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Fence Post Moments

The Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 12, 2024 at 10:30am
 in Person & on Zoom

Welcome to CAPC Oakland!

We are a reformed, multicultural, community of followers of Jesus. Together we are committed to vigorously living our faith in our words, actions, and relationships in the East Bay.

In our community, face masks are not required, but always welcome. Masks are available in the entry.

As a community we are committed to being safe, open and real. We'd love to know you better. Use this QR Code to share your contact info or questions with our staff so we can follow up. We will not sell, share or abuse your personal info.



CHILDREN

We are moving towards restarting Godly Play – “Sunday School” for children during our service. It's a Montessori-like approach to teaching children language to use to learn to express faith through the telling of Bible Stories. Until then we have quiet toys, and activity sheets around today's scripture in the play area up front.

PRAYER CARDS

To operationalize participation in our Prayers of the People we invite you to fill out a prayer card and share it with the liturgist or to share you requests in the chat on ZOOM labeling it with 'prayer.'

WI-FI

Want Wi-Fi during our gathering? Select our network – Capc-net. Our password is 5951CAPC

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD BOTH IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

PRELUDE “I Heard My Mother Call My Name In Prayer”

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “How Firm A Foundation” - Blue Hymnal #361

CALL TO WORSHIP I Peter 2:4-5, 9-20

SONG OF PRAISE “All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name” - Blue Hymnal #142, 143

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS & NON MOTHERS

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3:1-8; Isaiah 55:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:26-28; Colossians 1:15-20

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD - Rev. Bill Beatty
 “Those Fence Post (Trust) Moments Where God Is Speaking “

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE “Jesus I Am Resting, Resting” - Insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE USE A CALL AND RESPONSE LITURGICALLY PRAYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF SHARING A PRAYER.

Leader: God, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

OFFERING SONG “God Is Forgiveness” - Insert

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SENDING SONG “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms” - Glory to God #837

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

POSTLUDE “St. Anne's Reel”

Today's Readings

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Genesis 3:1-8; Isaiah 55:6-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Romans 8:26-28; Colossians 1:15-20

Isaiah 55:6-9

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

- ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord,
that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Romans 8:26-28

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Colossians 1:15-20

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁵ [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God[c] was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What engaged, enraged, or surprised you in this text?
- you – or to us, as a church – to act, speak, be, or change, through this word of scripture?

May Birthdays

8 Donovan Adams 2015 8 Sophia Osterhage
15 Richard Harvey 18 Marge Harvey
28 Ziggy Amadea Aho 2001 28 Noah Laroia-Nguyen
31 Avery Haynes 2008

Today at & around CAPC Oakland

Post Service Sanctuary Party! Join us for light snacks and the chance to connect after our service.

Letters of Love: *Everyone loves getting mail!* Pick up an addressed envelope in the back and write a note of encouragement and love to someone who could use a good word. Recipients and their situations are explained on the magnetic board.

This Week at & around CAPC Oakland

Community Bible Study Sunday Edition

(Sundays 9:30-10:20am). Discussing the text used in our gathering each Sunday.

Quilters Club Mondays 10a-12p, in the library.

Community Bible Study Wednesday Edition

Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom. *No Meeting 5/15*

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6-7:00pm.

Sign up online (with this QR Code) to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! Montclair Presbyterian Church is cooking. Janet Majors is the host.



Women's Group: Saturday 9:30-10:30am on Zoom.

Book Club – Tuesday, 5/28 6:30-8pm – We're discussing *Man's Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. Bring a light snack to share. We'll meet in the sanctuary, discussing the entire book.

Antisemitism Workshop with Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller. Wednesdays May 22nd and June 5th

6-8pm. We're doing a 2 session workshop on the understanding and meaning of Antisemitism. A helpful exercise in this current time. We ask that you commit to both sessions. RSVP with this QR Code.



Godly Play – Sunday School – Monte is looking to restart this program for our children. Are you interested? Let him know.

Coffee Hour – Garden Party – To make organization easier we're placing a hard stop on our weekly garden party time at 12:30pm.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

MUSIC: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Kate Rose
VIDEO TECH: Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian
Much thanks to Rev. Bill Beatty, HR, for leading worship today as Monte is at his daughter's college graduation.

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

We affirm that God is neither male nor female – but wholly and holy by other. In doing so, we seek to empower each person to participate fully in worship; able to identify with the lyrics of songs and the words of our communal prayers through our use of gender inclusive language

How Firm A Foundation

American folk melody; Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832, alt. Glory to God #463 | Blue Hymnal #361

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Call to Worship Opening Litany

(I Peter 2:4-5, 9-20 – Common English Bible)

One: ⁴ Now you are coming to him as to a living stone.
Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from
God's perspective it is chosen, valuable.

⁵ You yourselves are being built like living stones into
a spiritual temple.

You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up
spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through
Jesus Christ.

**Many: ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priest-
hood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own
possession.**

**You have become this people so that you may
speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called
you out of darkness into his amazing light.**

**¹⁰ Once you weren't a people,
but now you are God's people.
Once you hadn't received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.**

One: ¹¹ Dear friends, since you are immigrants and
strangers in the world, I urge that you avoid
worldly desires that wage war against your lives.

¹² Live honorably among the unbelievers.

Today, they defame you, as if you were doing evil.
But in the day when God visits to judge they will glo-
rify him, because they have observed your honorable
deeds.

**Many: ¹³ For the sake of the Lord submit to every
human institution.**

**Do this whether it means submitting to the em-
peror as supreme ruler, ¹⁴ or to governors as
those sent by the emperor.**

**They are sent to punish those doing evil and to
praise those doing good.**

**¹⁵ Submit to them because it's God's will that by
doing good you will silence the ignorant talk of
foolish people.**

**¹⁶ Do this as God's slaves, and yet also as free peo-
ple, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil.**

One: ¹⁷ Honor everyone.

Love the family of believers.

Have respectful fear of God.

Honor the emperor.

¹⁸ Household slaves, submit by accepting the author-
ity of your masters with all respect. Do this not only
to good and kind masters but also to those who are
harsh.

**Many: ¹⁹ Now, it is commendable if, because of
one's understanding of God, someone should en-
dure pain through suffering unjustly.**

**²⁰ But what praise comes from enduring patiently
when you have sinned and are beaten for it?**

**But if you endure steadfastly when you've done
good and suffer for it,
this is commendable before God.**

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

Edward Perronet (1780)
Blue Hymnal #142, 143

1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

Jesus I Am Resting, Resting

Jean Sophia Pigott (1876)

1. Jesus, I am resting, resting
in the joy of what thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
of thy loving heart.
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee,
as thy beauty fills my soul,
for by thy transforming power,
thou hast made me whole.

2 Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,
I behold thee as thou art,
and thy love, so pure, so changeless,
satisfies my heart;
satisfies its deepest longings,
meets, supplies its every need,
compasseth me round with blessings:
thine is love indeed.

3 Ever lift thy face upon me
as I work and wait for thee;
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus,
earth's dark shadows flee.
Brightness of my Father's glory,
sunshine of my Father's face,
keep me ever trusting, resting,
fill me with thy grace.satisfies its deepest longings,
meets, supplies its ev'ry need,
compasseth me round with blessings:
thine is love indeed. [Refrain]

God Is Forgiveness

Communauté de Taizé

God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love, and do not fear.
God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Love, and do not fear.

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Traditional Spiritual | Glory to God #837

1. What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

2. Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

3. What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms