



# Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

## **We Gather as God's People**

***Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.***

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your story. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence. Please take a moment to sign the black fellowship pads (in the pews), with your name and information about yourself that you want to share with us. After worship, please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements of Our Church Life and Ministry**

**The Centering Song** SF # 2164 (sing 3 times; the last time, a cappella) ..... "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

**Call to Worship** [Responsive] ..... Elder Mare Stewart

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the path of the Most High.

*People:* **That we may beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.**

*Leader:* Nation shall not lift up sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war any more.

*People:* **And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.**

*Leader:* We gather today in remembrance of all those killed by gun violence.

*People:* **We mourn the loss of 30,000 of our brothers and sisters, killed by guns in our own country.**

*Leader:* We are a nation at war with ourselves, a people who have forgotten who we are.

*People:* **We gather today to remember that we are each a child of God. We gather to claim our belonging to each other and our commitment to living the way of God's peace.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Leader:* Neighbor shall not lift up gun against neighbor. Neither shall they learn violence any more.

**People:** **And none shall be afraid for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.**

*Leader:* Let us worship the One in whose image all human beings are created!

**\*Opening Hymn** *PH* # 356 ..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**\*The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

*Leader:* Let us pray... O God of all people, we know that you are as near as our next breath. Wherever we go, you are already there.

**People:** **Thank you for creating us in your image, and claiming us as your children.**

*Leader:* O Lord, we confess that we have forgotten who we are; that each of us belongs to you.

**People:** **We confess that we have forsaken your peaceable kingdom, and allowed gun violence to shatter our communities. Forgive us, O God.**

*Leader:* Remind us, Loving God, in whose image all humans of the earth are created, that your love is more powerful than any gun and that your spirit will sustain us as nothing else can.

**People:** **Let us desire, as you desire, forgiveness rather than revenge, reconciliation rather than retribution, peace rather than war, love rather than hate.**

*Leader:* Give us the courage to live not by the gun but by your spirit love and respect for all human beings, even those we see as our enemies.

**People:** **Open our hearts to you so that we also may open them to each other.**

*Leader:* Guide us on the path of peace.

**People:** **In the name of all who love you, we pray, Amen.**

**\*Two+** (A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

**Question:** Who is someone you are remembering today?

## **We Listen for God’s Word**

**The Children’s Message** ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*Blessing:* You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

**Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive].....Elder Mare Stewart

*Leader:* Let us pray... In the beginning was the Word,

**People:** **And the Word was with God, and the Word was God who is Love and abides in us. Amen.**

**The First Reading** Deuteronomy 30:15-19 (page 186, O.T.) Elder Mare Stewart

**The Second Reading** Matthew 26:47-52 Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler  
(pages 30-31, N.T.)

*Pastor:* For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

**People:** **We give thanks to God.**

\* Please stand as you are able.

## **We Respond to God's Love**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People** [Responsive] ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*Leader:* We pray to the Lord...     *People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

### **\*A Prayer Litany of Remembrance, Healing and Hope in the Midst of Violence** [Responsive]

*Leader:* Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence. For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers and aliens, and those known to you alone, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* God of Righteousness, you have given our leaders, especially the President, the members of Congress, the judges of our courts and members of our legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters and EMTs, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the lobbies, the malls and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place day after day. Give them courage and sound judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims. For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and their security as they rush to our aid, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* God Who Remembers, may we not forget those who have died in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care. For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* God of Justice, help us, your church, find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done and grant us the conviction to advocate for change. For your dream of love and harmony, Loving God,

*People:* **Make us instruments of your peace.**

*Leader:* All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, and who continues to teach us to pray, Jesus the Christ.

**ALL:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Prayer Response** *PH* # 322 ..... “Spirit of the Living God”  
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

## **Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God**

### **Offertory Music**

**\*Offertory Response** *Sing the Faith* # 2036 ..... “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say,  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!

**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] ..... Elder Mare Stewart

Loving God, you pour out your grace upon us without reservation; help us to be as gracious and generous with our gifts and resources, so others might know your hope, your healing, your presence in their lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **We Depart to Do God’s Will**

**\*Closing Hymn** *PH* # 386..... “O for a World”

**\*The Sending** [Responsive]..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*Leader:* May the One in whose image all humans are created make of us a receiving people.

*People:* Let us walk with your feet. Let us touch with your hands. Let your voice speak in and through us.

*Leader:* May God’s wisdom, grace and love, transform us into a people committed to doing justice and showing compassion to all whom we meet.

*People:* May we carry God’s Spirit into the world. Let us be at one with You, O God.

