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**Welcome to CAPC Oakland!**

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.

If you’ve never celebrated with us, you can follow along using this paper or the projection on the screen. Hymnals and Bibles are in the pews. We invite you to join us for a moment of community connection afterwards with a

drink and simple snack.

**CHILDREN**

We have a quiet play area for children in the front of the sanctuary with toys and coloring sheets that can be played with during services. We also have a lounge, off the entryway, where the service is broadcast if you need more space.

We invite children 3 years old to 6th grade to depart for Godly Play following our second song. You can gather your child(ren) after worship upstairs in the GP room.

**PRAYER CARDS**

You’re invited to share your prayers of concern or gratitude by filling out the cards, located in the pews, and placing them in the glass vase on the table. We’ll use them during today’s service.

**WIFI & SOCIAL MEDIA**

2wire927 is our open wifi. The password is 7304088568. If you do social media during the service we invite you to add #capcoakland to include others.

**NESTLÉ PARKING LOT**

We’re able to park in the lot behind the church. They ask us to enter and exit off of Chabot Road, using the pedestrian door there near Crossroads Trading.

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GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

GATHERING SONG “God’s Great Love Is So Amazing” - *Insert*

CALL TO WORSHIP  *- Insert*

SONG OF PRAISE “Ancient Words” - - *Insert*

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

ACT OF CONFESSION

*opening ourselves to being undone, that we might be redone*

SUNG RESPONSE “Our Darkness” - *Insert*

DECLARATION OF GRACE.

 *the in-breaking of god’s grace disrupts our human condition of sin*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER - *Fredora Darmstadt*

*Call and response liturgically prayed at the conclusion of sharing a prayer card*

Leader: God, in your mercy.

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*To pray with someone after the service, look for today’s liturgist after today’s service*

GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO EMPOWER THE WORK OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY SONG “We Will Take What You Offer” - *Insert*

READING OF SCRIPTURE Luke 15:20-32 - *David Kittams*

*Pew Bible, p. 1013*

SONG OF WONDERING “Canticle of the Turning” - *Insert*

SPEAKING OF FAITH “Space for God” *- Rev. Karl Shadley*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE “The Great Storm is Over” - *Insert*

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SAYING THANK YOU AND GOODBYE TO JENI MCFARLAND

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 “**Tiyoox tii Ka’tal**” /tea oshtea katal/ (Poqomam)

*We pass the peace weekly using languages native to the cultures of our church community*

*as an audible sign of the Dominion of God at work towards the healing transformation of the world.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

 5 Emma Fleming 7 Cameron Beatty

 14 Mike Castner 26 Chinyere Okereke 30 Josh Beatty

**COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR**

**Worship Today:** Karl Shadley is preaching in worship, wrestling with the idea of community. We’re also celebrating Jeni McFarland, our current Office Manager, who is leaving her work us as she and her husband move to Michigan for his work.

**ESL Class tomorrow & Mondays 7-9pm.** Interested in helping work with local immigrants? Talk to Monte.

**Join our Choir!** Tuesdays 5:30-6:30p, Sundays 12-1p | Contact Pete Feltman petefeltman@gmail.com

*No choir practice today because of the retreat*

**Celtic Prayer Group,** Wednesdays 6:45-8:15pm Meets near CAL. *Contact Marda Stothers for more info at mqstothers@gmail.com*

**Friday Night Meal,** There is no meal this next week on Friday, 10/18.

**Women’s Group, Saturdays 8:30am | in the church library** (meets 1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays)

**The Vocabulary of Faith** | Sundays 9:30-10:15a *A weekly intro class to learning how to read the Bible.*

**HELP NEEDED – Thanksgiving Meal,** Can you help with advanced work like soliciting donations and marketing the event to volunteers and guests?

**HELP NEEDED: greeters** Would be willing to volunteer 1x/month to welcome folks to worship? Sign up today or talk with Richard Harvey

Next Sunday:

**100th Birthday Party for Emma Fleming after worship!**

**Thank you to Today’s Leadership**

Counting; Margaret Smith, Anne Marie AdamsDeacon Liturgist: Fredora DarmstadtFellowship: Chris Olson, Elaine PriceGodly Play: Patt Schroeder (ST); Mercy Beatty (DK)

Preaching: Karl Shadley

Reader: David Kittams

**Leadership for next week, 10/20/19:**

Counting; Albert Hussian, Jeff Trowbridge

Deacon Liturgist: Fredora Darmstadt

Fellowship: Beth & Bill Beatty

Godly Play: Cameron Beatty (ST); F Darmstadt (DK)

**Thoughts on Today’s Scriptures**

**Luke 15:20-32**

There are many “Jesus stories” where I want to know what happened to the community after the story.

Like the story of the woman at the well. At the end of that story the Jewish disciples and Jesus were hosted by the hated Samaritans for a two-day retreat in their town. I would so like to know what went on during those two days, the relationships that were formed. Could it be a model for our hard conversations.

Or the story of the tax collector Zacchaeus. How did things change in Jericho after his major change of heart. Did “Z” start new programs to help the underprivileged youth of his neighborhood? How did the neighborhood change once Jesus came through town?

Or the Jesus story we are going to look at this week. The story of the Prodigal Son. It’s a surprising story of radical inclusion and change. It is the story of a young man who forsakes the ways and values his family’s community, and with a slap in the face of his father, sets out to make his mark. When he returns broke he is really to play by the community rules and has a plan to be humbled, pay them back, and play by the old rules, but that is not what happens.

