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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 "Come O Holy Spirit / Wa Wa Wa Emimimo (Nigeria)

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Spirit"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-4, 43-47 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

SPEAKING OF FAITH "Ek-klesia" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "In Christ There Is No East Or West"

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 "Every time I feel the Spirit"

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 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 Acts 2:1-4, 43-47 & 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Our recent series has led us on a rapid voyage through the story of the early Church. Emerging from the first generation, those who knew and walked with Jesus, the community grows to those who see and encounter Jesus spiritually, through the testimonies of others, visions and social action. We've lingered in the ancient Greek town of Corinth where Paul helped to nurture a vibrant urban community of faith inundated with gifts and burdened with divisions. Today we look back to the birth•story of the Church – which began in diversity not division, misunderstanding and a radically new vision. Those who didn't get it thought that the disciples were drunk. Those who stopped, listened, took it in and changed the direction of their lives accordingly – were never the same!

Paul writes to the church in Corinth, inheritor of this fabulous legacy of unity in diversity, serving the common good in the midst of inequity and difference, looking outwards to the needs of the world versus narcissistic navel-gazing. All are equal, he says. Each is uniquely important, in and through their difference. Unity. Harmony. Peace. Forward Momentum. They are the gifts of God, to the body of Christ – those gathered together to look to something greater than themselves, that also includes them. Those who recognize that they are created in the image of God, and that God hasn't finished with them yet. Those who know their importance in the Kingdom and recognize the essential value of others. It's in such sharing – community – solidarity – inclusive gratitude – and reflective action – that the living presence of Christ is known and made visible in our world.

Birthdays are great fun, aren't they? Or at least they are at first. When young, it's a chance to be recognized, reveled and lifted up as a focus. As we age it's maybe less desirable, yet each time we finish a circle around the sun is naturally a time for us to reflect on life – where we've been. Where we're going. Who we're traveling with. What it's all about.

This birth•day – we as the Church in America – are faced with the same questions: where have we been? Where have we been complicit? Silent? Proactive? Where are we going? Who are we traveling with? Who do we leave behind or out? What are we all about? When God shows up to blow our minds today, how will we stop, observe and take it in, allowing it to take root in us, not just hurrying on our way.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you? Why?**
- **How do you struggle with seeing God at work in our world today?**
- **How have you experienced the gift of diversity in unity as the body of Christ?...as positive? A challenge? A promise?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

12 Daniel Trowbridge	13 Lina Foltz Careaga
14 Patt Schroeder	15 Brian Trowbridge
24 Beth Beatty	29 Sophie McClain 2002

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland – We are using our website as the center for all information. WWW.CAPCOAKLAND.ORG. You can find an update their about re-opening of worship on our campus.

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,

Community Care Package Team Meeting | Monday at 1:00pm on our Zoom channel (same as worship)

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, June 5 | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. We need help to cook and serve. Talk to Monte.

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

CONTACT MONTE TO HELP WITH WORSHIP NEXT WEEK.

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

“Come O Holy Spirit / Wa Wa Wa Emimimo”

(Nigeria) Church of the Lord (Aladura)

Language: English; Yoruba

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Glory to God Hymnal #283

NIGERIAN:

Wa wa wa Emimimo. (Emiolye.)

Wa wa wa Alagbaram. (Alagbarameta.)

Wao, wao, wao. (Emimimo.)

ENGLISH:

Come, O Holy Spirit, come. (Holy Spirit, come.)

Come, Almighty Spirit, come. (Almighty Spirit, come.)

Come, come, come. (O Spirit, come.)

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

Written by Monte,

The People read the **BOLD** print

One: They gathered that day in the upper room

ALL: afraid of the future, unsure of what would happen, looking for how God would provide a Way when there seemed to be no way.

One: And God showed up, in unexpected ways,

ALL: allowing speaking where there were mute tongues, and hearing where there were deaf ears.

One: The people stopped, saw, and responded to what God was doing.

All: Even if it wasn't "normal" and seemed like drunken silliness.

One: Today we gather to retell and remember their story which is our story.

ALL: As our nation burns in rage and fear, struggling to recognize the inherent imago dei (image of God) in each and everyone of us –

One: from Minneapolis to Hong Kong

ALL: from Sao Paulo to Oakland

One: we come to you Holy One

Fire that burns without consuming

Wind that cannot be controlled

Wild bird that brings a song of hope.

All: Speak Lord, for we are listening – across broadband and cell towers, with our ears and our eyes, we want to see you, to stop and take it in, and not return home, to daily life,

“Spirit”

Author: James K. Manley (1975)

Blue Hymnal #319

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Chorus

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through wilderness, calling and free
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind,
wind on the sea

1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep
Then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep
And over the eons you called to each thing
Awake from your slumber
and rise on your wings

2. You swept through the desert
you stung with the sand
And you gifted your people
with a law and a land
And when they were blinded
with their idols and lies
Then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes

3. You sang in a stable
you cried from a hill
Then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still
And down in the city
you called once again
when you blew thru your people
on the rush of the wind

4. You call from tomorrow
you break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams
Our women see visions
our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions
your people arise

unchanged, by the same way.

“In Christ There Is No East Or West”

John Oxenham (1908)

Blue Hymnal #439

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fam'ly bound by love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples in the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love
Are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north,
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

“Every Time I Feel The Spirit”

Traditional Spiritual

Chorus

Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke.
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; it looked so fine
'til I asked my Lord if all was mine.

2. Jordan river is chilly and cold.
It chills the body but not the soul
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back

3. Down in the valley rings my Lord's voice.
It gives me freedom, and all my choice
I breathe so deeply, and breathe so well.
I know my Lord has triumphed o'er hell

4. Out in the desert amidst the sand;
it's only my God that helps me stand
No trial too big to hinder my strife;
I will push onward, all through my life