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Life in the name of
Jesus
 Legacy

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**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland ONLINE!**

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

We usually gather 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. Myrna Shadley is being our digital Deacon. She'll use the prayer requests you may share in the chat during our visual gathering to shape our Prayers of the People time. Look for the chat box in the lower right hand corner of your ZOOM screen.

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG "Give Me Jesus"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight"

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 & Genesis 12:1-5

SERMON "Living in the Name of Jesus" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Doubting Thomas"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - 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 "I Saw The Light"

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 "Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed"

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.

Reflections on Today's Reading
John 20: 19-31 & Genesis 12:1-5

Throughout Lent – the season leading from up to Easter, we've been talking about the theme of Flourishing. We're going to continue and deepen that reflection around the theme of legacy.

A Legacy is:

- 1: a gift by will especially of money or other personal property : BEQUEST
- 2: something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past
- 3: a candidate for membership in an organization (such as a school or fraternal order) who is given special status because of a familial relationship to a member

Legacies are in the past and also the present. We also can be mindful of the legacy we leave as we live. Today's scripture in John is the end of the story of Jesus, which actually sends us back to the beginning of the story of the people of God and the calling of Abram (and Sarah) in Genesis 12. And this ending is also a new beginning in its own right.

How do the disciples not recognize Jesus? Just like the women in last week's reading (John 20:1-18). Maybe it has to do more with emotions and thoughts than physical senses. Could it be that they're all so shut up tight behind the closed doors of their fears, unmet expectations, and dashed hopes, that they can't recognize the Jesus that is – that is right in front of them? It's not until Jesus offers his peace – a peace that the world doesn't give or know – that they can see what is right there. It's a healing, a liberating release from the shackles that kept them from living and flourishing in faith and confidence in Jesus and his Way. It's a creation of a community of those who know love and love others in the same grace. Thomas, is he a doubter?; a stickler? Or does he feel left out since he wasn't with everyone else for the big reveal?

They are sent – to love as Jesus loves, healing, forgiving, releasing the captives – just as Jesus did (Luke 4); to testify to the light in the darkness, the love, grace, mercy that makes us all into the children of God (John 1). That same call and sending is in the story of Abram and Sarah who are blessed to be a blessing. The legacy of faith seems to be a flourishing, an active giving of love, a freeing of those who are captives, a healing of those who are broken. It's not an afterthought as much as our purpose.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

1. **What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?**
2. **What does life in the name of Jesus mean? (in particular as the name Jesus means "Yahweh saves" or "delivers"?)**
3. **Who in your life has left you a spiritual legacy? How?**

April Birthdays

12 Chuck Marut 13 Toni Proulx
20 Kelechi Okereke

Weekly Calendar

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Community Care Package Team Meeting
Monday 4/12 at 1:00pm on Zoom.

Race Matters, Monday, 4/12 @ 6:00pm on Zoom – talking about spirituality and racial justice.

The Bible Makes Sense, Thursdays at 7:00pm & Fridays at 11am on Zoom. A class on how to read and work with the Bible. Be sure to watch/listen to the videos between classes to get the most out of it. capcoakland.org

Community Care Package Workshop – Friday, April 16th at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Please register in advance to come help.

Friday Night Meal - Friday, April 16th 6:00pm. Sign up online at <http://www.capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal> or contact Monte to help with set-up and serving, and clean-up.

Women's Group – Saturdays at 9:30am on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

Men's Group – Saturday 4/17 at 10am on our regular church Zoom channel. Contact Bill Beatty

Care Givers Support Group - Sunday 4/18 at 3-5pm on our regular church Zoom channel.

Indian Meals to Go- Info online at capcoakland.org

Godly Play – Sundays 9:45-10:25 on Zoom.

Thank you to Today's Worship Leadership:
Chat Master: Kristy Parsons McClain
Prayer Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle
Video Tech: Thom Faulkner

Lyrics & Responses for Today's Celebration

“Give Me Jesus ”

Jeremy Camp

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

chorus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all the rest
But give me Jesus

2. My mother used to say,
My mother used to say,
My mother used to say,
Give me Jesus

3. Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus

4 And when I'm about to die,
And when I'm about to die,
And when I'm about to die,
Give me Jesus

Call to Worship Litany – *(inspired by Genesis 12: 1-4)*

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

One: We are met in the presence of God
ALL: And we do not meet alone.

One: With the angels in the highest heaven
ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With Abraham and Sarah
ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: With the saints of every age
ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

One: We embark on our own journey of faith
ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

One: God makes of us a great people
ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

One: In the desert and in the den,
in barrio and basilica,
In the flats and the hills,
ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

One: We journey in the presence of God.
ALL: And we do not journey alone.

“We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight ”

Henry Alford (1844)

The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #399

1. We walk by faith and not by sight
No gracious words we hear
From Christ who spoke as None e'er spoke
But we believe him near

2. We may not touch his hands and side
Nor follow where he trod
But in his promise we rejoice
And cry my lord my god

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief
And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near
And seek where you are found

4. That, when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
With full and endless sight

“Doubting Thomas”

Nickel Creek

What will be left when I've drawn my last breath,
Besides the folks I've met and the folks who know me,
Will I discover a soul saving love,
Or just the dirt above and below me,

I'm a doubting Thomas,
I took a promise,
But I do not feel safe,
Oh me of little faith,

Sometimes I pray for a slap in the face,
Then I beg to be spared 'cause I'm a coward,
If there's a master of death I'll bet he's holding his
breath,
As I show the blind and tell the deaf about his power,
I'm a doubting Thomas,
I can't keep my promises,
'Cause I don't know what's safe,
oh me of little faith

Can I be used to help others find truth,
When I'm scared I'll find proof that it's a lie,
Can I be lead down a trail dropping bread crumbs,
That prove I'm not ready to die,

Please give me time to decipher the signs,
Please forgive me for time that I've wasted,

I'm a doubting Thomas,
I'll take your promise,
Though I know nothin's safe,
Oh me of little faith

“I Saw The Light ”

Hank Williams

1. I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

(chorus)
I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

2. Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his
sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

chorus

3. I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

chorus

4. God give me wisdom when I walk this path
Show me the right way to love and to laugh
I can't walk without you sharing my plight
Praise the lord I saw the light

chorus