 Before he can humble himself and share his plan his father reveals another plan. The plan is to welcome the boy back, no strings attached. It is not the boy who needs to change, but the community. Can this little village be a place that can accommodate and embrace this boy for who he is? Can the community change and accept that things are going to need to change if their boys, and girls, are going to grow and thrive in the village.

This Sunday we will have a conversation about how our communities need to change if we are to welcome our sons and daughters to full participation in our faith communities.

**Questions for the practice of Examen & Contemplation**

* **What word, phrase or image grabs your attention?**
* **How does that word intersect with your life?**
* **When have you felt most welcome in a commmunity? When have you felt the most excluded or forgotten?**
* **How and where do you hear an invitation from the Holy Spirit to life, act, or speak in today’s text?**

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY’S celebration

One: At times we are like the elder sibling,

 standing outside, hesitating, mistrusting,

**ALL: but God welcomes us in,**

 **challenges us to join**

 **in this radical hospitality.**

One: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: That we might be the community of faith, the family of Jesus, hospitality in our world today**

**“Ancient Words”**

*Written By: Lynn DeShazo*

*Musical Adaptation By: Michael W. Smith*

1 Holy words long preserved,

For our walk in this world

They resound with God’s own heart,

O let the ancient words im--part

Words of life, Words of hope,

Give us strength, Help us cope

In this world where e’er we roam,

Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true,

Changing me and changing you

We have come with open hearts,

O let the ancient words im--part

2. Holy words of our faith,

Handed down to this age

Came to us through sacrifice,

O heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved,

For our walk in this world

They resound with God’s own heart,

O let the ancient words im--part

**“Our Darkness”**

*Author: Taizé Community*

*English; French*

*© 1991, Les Presses de Taizé,*

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight

The deepest night is clear as the daylight

**“God's Great Love Is So Amazing”**

*Biblical Reference: Luke 15*

*Tune: Charles Crozat Converse, 1868 ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus") (MIDI)*

*Text: Copyright © 1999 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette.*

1. God's great love is so amazing!

See — a shepherd with his flocks!

Ninety-nine are safely grazing;

one is lost among the rocks.

That good shepherd goes and searches

 till he finds the one astray.

So God says to fill our churches

with the ones who've lost their way.

1. God in love is always seeking!

See — a woman with her broom!

For a single coin she's sweeping

every corner of the room.

When it's found she calls each neighbor,

telling friends from all around.

So God says to search and labor

till God's precious ones are found.

1. God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!

See — a father's heartfelt joy!

Thankful for his son's returning,

he runs out to greet his boy.

To the angry older brother,

 hear the father's patient call.

So God says to love each other,

for in Christ, God loves us all.

**CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSIVE READING**

*Today’s reading is adapted from a prayer found online at https://worshipswake.wordpress.com*

**The People read the BOLD print**

One: At times we are like lost sheep,

**ALL: so God seeks and saves the lost.**

One: At times we are like a lost coin,

**ALL: so God searches and rejoices when we are found.**

One: At times we are like the wayward

 son and daughter

**ALL: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

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 **“We Will Take What You Offer”**

1. Though the nations rage from age to age

we remember who holds us fast

God’s mercy must deliver us

from the conqueror's crushing grasp

This saving word that our forebears heard

is a promise which holds us bound

Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God

who is turning the world around

**“Alleluia, The Great Storm Is Over”**

*Words & Music by Bob Franke*

*©1982 Telephone Pole Music Publishing Co(BMI)*

1. The thunder and lightning

gave voice to the night,

The little lame child cried aloud

in her fright,

Hush little baby, a story I'll tell,

Of a love that has conquered

the powers of hell.

***CHORUS:***

Alleluia, the great storm is over,

Lift up your wings and fly!

Alleluia, the great storm is over,

Lift up your wings and fly!

1. Sweetness in the air

and justice on the wind

Laughter in the house

where the mourners have been

The deaf shall have music,

the blind have new eyes

The standards of death

taken down by surprise.

1. Release for the captives,

an end to the wars

New streams in the desert,

new hope for the poor,

The little lame children

will dance as they sing,

And play with the bears

and the lions in spring.

1. Hush little baby,

let go of your fear,

The lord loves his own

and your mother is here,

The child fell asleep as the lantern did burn,

The mother sang on

'til her bridegroom's return.

*Author: John L. Bell (1998)*

We will take what you offer.

We will live by your word.

We will love one another

and be fed by you, Lord.

**“Canticle of the Turning”**

*Author: Rory Cooney*

*Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN*

*© 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.*

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout

 that the God of my heart is great

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the ones who wait

You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight

and my weakness you did not spurn

So from east to west shall my name be blessed,

 could the world be about to turn

chorus

My heart shall sing of the day you bring

Let the fires of your justice burn

Wipe away all tears For the dawn draws near

And the world is about to turn

1. Though I am small, my God, my all

You work great things in me

And Your mercy will last from the depths of the past

 to the end of the age to be

Your very name puts the proud to shame

and to those who would for you yearn

You will show Your might, put the strong to flight

for the world is about to turn

chorus

1. From the halls of power to the fortress tower

not a stone will be left unstone

Let the king beware for your justice tears

every tyrant from his throne

The hungry poor shall weep no more

for the food they can never earn

There are tables spread, every mouth be fed

for the world is about to turn

chorus

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