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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 "As We Gather & The Steadfast Love"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Exodus 14:26-15:20 - David Kittams

SINGING & SPEAKING OF HOPE "Crossing from Disruption to Discovery" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

COMMUNION: FINDING GOD AROUND OUR DIGITAL TABLE  
 WORDS OF WELCOME

*Today we'll celebrate this foundational meal by intinction wherever you are. Monte will begin with a prayer – during which you're invited to put your screen to "speaker view" – and then as we share the meal together please reset your screen to "gallery view."*

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 "We Shall Not Be Moved"

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 "Ping An" (Mandarin & Cantonese)

*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 Exodus 14:26 - 15:20

Exodus 15 is perhaps one of the oldest songs or psalms of the Bible. Hebrew Scripture scholar Walter Brueggemann offers a framework for understanding the Psalms of the Bible. While not every psalm can be fit into a neat category, the majority of the psalms can be viewed in one of three ways:

1. *Psalms of Orientation* (e.g. Psalm 8, 24, 33, 104, 133, 145) which express gratitude for God's ordering of life.

2. *Psalms of Disorientation* (e.g. Psalm 13, 35, 74, 86, 95, 137) which are the reaction of the faithful to God when the world they knew was broken. These are psalms of lament that move and deepen the faith of the worshiper.

and 3. *Psalms of New Orientation* (e.g. Psalm 29, 47, 93, 97, 98, 99, 114, 148, 150). These are deeper versions of the orientation psalms. Disorientation is now past and the singer praises God for salvation. This category includes the victory hymns of Yahweh such as today's songs by Moses and Miriam song in Exodus 15

Crossing the sea on dry land, passing through overwhelmingly inescapable chaos into God's promise of a future the people pause to gather themselves and be thankful. Their gratitude is so great that it has to be sung and dance. They have passed from the darkness of slavery to the light of deliverance, they have had their "normal" disrupted. They have been detoured from what they believed to be their future to a new vision or a promised land far beyond their wildest dream.

And we know how the story goes. They don't actually get their for another 40 years. They're simultaneously there and not there yet. We today live in a time in which our normal is dramatically disrupted, our plans detoured, and our people divided. In our weariness we just want to be to the promised land of healing, safety and a new reality already. We're on the move and yet not there yet. How do we live into hope while still walking through the wilderness of uncertainty and promise, just like the Israelites who had escaped the narrow space of Egypt but not yet arrived in the wide open spaces of the Promised Land.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's psalm grabs you?**
- **What is new orientation or reality that the Moses and Miriam (and the Israelites through them) are entering?**
- **How might they have felt leaving their slavery & oppression behind? What did they know of their liberation? What did they not know of what would transpire?**
- **In our time of great change, we look to a promised land of deliverance. Yet it isn't coming how we thought? How does this psalm speak to our day? To you?**
- **What invitation to act, speak, be or become to you hear in today's psalm?**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

|    |                    |                  |      |
|----|--------------------|------------------|------|
| 5  | Lori Castner       | Amber Beatty     | 2011 |
| 8  | Anne Marie Adams   |                  |      |
| 12 | Sharon Nelson      | David Kittams    |      |
| 22 | Patrice Trowbridge | 24 Bob Brylawski |      |
| 25 | Margaret Smith     |                  |      |

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

### 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 Zoom**

**Central Region Zoom Meeting of our Presbytery - Wed at 7pm** – to approve mission grants, info at [www.presbyteryofsf.org/central-bay-meetings](http://www.presbyteryofsf.org/central-bay-meetings)

**Race Matters Meeting** next on Monday, 8/3 - 7 -8 pm, text and reflection questions at [www.capcoakland.org/race-matters](http://www.capcoakland.org/race-matters) Discussing the article "White Guilt"

**White Fragility Book Group Fridays 10-11a** – **Next meeting on 8/7.** PDF of the book, reading, and reflection questions for chapters 10 -12 at [www.capcoakland.org/white-fragility-book-group](http://www.capcoakland.org/white-fragility-book-group)

**Friday Night Meal** Next Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> | 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](mailto: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](http://www.capcoakland.org)

**Godly Play** – Sundays from 9:45-10:25 on Zoom.

**Pete is on vacation, visiting family in Iowa. He'll back for worship on August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you to this Week's Leadership:**

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley

Chat Master: Karl Shadley

Music: Andre Schoch & Kristy Parsons McClain

Reader: David Kittams

## LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

### "As We Gather"

*Tom Coomes; Mike Fay*  
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As we gather may Your Spirit work within us,  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts being to worship  
We'll be blest because we came  
We'll be blest because we came

### "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

*Edith McNeill | Glory to God #59*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
God's mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,  
great is your faithfulness.

## CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING

*Today's call to worship is a mashup of Exodus 15:11-13 & Matthew 5:2-10 inspired from from at idea at [www.firstcrcllynden.org/](http://www.firstcrcllynden.org/)*

**The People read the BOLD print**

One: Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

**ALL: And Jesus opened his mouth  
and taught them, saying:  
Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.**

One: You stretched out your right hand;  
the earth swallowed them.  
You have led in your steadfast love the people  
whom you have redeemed;  
You have guided them by your strength  
to your holy abode.

*Continued in the next column...*

**ALL: Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called  
the children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

### "O Lord Hear My Prayer"

*Jacques Berthier*  
© 1982 Les Presses de Taizé  
*Glory to God #471*

1. O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
When I call, answer me

O Lord, hear my prayer  
O Lord, hear my prayer  
Come and listen to me

2. The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise:  
all my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song,  
The Lord is my praise:  
God, the well-spring of life.

## **"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"**

*Isaac Watts*

*Blue 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

## **"We Shall Not Be Moved"**

*Classic Spiritual*

1. We shall not, we shall not be moved  
We shall not, we shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

2. Black and white together,  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

3. We're fighting for our freedom,  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

4. Enemies forgiven  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

5. We're fighting for our children,  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

6. Young and old together,  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

7. All the genders equal  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved

8. City and country together  
We shall not be moved  
Just like a tree that's standing by the water  
We shall not be moved