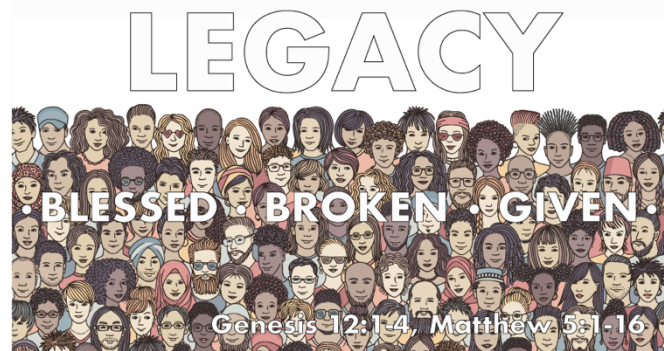


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**Welcome to  
 CAPC Oakland ONLINE!**

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 "Worthy"
- LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE "Potter's Hand"
- LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-4 & Matthew 5:1-16. - Marji Wilkens
- PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD "Blessed. Broken. Given." - Monte McClain
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE "All Who Hunger"
- 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.**
- 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" – 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 "Bound For The Promised Land"
- 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 "The Peace of Christ"

*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 Genesis 12:1-4 & Matthew 5:1-16

We've been talking about legacy for the past two months as we move towards the re-opening of our society and church. Legacy – has both positive and negative connotations– a loaded idea. “First, it means what you leave behind to your heirs (the inheritance or gift). And second, one can also have a terribly negative legacy—the bad stuff that passes on from generation to generation (the effect, the outcome, the awful consequence of a personal or family way of being in the world).”

During this ongoing discussion we've used the Japanese art form and philosophical idea of Kintsugi (金継ぎ) as a metaphor to talk about the legacy of this past year. Kintsugi is the art of repairing broken pottery by mending the areas of breakage with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold. As a philosophy, it's about embracing flaws, imperfections, “brokenness” then blessing, keeping, and restoring them – quite possibly even making the item (person, community) stronger.

This has led us to envision the transition that we're making as more of a re-starting than a re-opening, as we seek to embrace, embody our faith in vibrant ways that correspond to the legacy of the past year plus: from isolation and a renewed commitment to service, and from a societal racial awakening to a communal sharing of trauma.

Today's scripture are key to our faith tradition and spiritual landscape. The call of Abraham and Sarah – to more: To step out from their comfort zones. To go to a new place that God will show them. To pay forward to others the ways in which God blesses them. Jesus in the Beatitudes then challenges and subverts our notion of what it means to be blessed.

In Hebrew, the word “to be blessed” is related to the image of a heavily-laden beast of burden, carrying helps for the journey. It's related to the image of Abraham & Sarah being called to leave their homeland, what they've known, what's become (maybe too) familiar for a new country and space. They take with them the good & bad of their legacy (as we see in the whole story of Genesis). The Beatitudes articulate the vision of Jesus of our world and us. Paradoxically, the notion of being blessed intersects the notion of being broken. Blessedness and brokenness are related to being given to the world, to others.

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

1. **What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in today's text?**
2. **How have you been blessed this past year? Broken?**
3. **How is God calling you to give yourself (ourselves as a church) in response to our blessedness and brokenness?**

## June Birthdays

3 Mercy Beatty            12 Daniel Trowbridge  
13 Lina Foltz Careaga    14 Patt Schroeder  
15 Brian Trowbridge      24 Beth Beatty  
29 Sophie McClain 2002

## June Anniversaries

26 Bill & Beth Beatty 1965

## Weekly Calendar

**Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.**

**Community Care Package Team Meeting**  
Monday 6/7 at 1:00pm on Zoom.

**Race Matters this Week -Monday 6/7 @ 6pm.** We're discussing a podcast with Resmaa Menakem from OnBeing.

**Community Care Package Workshop – Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** in the sanctuary. Please register in advance to come help.

**Friday Night Meal - Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm.** Sign up online at <http://www.capcoakland.org/friday-night-meal> 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

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

**We are re-opening for in person worship on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.** We are restarting in-person worship with the session recommendation that we approach this reopening as a new normal. You're invited to come to worship in person and to wear a mask to protect others. We'll have coffee hour outside for safety. *More info online at capcoakland.org.* **Come to the Open Forum about Restarting Sunday, 6/6 @ 11:50am on Zoom** to ask questions and hear more info.

**Vacation** Monte will be on vacation June 7-20<sup>th</sup>  
Rev. David Gill is preaching on 6/13  
Rev. Bill Beatty is preaching on 6/20

**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, Ben Kramaz

Preaching: Monte McClain

Lyrics & Responses for Today's Celebration

**"Worthy"**

1. Worthy, worthy worthy is the lamb  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the lamb
2. Praise you, praise you, praise you evermore  
We praise you, we praise you, we praise you evermore
3. Love you, love you, love you evermore  
We love you, we love you, we love you evermore

**Call to Worship Litany** – *written by Rev. Mindi,  
and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>*

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
the downtrodden and despairing,

**People: They will rejoice in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn,  
who are grieving

**People: They will be comforted in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are the ones who seek  
justice and righteousness

**People: They will find it in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are we  
when we love our neighbors and seek their needs

**People: We will live in God's reign forever.**

One: Blessed are we all  
when we seek to serve others in God's name.

**People: Let us worship together, serving one another  
and serving our Mighty God. Amen.**

**"Potter's Hand"**

*E. A. Hoffman (1887)*

*Glory to God #837*

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.

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.

## **“All Who Hunger”**

*Sylvia G. Dunstan (1990)*  
*Glory to God #509*

1. All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

## **“Bound For The Promised Land”**

*Samuel Stennett (1787)*  
*Tune: PROMISED LAND (American)*  
*African American Heritage Hymnal #586*

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land  
Where my possessions lie

*Chorus*

I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound for the promised land  
O who will come and go with me  
I am bound for the promised land

2. All o'er those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day  
There God the son forever reigns  
And scatters night away

*Chorus*

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore  
Sickness and sorrow pain and death  
Are felt and feared no more

*Chorus*

4. When shall I reach that happy place  
And be forever blest  
When shall I see my Father's face  
And in His bosom rest

*Chorus*

## **Genesis 12:1-4**

*The Message Translation*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
those who curse you I will curse;  
all the families of the earth  
will be blessed because of you."

<sup>4</sup> Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

## **Matthew 5:1-16**

*Common English Bible*

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup> He taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

<sup>4</sup> "Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

<sup>5</sup> "Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

<sup>7</sup> "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

<sup>10</sup> "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

<sup>11</sup> "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. <sup>12</sup> Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you.

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.