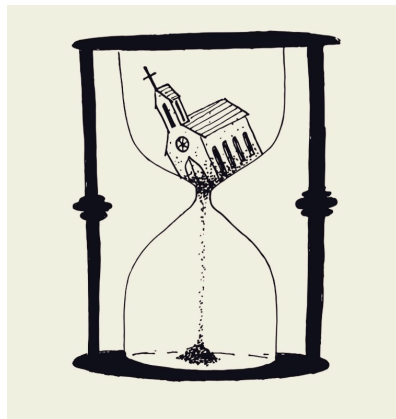


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# Not just an ending, but a place to begin.

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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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Praise Song for the Pandemic*  
 (written and read by Christine **Valters** Paintner, from Abbey of the Arts and music by Giants & Pilgrims – created by The Work of the People)

### SONG OF PRAISE

“Dig A Little Deeper”

### LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE

Acts 18:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

- Fredora Darmsadt

### SPEAKING OF FAITH

“A Place to Begin”

- Rev. Monte McClain

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### SONG OF RESPONSE

“The Summons”

### 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

### COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

### SUNG RESPONSE

“Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace”

### 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.*

You can find the video Praise Song for the Pandemic online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCYoikGa16U>

## Thoughts on Today's Reading Acts 18:1-4 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

In our weekly reading of the Acts of the Apostles, which tells the story of the emergence of the Church, we arrive in Corinth. Still a city today, it was a major city of importance in the Roman Empire. In the time of today's scriptures, the city was fast becoming the chief economic and cultural crossroads between the western and eastern portions of the Mediterranean. It was a place of great exchange in terms of money, culture, ideas, people, and religions. We see this in how the church begins with both Jews and Greeks (the term used for everyone who wasn't Jewish), men and women, and later in 1 Corinthians we'll see it also included rich and poor, slave and free.



The letter of pastoral advice we call First Corinthians is one in which Paul responds to questions, concerns and problems facing the church in Corinth. He probably wrote it several years after sojourning for 18 months in Corinth as he "planted" the church with Apollo and Priscilla. The portion of the letter we read today talks about questions of leadership, authenticity and authority. There seems to have been a battle among those vying for leadership about who was more spiritual, or had received the best baptism. It depended upon which of the church leaders had baptized, or not. Paul writes to remind that that the who by whom God doesn't things in the world is not the important part. It's rather that God is at work, at large in the world.

Paul moves from baptism to talking about wisdom and foolishness. His point is that the values of the Kingdom of God, by which the Church is invited to live and to incarnate through their communal life, is radically different than the values of the world. Who baptizes is less important than what baptism means and represents. The gospel is foolishness in the eyes of our world and human intelligence because usually God – if God exists – is seen as authoritative, invincible, all-powerful, never-dying. Yet the gospel says that we most clearly see who and how God is in the person of Jesus dying on the cross as a ransom for many. The last are first. The greatest are the least. The poor wisdom gives the most in her poverty. The blind see. The lame dance. It's in this way that the wisdom of God is foolishness to humankind. It makes no sense, and yet....

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you?**
- **How is Christ crucified foolish? How is choosing to follow Jesus possibly seen as foolish in the world today? How is that correct? ; wrong?**
- **How is your faith in Jesus - as the power of God in the world - shaping your actions in response to the fear of reopening life too soon (or too late) in this pandemic?**

### 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 5/11 Discussion by Zoom at 7pm.** A video based discussion on race and faith. More info online at [www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class](http://www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class)

**Friday Night Meal** Next Friday, 5/15 | 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](mailto: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: Fredora Darmstadt

**CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.**

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

### "Dig a Little Deeper"

*Mahalia Jackson*

1. You got to live, you ought to dig  
I want to dig a little deeper in the storehouse of his  
love, eternal love  
I hope to shine and love sublime  
I want to dig a little deeper in the storehouse of his  
love, eternal love

#### *Chorus*

I want to dig a little deeper in God's love  
I gotta Dig a little deeper down in God's love  
I wanna Dig a little deeper in the storehouse  
of his love, eternal love

2. I want to talk a little moment like Jesus would  
I wanna walk just like a good Christian should  
I wanna dig a little deeper in the storehouse of his  
love, eternal love

3. I want to do what's always true  
I want to dig a little deeper in the storehouse of his  
love, eternal love  
Each passing hour, I want more power  
I want to dig a little deeper in the storehouse of his  
love, eternal love

### "The Summons"

*Author: John L. Bell*

*Tune: KELVINGROVE*

*Glory to God #726*

1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same  
Will you let my love be shown  
Will you let my name be known  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me

*Continued in the next column...*

3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
And do such as this unseen  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me

4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

### "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

*Author (attributed to): St. Francis of Assisi;*

*Adapter: Sebastian Temple*

*Glory to God #753*

1. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love  
Where there is injury your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt true faith in you

#### *chorus*

Oh master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul

2. Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy

3. Make me channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving our ourselves that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life