



Service for the Lord's Day

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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. We invite you to sign the pew pads, which will be passed from the back of the sanctuary to the front. Please fill out the information, share with the others in your row, and then pass it to the row in front of you. Thank you. 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] Matthew Mandli

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: O God, Creator of all, you who summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth,

***People:* Great is your Name. Great is your Love.**

Leader: For you the trees shall clap their hands, for you the turtles of the ponds, and creatures of the fields shall sing with joy!

***People:* Great is your Name. Great is your Love.**

Leader: For you the kings and presidents of the earth shall humbly bow down, the poor and persecuted shall up lifted up and shout for joy!

***People:* Great is your Name. Great is your Love.**

Leader: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

***People:* Great is your Name. Great is your Love.**

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 267 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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

Leader: Let us pray... Because you made the world and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children, because when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us, so gracious God, we gladly say:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith; because anger, tension, bitterness and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change our hearts, our minds, our worldview, and are willing to make your sacred presence known in us and in all other people, we ask you to confront, shape, forgive, and encourage us as you know best. *(Silence)* Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Loving One, hear our prayer, change our lives until we illustrate your compassion, your grace, your acceptance of all people, as shown forth in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray.

People: **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: **What is your favorite animal?**

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]..... Matthew Mandli

Leader: Let us pray... Open our ears that we may hear and our eyes that we might see your living Word,

People: **in the scripture we hear, the Dr. Seuss stories we read, the people we interact with, and our own lives we live this day and every day. Amen.**

The Psalmist

Psalm 146

Matthew Mandli

(pages 581-582, O.T.)

Dr. Seuss

“Yertle the Turtle”

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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.**

God (Reflection) Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]

Leader: We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces.

People: We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.

Leader: We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave,

People: contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

Leader: We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern,

People: skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.

Leader: We commit ourselves

People: to work together, that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace. Amen.

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.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'...*)

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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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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] Matthew Mandli

We offer our gifts to you, Steadfast Love, not because you need them, but so others might be as blessed as we are by your presence, your power, and your peace. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

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

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

Leader: My brothers and sisters-in-Christ, “Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor and treat everyone equally in the way God has honored and treated you; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always.”

(Romans 12:17-21)

People: **We go in peace to love God through our service to others.**

Leader: And all God's people said:

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



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ Wee Worship Book, Iona Community Worship Resources; Affirmation of Faith ~ posted on the Rex A. E. Hunt website. <http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/>.

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

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

- Our liturgist today is Matthew Mandli.
- Our musician is Cheryl Spore.
- Our ushers/greeters today are the Sylvia & Larry Jensen.
- **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.
- Lectionary for Sunday, August 20 – Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28.

* Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- 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.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Today – **School Supply Drive Ends!**
- 4:30 p.m. Joint meeting of Deacons & Session at the Febock farm.
- Next Sunday, August 20 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Randy Johnson
- Ushers/Greeters – Kari & Trent Bettenhausen family
- Fellowship – Nancy & Jan Kristiansen
- Nursery – Deacons

School Supply Drive Ends Today

The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 21st** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 13.**

Besides dropping off supplies at church, **Monetary Donations** will be accepted at our church as well at our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. Make checks payable to Cambridge Schools.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off at school district office, CART or OCPC.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 21st (see 1st paragraph).

Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text). Thank you for your assistance.



JULY 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 and get food every other Monday. Donation hours during the month of July are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WWW.cambridgecap.net and click on Get Involved and then click on Volunteerism and go down and click on Food Pantry August thru October. We are in need of Volunteers to help clients on Monday Evenings----If you need more information please call Nancy at the Cambridge Food Pantry 423-8142. We also need volunteers to work out at the Food Pantry Garden if you are interested in helping please call Nancy at 423-8142.

FOOD and OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Ketchup, Cereal, Mayo/Hellmann's, Chicken Noodle Soup---Also nonfood items are really needed--- Super Tampons, Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Shampoo and Conditioner, Deodorant, and Paper Towel

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Ken Bilstad

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Fritz Febock (Dale's brother)

Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother in Edinburg, Scotland)

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)

Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)

Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)

Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother in Oslo, Norway)

Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)

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 Elizabeth Gates (mother of Melanie Rumpf); 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

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