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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/orshiponthego>

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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September 13, 2020

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD VIA ZOOM

GATHERING SONG "Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Community"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Matthew 24:3 & 25:1, 14; 31-46

NAMING THE HOPE WE HEAR IN SCRIPTURE - Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

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 "Okay"

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 "Shalom Elohim" (Hebrew)

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 Matthew 24:3 & 25: [1, 14] 31-46

This week has felt like the end of the world even more than usual. The smoke and orange skies have piled onto the other events and calamities remind us each day that the world as we have known it has changed, or maybe even ended. Like many people today, the ancient Israelites also believed in the impending end of the world – but it was different. They spoke of the end of the age, and of the Day of the Lord - a moment in time when creation would be completed, when justice would overwhelm injustice in the world, when the wrongs would be righted, when the broken made whole, those without a home would be welcomed home like the prodigal son and those who hungered (physically and spiritually) would feast at a table presided over by God (Isaiah 2 & 25; Micah 4). It was less the end of the world in a fiery ball that we imagine these days than the birth-pangs and transformation of God finishing the world begun in creation, in the ultimate realization, and redemption of the created order.

This is the topic that the disciples ask Jesus about beginning in Mathew 24:3...continuing through the end of chapter 25, and our text today about the sheep and goats. In the parable Jesus speaks of the “Son of Man” a prophetic title often used by the ancient Israelites to speak of the Messiah to come, who would make all things new, first mentioned in a vision in the book of Daniel. The parable is fairly clear, in particular if you’re accustomed to shepherding. The flock is composed of sheep and goats. Not too difficult to differentiate between and separate.

Looking closer we can wonder if it’s just a similar morality story. Is it making sandwiches for the hungry, or fighting the mismanagement and greed of the elite landowners (the 1%) of that day that controlled the economy, often while living abroad? Is welcoming strangers as simple as being kind to those you meet in the marketplace, or is more about taboo-breaking love of those who don’t fit in, the foreign – by birth or marginalization? Caring for the sick is the compassionate thing to do, but what if it costs you something – what if the sick you care for are contagious – like we see with COVID-19, or as the ancients believed that those who were sick were “unclean” – tainted spiritually which could then be transmitted? It would seem that Jesus talks both about concrete practical actions and systemic change and solidarity.

Looking deeper ‘the shock of this parables is that no one – not the goats and not even the sheep – recognized Christ because they assumed that the majestic, triumphant Lord of all time would surely appear as a powerful presence in history. But that is not God’s way in the world. ‘He has no form or majesty that we should look at him... He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.’” (Isaiah 53:2-3).

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- What grabs you in the story of this parable?
- How do you feel like the world is ending?
- How do you experience loving others as loving Christ?
- What word of hope, grace and/or exhortation do you hear in this parable?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Betty Trowbridge	3 Mercy Beatty
7 Michael Mendonca	8 Monte McClain
9 Diana Geary	11 Linda Davis
19 Sylvan Zappin	28 Lisa Ko

Coffee Hour Today - Call someone else up, catch-up, check in from wherever you may be.

WEEKLY CALENDAR DURING THE PANDEMIC

Daily Zoom Calls – every day at 12pm.

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

Race Matters– we meet next on 9/14 6-7pm, text and reflection questions at www.capcoakland.org/race-matters We’re discussing the podcast “Nice White Parents” dealing with race & school.

Friday Night Meal Next Friday, September 18th | 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. The Piedmont Community Service Crew is cooking the meal. *We need help with serving & set-up.*

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. New address! Check the weekly newsletter for the link. Or look online on our website at www.capcoakland.org/zoom-worship-virtual-gatherings

Monte will be on vacation 9/14-27

Thank you to this Week’s Leadership:

Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shadley
Chat Master: Karl Shadley
Godly Play: Beth Beatty
Music: Pete Feltman & Andre Schoch
Sharing: Monte 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. It might just be a word that someone else needs to here in these pandemic days!

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION GATHERING

"Jesus Savior Pilot Me"

Edward Hopper (1871)

Jesus savior pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea.
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and
Compass come from thee,
Jesus savior pilot me.

