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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 All You People"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Be Thou My Vision" – *Blue Hymnal #339*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Psalm 27 - *Sharon Nelson*

SINGING & SPEAKING OF HOPE "Waiting" - *Rev. Monte McClain*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Wait for the Lord"

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 "Move On Up"

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 "Udo diri gi" (Udo, spoken in Nigeria)

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 Psalm 27

Today is 172 days since we started sheltering in place for the COVID-19 pandemic. We began that time – at least I did – unaware, not able to fathom what it would all mean. Who among us thought at first that we'd still be in the same situation come August? I thought maybe we'll be like this for two months. We'll flatten the curve, wait for a virus, wait for safety and then go back to normal. We haven't gone back to normal yet. And I've lost track of how many "new" normals we've had.

Today's Psalm wrestles with the waiting for deliverance and light in times of darkness and no way out. Psalm 27 is a cry for and ultimately a declaration of belief in the greatness of God and trust in the protection only God can provide. Some think it may be a sequel of the preceding psalm.

When you look closer at it you can observe that verses 1-6 are an expression of confidence in God, whereas verse 7-14 seem to be one of complaint or lament. And yet they are connected.

The poet is able to believe (13) – or have utter confidence in the goodness of God because of his/her confidence in what the LORD has done in the past. The poet has experienced God intimately, seeing the LORD face to face. This is even more profound when we recall that the name for God used in Hebrew, which we always represent with the word LORD in capital letters (as we do here) is the name Yahweh. It's a word that transcends translation. It's the consonants for the Hebrew word "I am" but there are no vowels precisifying if it's in the past tense, the present or the future. It is first used of God in the story of the Burning Bush when Moses asks God's name to justify his return to Egypt.

¹³ But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "*I am who I am.*" He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, '*I am* [Yahweh] has sent me to you.'" Exodus 3:13-14

It's this God who is which is the one upon which the poet says to wait for strength and courage. The word wait in Hebrew is an active verb, not passive as in waiting for your number to be called or for a better day. It's a waiting with excitement, earnest involvement, personal investment, and active yearning.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's psalm grabs you?**
- **What is the poet facing? How is it described? How can you relate to that?**
- **What does it mean to you to be confident in God (3)?**
- **What is the one thing that the poet desires (v. 4)?**
- **How does the poet get to the "I believe" in verse 13 after such fear? Can you relate?**
- **How do you struggle with *waiting* for what God is doing or will do today in this time of pandemics?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

27 John Fonua
31 Lisa Wu

John LaMotte

Coffee Hour Today - is taking place wherever you are. Call someone else up, catch-up & check in!

WEEKLY CALENDAR DURING THE PANDEMIC

Deacons Meeting Today at 12pm – on our Zoom Channel.

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

ZOOM Worship Next Sunday at 10:30am,

Community Care Package Team Meeting Monday at 1:00pm on Zoom

Race Matters Meeting next on Monday, 7/27th - 7-8 pm, text and reflection questions at www.capcoakland.org/race-matters Discussing the article "White Guilt"

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, July 31st | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. Cooked by the youth group of Montclair Presbyterian Church. *We need help serving the meal!*

Women's Group – Saturday Mornings on Zoom. Contact Anne Marie Adams for info about joining - amadams44@gmail.com

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 on Zoom.

White Fragility Book Group Fridays 10-11a – Next meeting in 7/31. PDF of the book, reading, and reflection questions for chapters 7,8, 9 at www.capcoakland.org/white-fragility-book-group

Pete is on vacation, visiting family in Iowa. He'll back for worship on August 15th

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Chat Master: Karl Shadley
Music: Andre Schoch
Reader: Sharon Nelson

PICK THE PSALM – OR WRITE YOUR OWN – FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S GATHERING! TALK TO MONTE

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

"Come All You People"

Alexander Gondo

Source: 20th cent. Zimbabwe

Language: English; Shona

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Glory to God#388

Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come all you people, come and praise your maker
Come now and worship the lord.

U-yeh-ee moh-seh, tin-a-ma, teh Mwa-reh (x3)
U-yeh-ee moh-seh zvi-no

CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

From the Iona Community for pilgrimages and journeys

The People read the **BOLD** print

One: The Lord says: When the time comes,
I will answer the prayers of my people.

**ALL: I will betroth you to myself forever
With integrity and justice,
with tenderness and love.**

One: I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness

ALL: And you will come to know me.

One: I will say: You are my people,

ALL: And you will answer: You are our God.

One: For once you were outside mercy.

ALL: But now you have been given mercy.

**ALL: This is our hope,
Our living hope.
We shall be glad.**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Translator: Mary E. Byrne; Versifier: Eleanor H. Hull

Ancient Irish; Irish, ca. 700

The Presbyterian Hymnal #339

1. Be thou my vision O lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me lord
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower
Still be my vision O ruler of all

3. Riches I heed not nor vain empty praise Thou
mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art

4. High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O ruler of all

"Wait for the Lord"

Author: Communauté de Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Psalm 27

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
Wait for the Lord!

"Move On Up"

Curtis Mayfield

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Hush now child, and don't you cry
Your folks might understand you, by and by
Move on up, toward your destination
You may find from time to time
Complication

Bite your lip, and take a trip
Though there may be wet road ahead
And you cannot slip
So move on up for peace will find
Into the steeple of beautiful people
Where there's only one kind

So hush now child, and don't you cry
Your folks might understand you, by and by
Move on up, and keep on wishing
Remember your dream is your only scheme
So keep on pushing

Take nothing less, than the second best
Do not obey, you must keep your say
You can past the test
Just move on up, to a greater day
With just a little faith
If you put your mind to it you can surely do it

Just move on up
Move on up
But move on up
Oh child, but just move on up
But move on up
Move on up

Come All You People

Uyai mose

Leader

U - ya - i mo - se,
Come all you peo - ple,
ti - na - ma - te
come and

Ahom

ma - te Mtao - ri;
praise your Mak - er;
u - ya - i mo - se,
come all you peo - ple,
Mtao - ri;
u - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er;
come all you peo - ple,
come and praise your

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mtao - ri;
come and praise your Mak - er;
ti - na - ma - te Mtao - ri;
come and praise your Mak - er;
u - ya - i
come all you

Ahom

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

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UYAI MOSE
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ya - i mo - se,
all you peo - ple,
ti - na - ma - te Mtao - ri;
come and praise your Mak - er;
mo - se,
ti - na - ma - te Mtao - ri;
come and praise your Mak - er;
peo - ple,
come and praise your Mak - er;
er;

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mtao - ri,
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er,
no. Lord.
u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
no. Lord.
no. Lord.

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