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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 respond 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 "10,000 Reasons"

CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF PRAISE "Ancient Words"

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

LISTENING TO SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-44 - Cristina Ramirez

SPEAKING OF FAITH "Heaven Must Come to Earth" - Rev. Monte McClain

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SONG OF RESPONSE "Give Me Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER - Deacon Myrna Shadley
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

SUNG RESPONSE "He's Got the Whole World"

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 **"Pay it Forward where you are"**

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 Mark 12:28-44

The Book of Mark is most likely the first of the four gospel books to be written, sometime in the late 60s CE. Today's reading follows and continues a section of conflict between Jesus and his political opponents which began at his triumphal entry into Jerusalem [the political, social and religious capital of the Jewish people] in Mark 11. Since then Jesus has been butting heads with the leaders - all of them : the money changers in the temple; the chief priests and the scribes; the elders (who comprised the Sanhedrin - the governing body); Pharisees (the religious fundamentalists); Herodians (those who accommodated the foreigners); and the Sadducees (the elite establishment).

Our section today is the final and climactic confrontation between Jesus and those who oppose him. But curiously it's ambiguous. Is this an attack from an enemy or the acknowledgment of wisdom from a potential follower? For we hear that one of the scribes (who've just been being attacked by Jesus and giving it back to him) comes near and impressed by Jesus asks him a question that's neither a trap or superfluous. He seems to want to learn at the feet of Jesus.

Jesus' response is unique. He creatively combines Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18 to equate loving God with loving your neighbor and vice versa. Curiously it is recorded in history that the great Rabbi Hillel said something similar. He was one of the most famous of all Jewish religious leaders: a sage and scholar associated with the development of the Mishnah and the Talmud. He lived and taught before Jesus, (110BCE - 10CE). He's famous for two sayings in particular: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And being for myself, what am 'I'? And if not now, when?" and the expression of the ethic of reciprocity, or "Golden Rule": "That which is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow. That is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation; go and learn."

While these two sayings are similar, Jesus' positive version more actively equates love of God with love of neighbor and vice versa. (Leviticus 19:18 comes is the culmination end of a series of commandments about how to care for the poor). Jesus moves on to critique and condemn the patriarchal vision the establishment has of the Messiah (being defined by the right blood line), abusing their power to profit off the backs of the poor, and ultimately condemning the Temple institution which requires a poor widow (the poorest of the poor) to give all that she has to maintain an institution.

QUESTIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF EXAMEN & CONTEMPLATION

- **What grabs your attention in today's reading?**
- **Jesus rejects the established center of worship - the Temple - saying that worshipping God is done by loving our neighbor in all that we do. How is that challenging for you? Why then do we still need to go to church? How is loving our neighbor as we love God (and are loved by God) hard to do in this season of COVID-19? How do you feel like you need (or don't need) church in particular in this season of COVID-19? How does it all fit together for you?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

22 Ellen Brylawski 24 Marda Stothers
28 Lucian Haynes (2010)

COMMUNITY LIFE CALENDAR

Coronavirus & CAPC Oakland - We are using our website as the center for all information. Simply go to the home page and then look for links for what your searching...zoom calls, coloring sheets, directory information, prayer videos.... All at **WWW.CAPCOAKLAND.ORG**.

Coffee Hour Today - is taking place wherever you are. Call someone else up and say hello, catch-up and check in!

Daily Zoom Calls - "Connection Calls" - every day at 12pm. You can join the daily Connection Call from:

1. Your computer
by entering <https://zoom.us/j/546703271>
Meeting ID: 546 703 271

2. or by phone
dialing +1 (669) 900-6833
you may then be asked to enter the Meeting ID number which is 546 703 271.

ZOOM Worship Next Week at 10:30am,
Sundays 12-1p | You can join our worship from

1. Your computers: by entering
<https://zoom.us/j/299633758>
Meeting ID: 299 633 758

2. Or from a phone (mobile or landline)
Dial +1(669)900-6833, then enter the meeting ID
299 633 758#

Covenantal Restoration, Monday night 3/23 Discussion by Zoom at 7pm. Watch the videos at home before. Info & videos online at **www.capcoakland.org/covenantal-restoration-class**

Friday Night Meal This Friday, 3/27 6-7pm on the sidewalk at church. Help us cook from home or sign-up to serve. Info at the church home page www.capcoakland.org.

Thank you to this Week's Leadership:
Deacon Liturgist: Myrna Shaldehy
Digital Deacon: Karl Shadley
Music: Pete Feltman
Reader: Cristina Ramirez

Want to help next week? Contact Monte

LYRICS & WRITTEN RESPONSES FOR TODAY'S CELEBRATION

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman, 2013

Chorus

Bless the Lord Oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I worship your holy name

1. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes

chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

chorus

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your unending,
ten thousand reasons and then forevermore

chorus

"Ancient Words"

Michael W. Smith, 2002

1. Holy words long preserved,
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart,
O let the ancient words impart
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 impart

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 impart

"Give Me Jesus"

Fernando Ortega, 1999.

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

chorus

Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all the rest
But give me Jesus

2. My mother used to say,

3. Dark midnight was my cry,

4. And when I'm about to die,

"He's Got the Whole World"

Traditional African-American Spiritual

1. He's got the whole world in His hand
He's got this whole, in His hand
He's got this whole world in His hand
He's got the whole world in His hand
2. He's got you and me sister in His hand...
3. He's got everybody here right in his hand...
4. If religion was a thing, money could buy
The whole wide world in His hand
The rich would live and the poor would die
The whole world in His hand
5. The spirit can't move without
the world in his hands...
6. He's got the whole world in His hand...