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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 "All Creatures of our God and King"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Change My Heart O God"

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-7;
 1 Samuel 21:1-9 & Matthew 12:1-14

SERMON "Stepping Back into the Building"

- Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Potter's Hand"

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 "The church's one foundation"

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
Jeremiah 18:1-7; 1 Samuel 21:1-9 & Matthew 12:1-14

This has been a week of potential breaking and reparations. The guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial shone a light on statistical problems about the exorbitant rate of violence, injury and death that occurs between black men (like George Floyd) when they encounter police officers in our country. Something is broken in our society. One trial can't fix it. This too is part of our legacy today.

Kintsugi (金継ぎ, "golden joinery") is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold. As a philosophy, it treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise.

The prophet Jeremiah was sent by God to interact with a potter who repaired and replaced broken pottery. It was a prophetic action speaking to Israel of what God intended for them as a community in the exile to Babylon. They were broken in a way that only God could repair, restore and make whole.

In 1 Samuel 21 we hear the story of David – on the run because he's being hunted down by the jealous King Saul. Hungry David (and his colleagues) seek refuge in the house of the LORD. The only food there is the consecrated showbread bread: twelve loaves of bread, symbolizing God's continual fellowship with Israel. It was always to be fresh. It was not to be treated casually. In fact, it was to be eaten by the priests: And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place (Leviticus 24:9). The priest Ahimelech gives it to David to respond to his hunger, to care for his well-being. This too was worship of God - and holy work.

We read of Jesus being condemned by the religious authorities for healing on the Sabbath – the day of rest when one was to contemplate the majesty of God, study the Torah word and celebrate what God has done for us. Jesus challenges this codified notion of the sacred, referring to the story of David and the showbread, challenging the religious notion that the only healing work that could be done on the sabbath was to save someone from death. Jesus challenges this, healing the non-life-threatening wound of the crippled man, reminding the people present of what the work of God is – to honor life, to love one's neighbor and to choose life.

In our broken nation we are faced with the challenge of how to respond. What do we do with our building? How are we sanctuary for those who are hungry, sick, rejected, and on the run?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- 1. What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in the text?**
- 2. How can we be practitioners of Kintsugi, helping repair what is broken by loving as Jesus first loves us?**

May Anniversaries

2 Karl & Myrna Shadley

Weekly Calendar

Deacons – today 11:50am on Zoom.

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

Community Care Package Team Meeting
Monday 4/26 at 1:00pm on Zoom.

Race Matters, Monday, 4/26 @ 6:00pm on Zoom – talking about reparations and the Church. Find the article 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

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

Friday Night Meal - Friday, April 30th 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. The high school students of the Piedmont Community Service Crew are cooking the meal.

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

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: Albert Hussian, Thom Faulkner

Lyrics & Responses for Today's Celebration

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

Paraphraser: William H. Draper;

Author: St. Francis of Assisi (1225)

The Blue Presbyterian Hymnal #455

1. All creatures of our God and king,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, Alleluia
O Brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam
Sing praises Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

2. O brother wind with clouds and rain
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain
Alleluia, Alleluia
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear
Sing praises Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

3. O brother fire, so warm and bright
chase off the shadows of the night
Alleluia, Alleluia
Dear mother earth who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our our way
Sing praises Alleluia ,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

4. All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve
Alleluia, Alleluia
Christ bears your burdens and your fears,
so even in the midst of tears
Sing praises, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Call to Worship Litany – ((from 1 John 4:7-8, 11-12))

By Rev Mindi. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

One: Beloved, let us love one another,
ALL: Because love is from God;

One: Everyone who loves is born of God and
knows God.
**ALL: Whoever does not love does not know
God, for God is love.**

One: Beloved, since God loved us so much,
ALL: We also ought to love one another.

One: No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,
ALL: God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

One: Come, worship God, who is love,
ALL: And follow Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Change My Heart O God”

Eddie Espinosa

English; Spanish

Glory to God #695

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Change my heart O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart O God
May I be like You

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray

"Potter's Hand"

Darlene Zschech

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Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior
I know for sure all of my days
are held in Your hand.
Crafted into Your perfect plan.

You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit,
teach me dear Lord.
To live all of my life through your eyes.

(prechorus)

I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart, I know You're drawing
me to Yourself
Lead me Lord, I pray.

CHORUS:

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the Potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me

I give my life, to the Potter's hand.

"The Church's One Foundation"

Samuel J. Stone (1866; alt.)

The Presbyterian Hymnal #442

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

4 Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

Relief and Grief: A Prayer

By Rev Mindi <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

God of our ancestors,

We cry out in lament.

There is no justice when life is lost,
for it cannot be replaced.

There is no accountability when one police officer is
taken away to prison while another shoots and kills a
young Black girl.

There is no equality when time and again it is Black
bodies who suffer en masse.

There is no sacrifice.

There is a brief moment of relief, the release that our
senses did not deceive us and what we heard and saw
and felt was real and Black voices were believed.

For once.

Not for always.

Until there are no more murders of Black bodies
by police officers, there is no justice.

Only grief.

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Call us into repentance.

May we seek not to repair a broken system but
to dismantle and build something new

For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.
Amen and Amen.

And God of our Ancestors, an addendum:

For those of us who are white, O God Almighty, call us
into accountability. Open us to our privilege.

Convict us when we easily join in protesting one
day and take a day off the next because it's too
much for us, when it doesn't cost us anything,
and costs our Black neighbors everything.

Hold us responsible for our complicity
in systems of sin.

Guide us into the work of justice
and help us to listen
to our Black and Indigenous neighbors,
whose labor we have exploited and land
and voices we have stolen.

Move us into the work of reparation.

For You, our Savior, came to us
from an oppressed people,
dying on the instrument of the empire's criminal
justice system, and overcame sin, death, and hell
through Your resurrection.
If we do not understand the power of the system,
the power of sin and death,
the power of hell on earth,
we will never understand
what our neighbors go through.

Convict us, O God,
and send us into this holy work,
even when it is painful for us
to understand and accept our role in this.
Even when we want to deny we are racist,
convict us, O God.

For only through repentance and reparation
will we know Your kingdom.
Amen.