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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG

"We Are Called"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:1-9 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- Anne Marie Adams

SPEAKING OF FAITH

"The Fear of Things Never Being the Same"

- Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Sit At The Welcome Table"

COMMUNION: FINDING GOD AROUND OUR DIGITAL TABLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Deacon David Kittams

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" - and then as we share the meal together please reset your screen to "gallery view."

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

MOMENT FOR THE DEACONS

Marda Stoths & Janet Majors

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

SUNG RESPONSE

"This Little Light Of Mine"

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

"La Paz de Cristo"

(Spanish)

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.

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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Thoughts on Today's Reading Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

I was walking our dogs this week in the Oakland Hills when a man on the trail near me shouted at me, screaming through a towel, in great fear, that I was going to give him COVID-19. I was 10 feet away from him, and had said "Good Morning" while looking down at the ground, away from his direction. My initial response was indignation. How could he? I was being cautious. I was being kind. How rude. I choose to believe that his violent words sprung from his fear – both justified and exaggerated (in my opinion). *He had also just screamed at a five year-old wearing a face mask who had come to close to him.*

The Book of Acts (the Apostles) is believed to have been written by the same author as the gospel of Luke. It's the story of the emerging church, which is continued and completed by our story as the Church Universal today. We jump way ahead in the story (last week we were in chapter 3). Here in Thessalonica – an important town for trade, commerce and exchange located strategically along a major Roman Highway and in an ideal port stop – we see how fear can shape our vision, reactions and relationships.

Thessalonica was a free city, not a Roman Colony. That meant that because of historical events the Roman Army hadn't entered the town, conquered and subjugated it and now held it as a colonial outpost. But they did live under the threat of having that political, social and economic freedom revoked at any time should they displease the Emperor. So they were free, but on a very short leash.

Paul comes preaching freedom in Christ, lifting up Jesus as the Messiah – the true Lord and Savior of the World. The same title ascribed to the Emperor. Some who see the response to his teaching in the synagogue are both jealous and afraid. They stir up trouble in the town market among the down and out and unemployed, who are afraid of having even less when foreigners come into town. They incite a riot that creates great fear among the city leaders who are afraid of the Emperor's wrath should it be made known that Thessalonica harbors radicals preaching a different Lord and Savior than the Emperor. Fear blinds, binds, and begets short-sightedness and self-service. Those in the story, like the man on the path, are so afraid of what they might lose that they don't see what they might gain.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you?**
- **How do you identify with the story in the text?**
- **How are you dealing with fear in this time?**
- **What invitation do you hear from the Spirit of God through the text in terms of your actions, words, and relationships?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland – We are using our website as the center for all information.
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 5/4 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. A group from Montclair Presbyterian Church 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: Anne Marie Adams

Elder Reporting: Janet Majors, Marda Stothers

Communion Words of Welcome: David Kittams

CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)"

*A Author: David Haas (1988)
Glory to God Hymnal #749*

1. Come! Live in the light!
Sing with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and violence will be no more.

3. Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name"

*Author: Gloria Gaither (1970); Author: Bill Gaither (1970)
Lyrics © CAPITOL CHRISTIAN MUSIC GROUP*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away
But there's something about that name
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away
But there's something about that name

"Sit At The Welcome Table"

This song was part of a play written by the students of the McComb, Mississippi, Freedom School in 1964

1. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,
one of these days, Hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table, one of these days,
One of these days

2. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey

3. I'm gonna see my savior come home

4. All God's children gonna sit together

"This Little Light Of Mine"

Traditional Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Won't let satan blow it out Im gonna let it shine
Won't let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Won't let satan blow it out I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Every where I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Communion Words of Welcome

From the Community of Iona

(led by David Kittams)

Leader: In the beginning, God made the world:

Women: Made it and mothered it,

Men: Shaped it and fathered it;

Women: Filled it with seed and with signs of fertility,

Men: Filled it with life and with song and variety.

Leader: All that is green, blue, deep and growing,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

All: God's is the hand that created you.

Leader: The world belongs to God,

All: God's is the hand that created you.