*Leader:* And may each who feels as one with You, know also that we are one with every other human being, until all creation is unified in the light of your Divine Love. May you go in peace and in the light of God’s love.

*People:* We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

*Leader:* In the name of Christ.

*People:* Amen.

**\*Song of Dismissal** PH # 432 ..... “Canto de Esperanza”

May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that’s new, Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

**Postlude**



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**Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.**

- Our liturgist today is Elder Mare Stewart.
- Our musician is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are the Mark Olson and Al Bettenhausen.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**
- Printed copies of sermons are available in the box on the wall outside of the church office and on our website [www.OCPChurch.com](http://www.OCPChurch.com).
- Lectionary for Pentecost Sunday, June 4 – Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; *Psalms 104:24-34, 35b*; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS —**

- Next Sunday is Pentecost. We invite you to wear the color **RED** which is the color of the Holy Spirit!
- **Beginning in June, Communion will once again be served on the first Sunday of each month.**
- If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Good News*, please send either your email (preferred) or snail mail address to the church office. (Our addresses are listed on the last page of the bulletin.)
- **The Mission Committee reminds all folks to share their loose change in the Least Coin Crock, as a reminder of the prayers they say. Think of all the coins we would have if every time you prayed, you set aside a coin. These funds are to be used for local mission work. This is a year-long mission collection.**

- Help us save “pig points.” Please turn in your receipts from Piggly Wiggly in the brown bag in the narthex, so that we can receive a rebate. All funds received are used for mission projects. **The next deadline for receipts is Sunday, June 11.**
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

### EVENTS —

- Deadline to sign up for July 16 Madison Mallards game moved to June 18.
- Next Sunday, June 4 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and communion with Recognition of Graduates

### VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Server: Ann Febock
- Liturgist – Bud Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – Trent & Kari Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Jenine & Jack Spack
- Nursery – Deacons

## *Graduates in 2017; Let's Celebrate!!*

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, a university or graduate school, **please let us know by today so we may celebrate** with you. We will honor our high school graduates during worship next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!** Once again we are invited to join other Presbyterians on **Sunday, July 16** for a fun, family night at the Madison Mallards game. This year we are sitting on the third base side in the TDS Triple Play area. The ticket cost is \$31. This includes all the ballpark food (brats, specialty brats, burgers, chicken, hot dogs, sides) you can eat during the game. Each ticket will also come with three beverage or children's games tabs. **Paid reservations have been extended to June 18.** Please make checks out to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church (memo: Mallards Baseball Game).



**Community Café** – June 1<sup>st</sup> is the next Cambridge Community Café! The United Community Bank will be hosting **AT The United Community Bank** parking lot---dining outside--221 W. Main Street. They will be serving hotdogs, hamburgers, watermelon and pie and ice cream---If it raining meal will be at Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way, Meal served 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm **EVERYONE IN COMMUNITY IS INVITED!**



## MAY 2017 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours during the month of May are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 8:30 am to 3 pm. Donations may also be dropped off at Nikolay Middle School Office, during school hours 7:45 am to 3:45 pm, Monday thru Friday.

### **ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY**

The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are Cereal, Pop Tarts, Pancake Syrup, Ketchup, Sugar, Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Deodorant, Shampoo and Conditioner, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper

### **CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY GARDEN**

Tasks throughout the year include planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, weighing of vegetables, along with general maintenance and cleanup of crops. All produce harvested at garden is donated to the Cambridge Food Pantry so clients can have fresh produce. As the garden grows we need more volunteers! High school students may earn Silver Cord Hours for their time working in the garden. Please call Nancy at 423-8142 for additional information. The garden is located 1 ½ miles south of Cambridge on Oakland Road off of Highway B.

### **PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

Ken Bilstad  
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)  
Fritz Febock (Dale's brother)  
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)  
Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother in Oslo, Norway)  
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)  
Stub Lund  
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)  
Cori Traeder (Neal's wife)  
Mary Trailer

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

The family of Corinne Hommen (mother of Kris Runge), and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

## Church Schedule

**Worship Service:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday

**Communion:** First Sunday of each month

**Church School:** Children through grade 7 meet at 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

**Video of Worship Service:** Cable 98 or 987 Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Mon.-Tues. 8 a.m. & Noon  
(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

**Fellowship & Refreshment:** Following worship service each week

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Tuesday or by appointment

**Business Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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### **SESSION** (Meets the second Wednesday of each month.)

Class of 2017: Charleen Janus, Kay Lund, Dick Trailer

Class of 2018: Mark Touhey

Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

### **BOARD OF DEACONS** (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2017: Trent Bettenhausen, Nancy Kristiansen

Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Ann Febock, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Linda Porter

### **CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Music—**

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