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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 don't have a quiet play area or Godly Play for kids via ZOOM – but we do have online coloring sheets, activities and even recorded Godly Play Stories that you can access 24/7 online at our website at <http://www.capcoakland.org/worshiponthego>

### 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..

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## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG

"Don't Be Afraid"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Nobody Knows The Trouble I See" (Rare Version)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

- Cristina Ramirez

SPEAKING OF FAITH

"It's the End of the World As We Know It"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Canticle Of Turning"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Deacon Myrna Shadley

*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

SUNG RESPONSE

"Jesus Savior Pilot 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

**"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.*

## Thoughts on Today's Reading

### Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

The Book of Mark is most likely the first of the four gospel books to be written, sometime in the late 60s CE. In reading today's selection it's important to remember or learn, about the Siege of Jerusalem in the year 70 CE. It was the decisive event of the First Jewish-Roman War, in which the Roman army captured the city of Jerusalem and destroyed both the city and its Temple. So Mark writes his gospel (the first) as or after this war and destruction takes place.

Today's selection follows and continues a section of conflict between Jesus and his political opponents which began at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (the story of Palm Sunday) in Mark 11. Since his arrival in Jerusalem, (the political, social and religious capital of the Jewish people) Jesus has been butting heads with the leaders. Here Jesus gives up and pronounces his judgement against the Temple, revealing what he sees to be true: the epicenter of Jewish life – the place where heaven and earth met – had lost its way. He foresees and prophesies the destruction of the temple - The space in which God's presence dwelled and could be encountered through prayer and sacrifice. If there is no Temple where would one seek God?

Mark 13 is called the Apocalyptic vision of Mark. It's important to remember that the word apocalypse (a Greek word" means "a revealing or disclosure of what actually is" as opposed to a doomsday battle with which it's often associated.

And so when we read the story as a disclosure as opposed to a promise of impending doom we can see that when Jesus says to "Stay awake!" – in the evening, at midnight, at cockcrow and at dawn he might be talking more about his story – when he goes to the garden to pray with his disciples after the last supper, when he's arrested there and betrayed by Judas, when Peter denies knowing Jesus for the third time as the rooster crows, and as Jesus is dragged before Pontius Pilate and the raucous crowd who clamors for his crucifixion. Could it be that Jesus (and Mark in his telling of the story) is trying to disclose something about how and where God is present in the world?

#### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What grabs your attention in today's reading?**
- **Imagine yourself as one of the Jews in the wake of their destruction by Babylon and then oppression by the Romans. How would you hope for God to avenge what you might have lost: property, jobs, people, family, freedom. What would you see as the justice that God should give to your enemies and to you?**
- **What is Jesus saying about the Temple and where God can be found in the world?**
- **Today feels like an apocalypse in this season of COVID-19. What is being revealed or disclosed about how God is in the world, or how the world truly is?**
- **What invitation to walk, act, speak, or relate to others do you hear in the text today?**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

**Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland** – We are using our website as the center for all information. Simply go to the home page and then look for links for what your searching...zoom calls, coloring sheets, directory information, prayer videos.... All at **WWW.CAPCOAKLAND.ORG**.

**Coffee Hour Today** - is taking place wherever you are. Call someone else up and say hello, catch-up and check in! – you can also join us for Zoom coffee hour at 12pm – on the same Zoom channel.

**Daily Zoom Calls – "Connection Calls" – every day at 12pm.** You can join the daily Connection Call from:

1. Your computer  
by entering <https://zoom.us/j/546703271>  
Meeting ID: 546 703 271

2. or by phone  
dialing +1 (669) 900-6833  
you may then be asked to enter the Meeting ID number which is 546 703 271.

**ZOOM Worship Next Sunday at 10:30am**, with communion as we celebrate Palm Sunday! Before you join the Zoom call prepare something to eat and drink – we're doing communion remotely. | You can join our worship from your computer or phone – see instructions above.

**Covenantal Restoration, Monday night 3/23 Discussion by Zoom at 7pm.** Watch the videos at home before. Info & videos online at **[www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class](http://www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class)**

**Friday Night Meal** This Friday, 4/3 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. The Meal is being prepared by the Piedmont Community Service Crew. Want to help serve? Contact Monte.

**Bible Study – on the text for Sunday – next Saturday at 5pm on Zoom.**

**Thank you to this Week's Leadership:**  
Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley  
Digital Deacon: Karl Shadley  
Music: Pete Feltman  
Reader: Cristina Ramirez

**Want to help next week? Contact Monte**

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

### **"Don't be Afraid"**

*John L. Bell*

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Scotland, GIA Publications,*

#### *Refrain*

Don't be afraid my love is stronger  
My love is stronger than your fear  
Don't be afraid my love is stronger  
And I have promised, promised to be always near

### **"Nobody Knows The Trouble I See"**

*(rare version) | Traditional spiritual*

#### *Refrain*

Nobody knows the trouble I see Lord  
Nobody knows the trouble I see  
Nobody knows the trouble I see Lord  
Nobody knows like Jesus

Verse 1. Mothers will you pray for me  
Mothers will you pray for me  
Mothers will you pray for me  
An help me to drive ol Satan away

2. Brothers will you pray for me

3. Sisters will you pray for me

### **"Canticle of the Turning"**

*Rory Cooney*

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*Glory to God Hymnal #100*

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight  
and my weakness you did not spurn  
So from east to west shall my name be blessed, could the  
world be about to turn

#### *Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
Let the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears For the dawn draws near  
And the world is about to turn

2. Though I am small, my God, my all  
You work great things in me  
And Your mercy will last from ...

...the depths of the past to the end of the age to be  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
and to those who would for you yearn  
You will show Your might, put the strong to flight  
for the world is about to turn

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower  
not a stone will be left on stone  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne  
The hungry poor shall weep no more  
for the food they can never earn  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed  
for the world is about to turn

4. Though the nations rage from age to age  
we remember who holds us fast  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is a promise which holds us bound  
Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God  
who is turning the world around

### **"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"**

*Edward Hopper (1871)*

*The United Methodist Hymnal #509*

1. Jesus savior pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea.  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.  
Chart and Compass come from thee,  
Jesus savior pilot me.

2. As a mother stills her child,  
thou can hush the ocean wild.  
Boisterous waves obey thy will,  
when you say to them "be still!"  
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,  
Jesus savior pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
"Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then while leaning on thy breast,  
May I hear you say to me.  
"Fear not I will pilot thee!"

4. Chart and compass come from thee  
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea  
May I hear you say to me,  
"Fear not I will pilot thee!"

