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FAITH

YOUR THOUGHTS. 12 WORDS
we're all on the journey
Tim Hsu

The Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 5, 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 “Working On A Building”

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING SONG “I Come With Joy” - *Glory to God #515*

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE “Okay” - *Insert*

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

HEARING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 43:16-19 & 46:3-4

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD “Faith – We’re all on the Journey “ - *Tim Hsu*

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE “Way Maker” - *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.**

COMMUNION – BEING NOURISHED IN OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH

AS WE CELEBRATE THE COMMUNION MEAL YOU ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE BREAD AND A CUP FROM OUR SERVERS IN THE CENTER SPACE. WE WELCOME ALL WHO HUNGER FOR THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TABLE SONG “Let Us Break Bread Together” - *Blue Hymnal #513*

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND GIFTS

OFFERING SONG

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 “Salt Creek”

Reflections on Today's Readings Isaiah 46:3-4 & 43:16-19

Today's readings were suggested by Tim, as relating to what he'll share with us about his faith journey.

Isaiah 46:3-4

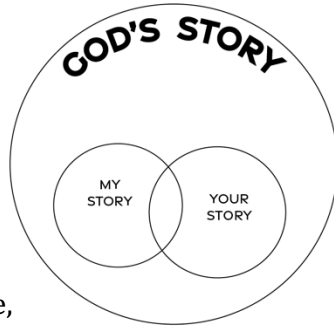
New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

³ Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from your birth,
carried from the womb;
⁴ even to your old age I am he;
even when you turn gray I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.

Isaiah 43:16-19

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.



Faith in 12 Words – in our continuing testimony series we ask each person the same questions as the basis for their sharing:

1. What has been giving you joy or hope in terms of your faith and spirituality recently?
2. What have you been wrestling with lately? What do you find challenging?
3. The word Religion means (in Latin) to bind together. So being religious means literally to practice our spirituality in a community committed to one another. What are you appreciating or discovering about community these days?
4. Is there anything else you'd like to share with our community?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & EXAMEN:

- What did you learn about Tim that you didn't know?
- As you listened to Time, what did he share that echoes with what you're living in your life?
- How are our faith journeys intertwined & interdependent?

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. *Mark 2:13-17*

Friday Night Meal – Fridays 6-7:00pm.

Sign up online to help with set-up, serving, & clean-up! *Tim Hsu cooking.*



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

Construction Update – The roof has been replaced! Starting tomorrow they'll be working to install the solar panels, update the electrical system in the gym & PG&E will hook us up to the grid.

Antisemitism Workshop with Rabbi Julie Saxe-Taller. We're doing a 2 session workshop with Julie on the understanding and meaning of Antisemitism. A helpful exercise in this current time. We ask that you commit to both sessions.

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.

Monte will be off next Sunday, May 12th. Wednesday and Thursday off this week Rev Bill Beatty, HR will be preaching. And we'll have a special Mother's Day Celebration.

Thank You to Today's Leadership:

MUSIC: Pete Feltman, Dave Eagle, Ben Kramarz, Kate Rose
VIDEO TECH: Dann Wilkens, Albert Hussian

LYRICS & RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*We affirm that God is neither male nor female – but wholly and holy
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*

I Come with Joy to meet my Lord

Brian A. Wren (1970) | Glory to God #515

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Call to Worship Opening Litany

(from Ps 68:4-5; Isaiah 63)

One: Sing praises to God, and to his name!
Shout joyfully to him who rides the clouds.

**ALL: Father to the fatherless,
defender of widows
— this is God, whose dwelling is holy**

One: I will tell of the Lord's unfailing love.

Two: I will praise God for all that he has done—

**ALL: God's great goodness to the people,
and the Lord's many acts of faithful love.**

**For God is our Liberator,
our Redeemer from ages past.**

Way Maker

Leeland

1. You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus

Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
Way maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

2. You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

Okay

Kirk Franklin

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?

Life is taking everything that I have just to survive

Prechorus

I got twenty-five dollars in my pocket

Chorus

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
So I'm gon' be okay

Refrain

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)

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?

Prechorus

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American spiritual | Blue Hymnal #513

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. *(on me)*

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees.
[Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
(on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees.
[Refrain]

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