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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 "Praise To The Lord The Almighty"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "He Has Made Me Glad"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Acts 3:1-10 - Michael Evans

SPEAKING OF FAITH "Feet and Hands in Thin Places" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus Christ Is Waiting"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon 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 NEWS FROM OUR SESSION - Elder Marge Harvey, Treasurer

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

SUNG RESPONSE "The Anthem"

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 "Ping An" (Chinese)

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 an living sign of the Dominion of God at work moving us toward the healing transformation of the world.

Thoughts on Today's Reading

Acts 3:1-10

The Book of Acts or the Acts of the Apostles is believed to have been written by the same author as the gospel of Luke: presumably Luke – a disciple who traveled and worked with the apostle Paul. Rather than being the sequel to Luke's gospel, recent scholarship sees Acts more as the second half of one story. This is important as it switches the resurrection of Jesus from the climax of the story to the middle point. The end of the story is thus still-to-be-composed in and through us, as we –the Church today – continue the story.

Acts tells the unfolding story of the beginning of the church, moving from the disciples following the resurrection, to the emergence of the church in Jerusalem around the Temple and then as it spread outwards towards the ends of the world of the Roman Empire. It begins with Peter and the other apostles, before switching to focus upon the work of Paul as he witnessed to the good news gospel of Jesus of Nazareth among the Gentile (or non-Jewish) peoples of the Roman Empire. While it does tell the story of the beginning of the Church – it focuses on the church that emerged from the ministry of Paul as opposed to the other branches of Christianity that emerged in Israel, Egypt, in the middle East and even all the way to India. Paul's version of Christianity, testified to in the Epistles (or letters to the ancient churches) has become the dominant form of Christianity.

This story of healing is the first healing done by the disciples in the book of Acts. They go to the Temple to worship: the thin place (as the Celts call it) where heaven and earth meet. It's at the gate entrance into the this sacred space that they encounter the lame man asking for help, begging for alms. He cannot stand for himself physically or socially. He's dependent upon others, and the chance that they might be empathetic to such a miserable sight as he amidst the splendor and majesty of the Temple. Here we see death amid life.

The Apostles embrace resurrection life, that's to say God's definite "NO!" to the power of death over us. They have grown from observers and listeners to active members of the body of Christ – the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. And so they act, in conformity to the will and power of God – that life would be amid death.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you?**
- **How are we in a thin place, a time where heaven and earth seem to allow a fuller sight of God?**
- **How are we called to be the hands & feet of Christ: God's NO! to isolating death, in our world?**

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...

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.

Weekly Calendar During the Pandemic

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

ZOOM Worship Next Sunday at 10:30am,

Covenantal Restoration, Monday night 4/20 Discussion by Zoom at 7pm. A video based discussion on race and faith. More info online at www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, 5/1 | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. The Piedmont Community Service Crew is cooking. We are serving the meal. Contact Monte if you can help with set-up, serving & clean up.

Women's Group – Saturday Mornings on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

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

Godly Play – Sundays from 9:45-10:25 am on Zoom. Come to play and learn, then grab some coffee or tea before we start worship at 10:30am.

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Chat Master: Karl Shadley

Music: Pete Feltman, Andre Schoch

Reader: Michael Evans

Elder Reporting: Marge Harvey

CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)"

Author: Leona Von Brethorst

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I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad
He has made me glad, He has made me glad
I will rejoice for he has made me glad

"Praise To The Lord The Almighty"

Author: Joachim Neander (1680)

Blue Hymnal #482

1. Praise to the Lord the almighty the king of creation
Oh my soul praise Him for He is thy health and
salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings yes so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and
defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee

4. Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

John L. Bell; Author: Graham Maule

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*Ancient and Modern: hymns and songs for
refreshing worship #563*

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals, and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes, Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he
greet.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the
streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love,
defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with
you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their
feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

"The Anthem "

Michelle Williams

Hallelujah
You have won the victory
Hallelujah
You have won it all for me

Death could not hold you down
You are the risen king
You're seated in majesty
You are the risen king