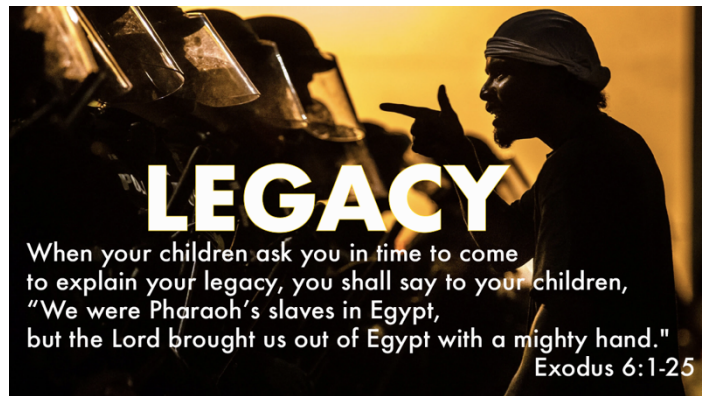


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**Welcome to
 CAPC Oakland ONLINE!**

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 MASH-UP SONG "Step by Step" :: "Love the Lord, Your God"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart"

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6:1-25

SERMON "Teffilin & Mezuzahs. Remembering to Move Forward" - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

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
Deuteronomy 6:1-25

We're talking about legacy in this post-Easter and pre-return-to-what-used-to-be-called-normal time. It's amazing and exhausting that we made it through this year. How will it change us, for it's both inadvisable and impossible for us to just go back to the way things were. What will we hold on to?; let go of?

Today's text is what transpires immediately after Moses receives the 10 Commandments in Deuteronomy chapter 5. They're afraid of God, asking Moses to be a go-between from them to God. He returns, but different. He tells the people that they are different now too – transformed by the experience of God's word. They have to pivot, to re-organize their life around what they have heard – what they've been invited to pay attention to, organize their life around, and live into – the Shema of God. **Shema** is the Hebrew word meaning to listen, to hear, to pay attention or heed to, to obey. The Israelites are to restart and continue their journey of faith and life rooted in the life-changing Word that The Lord God is one. This God who brought them to freedom from slavery in Egypt; who is providing them with a home when they haven't had one; who is leading to them life when they were as good as dead. This God is named YAHWEH – a Hebrew name that is impossible to interpret with only one meaning. It means something along the lines of I am who I was, or I was who I will be, or I will be who I will be – I AM – the one you can't put in a box.

Having experienced this freedom-giving, home-creating, life-bringing God as with and for them, the people cannot simply return to what-used-to-be. They are to remember. To speak of what has happened. To retell what they have experienced. To pay forward what they have received. Teaching their children. Focusing their life around this memory. Recognizing that knowing this transformative God means they can't remain the same,...

Moses tells them to wear Tefillin on their arms and foreheads, to place mezuzahs on their doorposts. These "containers" hold the memory and invitation of the SHEMA. They are to be the center around which the people build their life. Their legacy future is rooted in their past - how God has acted with and for them.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- 1. What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?**
- 2. What essential story or word (SHEMA) do you – do we – retell, remember and recall through our own tefillin and mezuzahs? How do you do that? Why don't you do it?**
- 3. We're moving to re-opening and re-starting life as the pandemic is overcome. What do we need to hold onto, and place at the center of our life together as a SHEMA-type memory to guide, direct and focus our life?**

April Birthdays

18 Carol Dolezal 20 Kelechi Okereke

Weekly Calendar

Care Givers Support Group – today - *Sunday 4/18 at 3-5pm on Zoom Meeting number is 8599 264 9741. The password is 2700.*

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Community Care Package Team Meeting
Monday 4/19 at 1:00pm on Zoom.

Race Matters, Monday, 4/19 @ 6:00pm on Zoom – talking about immigration from an Atlantic Article. Find it on the website.

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

Session Meeting – Thursday, 4/22 @ 7pm.

Community Care Package Workshop – Friday, April 23rd at 5:30pm in the sanctuary. Please register in advance to come help.

Friday Night Meal - Friday, April 23rd 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. Bright & Remya are cooking the meal.

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

Deacons Meeting – Next Sunday after Worship.

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

“Step by Step ”

David "Beaker" Strasser

Glory to God #743

Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

“Love The Lord Your God”

Lincoln Brewster

Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve You Lord with all my heart with all my
soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

Call to Worship Litany – (Psalm 62)

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

One: God, the one and only—
I'll wait as long as God says.
Everything I need comes from the Lord,
so why not?

**ALL: God is solid rock under my feet,
breathing room for my soul,
An impregnable castle:
I'm set for life.**

One: To my adversaries, those who seem to work
against me,
I ask "How long will you gang up on me?
How long will you run with the bullies?
There's nothing to you, any of you—

**ALL: rotten floorboards, worm-eaten rafters,
Anthills plotting to bring down mountains,
far gone in make-believe.**

**You talk a good line,
but every “blessing” breathes a curse.**

One: God, the one and only—
I'll wait as long as God says.
Everything I hope for comes from the Lord,
so why not?

**ALL: God is solid rock under my feet,
breathing room for my soul,
An impregnable castle:
I'm set for life.**

One: My help and glory are in God
—God is my strong rock
— my refuge from the storm—

**ALL: So trust the Lord absolutely, people;
lay your lives on the line for God.
The Lord is a shelter: a safe place to be.**

“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”

Henry Smith (1978)

Glory to God #647

Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart
Give Thanks To The Holy One
Give Thanks Because He Has Given
Jesus Christ His Son
repeat

And Now Let The Weak Say I Am Strong
Let The Poor Say I Am Rich
Because Of What The Lord
Has Done For Us.
repeat

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #276

1. Great is thy faithfulness O god Creator
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been and forever will be

chorus

Great is thy faithfulness Great is thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand has provided
Great is thy faithfulness lord unto me

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness mercy and love

3. Pardon for sin and peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?”

Traditional Spiritual,

Songs of Zion #106

chorus:

Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel,
deliver Daniel deliver Daniel
Didn’t my Lord deliver Daniel,
and why not every one?
(repeat)

1. He delivered Daniel from the Lion’s den
Jonah from the belly of the whale
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace
And why not every one?

Chorus

2. The moon run down in a purple stream
The sun forget to shine,
And every star disappear
King Jesus will be mine

Chorus

3. The wind blows east and the wind blows west
It blows like judgment day
And every poor soul that never did pray
will be glad to poor that day

chorus

4. I set my foot on the gospel ship
And the ship begin to sail
It landed me over on Canaan shore
And I’ll never come back no more

chorus