can,
And my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me,
Stand by me.

4 In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me,
In the midst of persecution,
Stand by me,
When my foes in war array
Undertake to stop my way,
Thou who saved Paul and Silas,
Stand by me.

5 When I'm growing old and feeble,
Stand by me,
When I'm growing old and feeble,
Stand by me,
When my life becomes a burden,
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou "Lily of the Valley,"
Stand by me.

1 Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and his anointed, saying,
3 “Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us.”

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord has them in derision.
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 “I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.”

7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for right-
eousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way
they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, f
or they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted f
or righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Acts 11:25-30

25 Then [the church in Jerusalem] sent Barnabas to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called “Christians.”

27 At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 One of them named

Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. 29 The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; 30 this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Matthew 10:5-16

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. 9 Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. 12 As you enter the house, greet it. 13 If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. 15 Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

16 “See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

Stand by Me

Charles Albert Tindley, 1905

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1. When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
 2. In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
 3. In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
 4. In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
 5. When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

me (stand by me); When the storms of life are rag - ing, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of trib - u - la - tion, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of faults and fail - ures, Stand by
 me (stand by me); In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, Stand by
 me (stand by me); When I'm grow - ing old and fee - ble, Stand by

me (stand by me); When the world is toss - ing me Like a
 me (stand by me); When the hosts of hell as - sail, And my
 me (stand by me); When I do the best I can, And my
 me (stand by me); When my foes in battle a - rray Un - der -
 me (stand by me); When my life becomes a bur - den, And I'm

ship up - on the sea Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, Stand by me (stand by me).
 strength be - gins to fail, Thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, Stand by me (stand by me).
 friends mis-un - der-stand, Thou who know-est all a - bout me, Stand by me (stand by me).
 - take to stop my way, Thou who sav - ed Paul and Si - las, Stand by me (stand by me).
 near - ing chill-y Jordan, O Thou "Li - ly of the Vall-ey," Stand by me (stand by me).