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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 "Breathe"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Don't Be Afraid"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-9;
 Hebrews 11:39-12:3 & Romans 12:1-2 -

SERMON "Stretching our W O R L D V I E W"
 - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness"

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 "Be Thankful for What You Got" - William DeVaughn

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

Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:39-12:3 & Romans 12:1-2

I've always loved the story of Abraham and Sarah. This couple who has run out of options in realizing their dreams who are bowled over by the crazy wild love and transformative call of God. They're at the end of their rope: old, no children, they seem to have failed at what was considered to be of utmost importance in the ancient world. They have no progeny. They will leave no legacy.

Somehow they've met the God of the Bible in their life in and around the desert. They've drawn so close to God and that same living God has come so close to them that it's as if they have heard the divine voice whisper wisdom, vocation and love to them.

Their story is loaded with details and also absent of specifics. When did they first encounter this God that they seem to trust so blindly? Who told them of that God? What made them trust that God? I wonder about all of those specifics, but the story focuses on the speaking of God – calling to them – inviting them to a new life, a wider hope, to stretch their worldview. The focus in the story is on how God speaks and how they respond. It echoes the two story of creation (Genesis 1 & 2) in which God speaks life into being and that life responds by multiplying and joining in the divine dance that is underneath all of creation, moving the entire universe towards the purpose for which God made it.

Something takes place in that conversation. They realize that they don't know all there is to know. Life is wider, deeper and *more* than both what they have already tasted and what they can imagine. And so they go, the move ahead, they walk the way that God shows them. And for that step (or leap) of faith they are blessed, not for themselves, but that they might pay it forward. They are to be a blessing to all they encounter on the incredibly circuitous and adventurous path they begin traveling which they undoubtedly thought would be short and direct. Over and over they misunderstand. They only see as far as they can see. They laugh at God's crazy promises that seem impossible, overly extravagant, unimaginable. And yet they keep walking where God leads them. They keep talking with God. They keep blessing, paying God's love forward as they journey through life and a strange land.

I've always felt it as a story that is underneath my own. A journey imagined but impossible to foretell. A trusting-in-God that ends in an un hoped-for transformation into something more, beyond imagination, wholer than whole, nearly complete but not yet there. It's not hard to imagine how the ancients would have told Abraham and Sarah's story by firelight at night (before the Bible was written down) to give hope, and courage to each other.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What part of today's story grabs you?**
- **How do you feel like your life is a journey?**
- **What Bible story or character speak to you, as if they are echo and converse with your life story?**
- **What invitation to act, speak, be or become to you hear in today's scripture?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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**

Race Matters Meeting next on Monday, 8/10 - 7 -8 pm, text and reflection questions at www.capcoakland.org/race-matters
Discussing the book "The Far Away Brothers"

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, August 14th | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. We need to do the cooking and serving. Can you cook at your home, or plan the meal? Talk to Monte.
We also 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.

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 & Kristy Parsons McClain

What Bible story, verse or character gives you hope? Share it with monte that we can use it to structure our worship in the coming weeks!

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett, Michael W. Smith

This is the air I breathe
this is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me

this is my daily bread
this is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for you
And I, I'm I'm lost without you

Opening Prayer

*(inspired by Genesis 12: 1-4) from Journey of Steadfast Love:
Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent, written by the
Rev. Daniel B. Randall. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>*

Generous God,
you gave us our voices, no two the same.
As you did with Abraham and Sarah,
you take and touch our lives and they can become
extraordinary.
And in your Church
you have gathered us,
in your community
of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people,
you have called us
and made a place for us.
So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,
be real for us and honest to you,
as you prepare us for the life of the world in which
you are praised. Amen.

"Don't Be Afraid"

John L. Bell

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1. Don't be afraid my love is stronger
My love is stronger than your fear
Don't be afraid my love is stronger
And I have promised,
promised to be always near

"Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

Rusty Edwards

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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.

"Be Thankful for What You Got"

William DeVaughn

1. Though you may not drive a great big Cadillac
Gangsta whitewalls
TV antennas in the back
You may not have a car at all
But remember brothers and sisters
You can still stand tall
Just be thankful for what you got

2. Though you may not drive a great big Cadillac
Diamond in the back, sunroof top
Diggin' the scene
With a gangsta lean
Gangsta whitewalls
TV antennas in the back
You may not have a car at all
But remember brothers and sisters
You can still stand tall
Just be thankful for what you got

[Chorus]

Diamond in the back, sunroof top
Diggin the scene
With a gangsta lean, wooh-oo-hoo

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"The Summons"

John Bell, the Iona Community

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same
Will you let my love be shown
Will you let my name be known
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me

4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.