As a mother stills her child,
thou can hush the ocean wild.
Boisterous waves obey thy will,
when you say to them be still. Wondrous
Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus savior pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful
breakers roar twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then while leaning on thy breast,
may I Hear you say to me.
Fear not I will pilot thee.

Chart and compass come from thee
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea
May I hear you say to me,
Fear not I will pilot thee

Call To Worship Responsive Readings

*written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary
Liturgies website. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>*

adapted by Monte

The PEOPLE read the BOLD print

One: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

**ALL: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

**ALL: where the naked are clothed
in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced
as the long-lost prodigal.**

One: We come, for God reunites us here,
And leads us assisters and brothers in the
Way of radical love:

**ALL: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

"Community"

*Dave Brown © 2004 | Tune In! A Collection of Worship
Songs from the Brunswick Uniting Church 69*

Chorus
Part of a family, interconnected,
this is community
Welcoming strangers, visiting neighbors,
this gives us dignity

1 Care for the earth and sea,
we need to keep them free
So we care for the earth and sea.
Care for the ones we meet,
love is the face we see
When we care for the ones we meet.

Chorus
Part of a family, interconnected,
this is community
Welcoming strangers, visiting neighbors,
this gives us dignity

2 Sharing our joy and pain,
praying and keeping faith
By sharing our joy and pain
Singing a song of rights, imaging God in life,
by singing a song of rights.

Coda
Talk to the lonely, bind up the broken,
this makes community
A glass of water shared with the thirsty,
this makes for dignity
This makes for dignity
This is community

"Jesus Christ is Waiting"

John L. Bell; Author: Graham Maule

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Ancient and Modern: hymns and songs

for refreshing worship #563

1. Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

2. Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals, and real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.

In the Kingdom's causes, Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.

Let my care be active, healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.

On suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."

Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.

Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

"Okay"

Kirk Franklin

1. Woke up to a world that is changing
Looking out the window, got me wondering lately

Will we be okay? Will we be okay?

One day I can feel the sun shining

Next day a bullet can leave a momma cryin'

Will she be okay? Tell me will we be okay?

Prechorus

Life is taking everything that I have

Just to survive

Continued next column....

Chorus

I got twenty-five dollars in my pocket
And I think another ten in my glove compartment
I'm trying so bad not to cry, but it's hard to stop it
But you say all of my needs, you promised, you got it

Refrain

So I'm gon' be okay

I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)

See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger

Than any battle I'll ever face So I'm gon' be okay

(I know its dark right now but still see the light)

1. Why do we hate one another

When love is the most beautiful color?

It takes away the grey And makes everything okay

Where is the American dream

If only one percent knows what it means

To really be okay? Tell me, is that okay?

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Refrain

[Bridge]

See our god is great This season of pain,
it won't last always

Life is taking everything that I have

Just to survive

I got twenty-five dollars in my pocket
And I think another ten in my glove compartment

But that family with no food

would trade places with you

Give thanks and don't forget how you got it

So I'm gon' be okay

I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)

See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger

Than any battle I'll ever face

So I'm gon' be okay

So I'm gon' be okay

I'm gon' be okay (Okay, okay)

See I gotta remember, that my God is bigger

Than any battle I'll ever face So I'm gon' be okay

³Sitting on Mount Olives, Jesus spoke with his disciples answering their questions about the end of the Age by telling several parables...

¹ “God’s kingdom is like ten young virgins who took oil lamps and went out to greet the bridegroom.

¹⁴ “God’s kingdom is also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities.

³¹⁻³³ “When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

³⁴⁻³⁶ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.’

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ “Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

⁴¹⁻⁴³ “Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

⁴⁴ “Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

⁴⁵ “He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

⁴⁶ “Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

Wrestling with Scripture via Lectio Divina

1. Read through the scripture a first time. What word, image or phrase jumps out at you?

2. Read through the scriptures a second time. How do you hear that same word, image or phrase intersect your life today?

3. What invitation do you hear from the Spirit of God in this scripture to act, speak, be, or in terms of your relationships – today?