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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 "Dig A Little Deeper"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Be Still And Know That I am God"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 - David Kittams

SPEAKING OF FAITH "All You Need is Love But It Doesn't Always Come Naturally" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Though I May Speak"

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.*

## Thoughts on Today's Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

The Book of Corinthians is believed to have been written by the Apostle Paul, probably during his stay in Ephesus, (53–57 CE) after his initial 18-month sojourn in Corinth (around 50 CE). Paul seems to have written this letter of pastoral advice after he received disconcerting news of the community in Corinth regarding jealousies, rivalry, and immoral behavior.

In our day and age, we most often hear this scripture read at weddings to describe marital love, but in reality the text is part of the letter, embedded in a section talking about diversity and unity within the church according to spiritual gifts and how they are used in worship. Paul circles back to earlier arguments and vocabulary to alert the reader that love is the opposite of the divisive rivalry that he has painfully seen in the church of Corinth. Paul implies that everything about the behavior of the Corinthians, in particular in worship, contradicts the character of love. Paul moves to an argument that points to their error as being focused on above and below. They see only heaven and the spiritual realm, how they are already tasting God's power, like God; Paul insists upon their growth and spiritual maturation, (what we call sanctification), that God's power is not just to be attained outside of the world, but we are to join in to God's mission of justice, common good and love here and now.

Paul's writing is so beautiful that it's easy to overlook that he's writing to gently point out to the church community how they're screwing up, where they're choosing self-servicing division over world-changing unity and self-sacrifice. It's an invitation to living differently that speaks to us today too.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you? Why?**
- **How have you been hurt or hurt others in the work of the church that has been done without love (even if undoubtedly well-intentioned)?**
- **We all know and want love, what is it that keeps us from living into it and paying it forward?**
- **How have you experienced this 1 Corinthians 13-type-of-love in your live and spiritual journey? Where? How did it impact, shape or motivate you?**
- **A pandemic is necessarily a time of fear, when fear challenges our hope and faith – in God and each other. How does love fit into that? How have you experienced agape-love – or given agape-love in these past weeks that has invited and pulled you past the smallness and world-reducing-power of fear?**
- **How do you hear the the Spirit of God inviting you to act, speak or be in your relationships through this word?**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

15	Richard Harvey	18	Marge Harvey
23	Rebecca LaMotte	27	Paulette Leston
31	Avery Haynes	2008	

### GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS FRIDAY

Angel Carney

**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 5/18 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, 5/20 | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. We are cooking – using this chance to buy tamales from our friends at Primera Iglesia that we'll then serve. We both empower others who need to work and feed those who are hungry. Contact Monte if you can help with serving.

**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.**

**Tamales por Oakland** – Order tamales from our Primera Iglesia partners to help them work and you enjoy a great meal! [www.capcoakland.org](http://www.capcoakland.org)

**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: David Kittams

## 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

## CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 shared by our Methodist brothers and sisters at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources>*

**The People read the BOLD print**

One: Before the light of dawn broke through my  
darkest night,

**ALL: You knew me.**

One: Before I wandered off to do my thing,

**ALL: You knew me.**

One: Before I tripped and fell from grace,

**ALL: You knew me.**

One: Before you formed me in my mother's womb,

**ALL: You knew me.**

One: Before my birth

**ALL: You set me apart**

One: And said, "Never be afraid"

**ALL: "For I am with you."**

One: Then you touched me

**ALL: And put your words into my mouth**

One: Until I thundered

**ALL: To the very nations.**

One: Before I ever realized that you were God,

**ALL: You knew all about me.**

### "Be still and know that I am God"

*Author: John L. Bell, 2007*

Be still and know that I am God. (4x)

### "Though I may speak with bravest fire "

*Arranged by Hal Hop-son, 1972 set to the Traditional  
17th Century Scottish tune "O WALY WALY"*

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2. Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

### "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