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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 "I Sing the Mighty Power Of God"
- CALL TO WORSHIP
- SONG OF PRAISE "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"
- LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD
- LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-58 - Sharon Nelson
- SPEAKING OF FAITH "What is Essential" - Rev. Monte McClain
- RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- SONG OF RESPONSE "Thine Is the Glory"
- 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 "Ain't No Grave"
- SENDING CALL AND RESPONSE
- Leader: God is good! Leader: And all the time!
People: All the time! People: God is good!
- EXHORTATION & BEDICTION
- PASSING THE PEACE OF GOD "la Pace di Dio" (Italian)
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. Paul knew this church community, its people and the city personally. He writes to them in love, seeking to get them to really choose to follow Jesus. Paul teaches them throughout his words to see all of life through the gospel. The teachings of Jesus change how we approach our work, our relationships, sex, how we eat, how we celebrate and gather together, and how we understand our place in the universe.

While we might struggle to understand the language (and problem) around eating meat sacrificed to idols (chapter 8) we can more easily relate to problems around leadership and authority in the life of the Church community (chapters 1 & 2). Paul writes to the folks of ancient Corinth to remind that that you don't fit the gospel into your life, rather your whole life is in the gospel. Following Jesus isn't just a Sunday morning thing. It's an everyday reality.

Today's chapter wrestles with the theme of the resurrection of the dead. Paul says that it's what's essential. If you don't believe that Jesus rose from the dead, then we haven't been risen with him to a new age, as a new creation. It's still just the same old thing with a few new religious rituals thrown in to help us get through the troubles of life. If Jesus wasn't raised out of death then we're still prisoners of the power of death in our world: aging bodies without hope, stuck in our lives, trapped like a pet hamster in a spinning wheel. Without the hope of resurrection, we're condemned to repeat the endless cycle of life, described in the Greek metaphor of rolling a boulder uphill then watching it roll back down again like Sisyphus (the founder and first king of Corinth).

Paul's writes to say that in Christ God has made all things new. So live as if all is new. Live believing that things can be different. Be at peace, for God has not left us to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps or to drown in the swamp.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you? Why?**
- **How do you struggle with the notion of resurrection?**
- **If we are new creations, living in a new age begun in Jesus, how does that change the way we live?; understand history?; understand our place in social structures?**
- **Paul says that we are already resurrected in Christ through faith, yet it's not yet complete. How do you experience resurrection life as an "already"? and how do you experience it as a "not yet"?**

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS SATURDAY

Sophie McClain

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

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, 5/29 | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. Piedmont Community Service Crew is doing the meal. We can use a few helpers to serve and set-up. Talk to Monte.

Session Meeting Thursday, 5/28 @7pm via Zoom.

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.

Tamales por Oakland – Order tamales from our Primera Iglesia partners to help them work and you enjoy a great meal! 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: Sharon Nelson

CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.

"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"

Isaac Watts (1715; alt.)

The Presbyterian Hymnal #288

1. I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day
The moon shines full
at God's command and all the stars obey

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food
God formed the creatures
with a word and then pronounced them good
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed
where'er I turn my eyes
If I survey the ground
I tread or gaze upon the skies

3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes Thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from Thy throne
While all that borrows life
from Thee is ever in Thy care
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God are present there

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Written by Monte, riffing on a prayer by Rev Bruce Reyes-Chow

The People read the **BOLD** print

One: God you have not left us,
**ALL: Even in this time of pandemic when
We have shifted
We have adapted
We have changed**

One: We have struggled
**ALL: We have had technical difficulties
We have extended grace**

One: We never closed as a Church,
because you have not left us.

**All: We have laughed
We have wept**

One: We have wondered
We have celebrated
**All: We have grieved
We have yearned**

One: Although you have not left us God,
**All: We have lost connections to some
We have found new relationships with
others
We have lived the fullness of your Table -
even via Zoom -
We have responded to your invitation to not
just go to church, but to be the Church -
serving together in the world
from our closed building
to the open sidewalks
and through broadband cables and
telephone lines.**

One: Lord, we long for the promise,
and know that someday we will...

**ALL: gather again in person
embrace each other with hugs, handshakes
and high-fives,
feel safe and fearless,
whole and healthy,
confident and secure**

One: God be our peace.

**All: Spirit remind us anew today that you
have not left us.**

"Praise the one who breaks the darkness"

Rusty Edwards © 1987 by Hope Publishing Company

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in every land.

3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

“Thine be the glory”

*Translator: Richard Birch Hoyle;
Author: Edmond Budry (1904)
Glory to God Hymnal #238
Presbyterian Hymnal #122*

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory
thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us,
risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us,
scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.

[Refrain]

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

[Refrain]

“Ain't No Grave”

*traditional American gospel song attributed to
Claude Ely (1922-1978) of Virginia*

Refrain

There ain't no grave Can hold my body down
There ain't no grave Can hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound
I'm gonna rise right out of the ground
Ain't no grave Can hold my body down

1. Well, look way down the river
And what do you think I see
I see a band of angels
And they're coming after me
Ain't no grave Can hold my body down

2. Well, look down yonder, Gabriel
Put your feet on the land and sea
But Gabriel, don't you blow your trumpet
Until you hear from me
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

3. Well meet me, Jesus, meet me
Meet me in the middle of the air
And if these wings don't fail me
I will meet you anywhere
There ain't no grave can hold my body down

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

238 Thine Is the Glory

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