



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Epiphany – Souper Bowl Sunday

February 4, 2018

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: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: **Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere, all around the world.

People: **That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

Leader: The living Christ is among us,

People: **and within us, as Christ is within everyone.**

Leader: In our worship as in our daily lives, may we be open to discovering the living Christ

People: **who challenges us and changes our hearts and lives in worship and in life!**

***The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 507 “I Come with Joy”

* Please stand as you are able.

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: Let us pray: God of wonder and glory, this world around us is awesome.

People: **You created it! You continue to hold it together, even as we threaten to tear it apart.**

Leader: God of justice and righteousness, to you we look for the truth.

People: **You are the ultimate judge. Your wisdom cuts through the lies.**

Leader: God of grace and mercy, the love you have shown us in Jesus is more than we deserve.

People: **Your arms are open wide, like a waiting parent for their prodigal children, ready to welcome them home and restore them to life.**

Leader: We come to you just now thirsting for your living water.

People: **Guide us to the streams of your wonder and glory, your justice and righteousness, your grace and mercy,**

Leader: that we may drink and be satisfied,

People: **renewed for our continuing journey with the living Christ. 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 Soup or Super Bowl Food to eat?

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.

Building the Bridge from the Cover of Darkness to Noon-Day Light

Prayer for Illumination Matthew Mandli

Leader: Let us pray... Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word.

People: **May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Scripture

John 4:1-42
(pages 94-95 N.T.)

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: 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.**

The Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

(Following worship this morning, you are invited to join Pastor Scott during Fellowship Time for a Worship Reflection Time. Together, we will reflect on the worship theme through the hymns, liturgy, scripture, sermon and sacrament of communion, asking ourselves: “if this is the living Word of God meant to challenge and change our lives, how might our response to God’s Word be

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challenged and changed by it in the coming week?”)

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

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] from **The Declaration of Barmen (part 2)*

The Church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of Christ’s own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

Offering Our Tithes and 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] Matthew Mandli

Holy God, may these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us. Use them so your grace, your love, your justice and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 513 “Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Invitation [Responsive]

Leader: Jesus calls us to the well, inviting us to drink of the Living Water, and the life eternal.

People: Jesus calls us out of the shadows, out of the graves, to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God’s presence.

Leader: Jesus calls us all: all who were made in God’s own image, all who breathe the breath of God’s spirit: the Spirit of Life.

People: Jesus calls us to the table, to the meal that nourishes our bodies and binds our dry bones into one Body, living in Christ.

Leader: Jesus calls us, here and now. Come to this table, you who are beloved in Christ. Come, not because you must, but because you may.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Holy God, source of all being, you are greater by far than our human thoughts can comprehend. With all that you have created, you abide; weeping with us in grief and pain, rejoicing with us in life and love. You are everywhere in this very moment; holding the entirety of living experience and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation.

People: **Creator God, mother and father of us all, in Your Holy Love you took on our limitations. Born of a body, bound within a body, you know the whole of this human experience. Learning to communicate with words; teaching us to communicate with presence. Learning the fears that wring us dry; teaching us of the love that nurtures us back to life**

Leader: Everlasting God, you are everywhere and right here in this bread we break and the cup we share. You are as close as the air we breathe, the air which binds us one to another and all to your beautiful creation.

People: **You are as close as the sunlight on our skin, as close as the rain that drips from our hair; the wind and the water that push us and lead us and call us again and again into relationship with one another and with you.**

Leader: Bless this bread and this cup, that by our sharing in this meal, we might become your bread for others, feeding a deep hunger within our world. May we be open to Your Holy Spirit to guide our living and encourage us to do justice, be merciful, and walk humbly in your ways.

People: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Communion. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip in the cup on either side, eat, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know, and we will serve you in your seat.)

The Prayer after Communion [Responsive]

Leader: Source of life, and breath, and being, breathe into the dry dust of our existence. Nourished in body by bread and juice,

People: **may we strive for the nourishment of all bodies: may we work to end hunger in this creation that provides amply for all.**

Leader: Nourished in spirit by the Body which is within our own, may we strive for the incorporation of all:

People: **may we work to break the barriers that divide us from one another and from you.**

Leader: In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us, may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 514..... “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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

Leader: Friends, let us go now from this service of worship to the service of God's people near and far, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you.

People: **Let us listen for the parched voices of the least of these; search out the dry places and the arid souls, and become for them a spring of the living water that we too have been gifted with in Christ.**

Leader: And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore. 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: Prayer of the Day ~ ~ posted on the **Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren** website. <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>; Communion Liturgy written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH; The Sending ~ adapted from the Ecumenical Water Network's Seven Weeks for Water campaign for World Water Day.

*About The Barmen Declaration...It was written 1934, and “was a call to resistance against the theological claims of the Nazi state. Almost immediately after Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, Protestant Christians faced pressure to ‘aryanize’ the Church, expel Jewish Christians from the ordained ministry and adopt the Nazi ‘Führer Principle’ as the organizing principle of church government. In general, the churches succumbed to these pressures, and some Christians embraced them willingly. The pro-Nazi ‘German Christian’ movement became a force in the church. They glorified Adolf Hitler as a ‘German prophet’ and preached that racial consciousness was a source of revelation alongside the Bible. But many Christians in Germany—including Lutheran and Reformed, liberal and neo-orthodox—opposed the encroachment of Nazi ideology on the Church's proclamation. At Barmen, this emerging ‘Confessing Church’ adopted a declaration drafted by Reformed theologian Karl Barth and Lutheran theologian Hans Asmussen, which expressly repudiated the claim that other powers apart from Christ could be sources of God's revelation. Not all Christians courageously resisted the regime, but many who did—like the Protestant pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Roman Catholic priest Bernhard Lichtenberg—were arrested and executed in concentration camps. The spirituality of the Barmen Declaration profoundly influenced many of the first generation of pastors and laypeople who formed the United Church of Christ in 1957.” (UCC.org)

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 today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Renee and Randy Johnson.
- **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- The Deacons will once again be serving a Cambridge Community Dinner at Cambridge High School on Thursday, March 1. Sign-up sheets to help with food preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up are posted in Fellowship Hall.
- **CHECK YOUR CASSEROLE DISHES!** – We had many casseroles on Sunday, but at least two of the lids were swapped and went home with the wrong dish. One has now been returned to the kitchen. Please check your casserole dish to see you have the correct lid. If not, you can bring it back to the kitchen and pick up your correct lid!
- 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 local mission projects.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Today – Souper Bowl of Caring
- Next Sunday, February 11 – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library Day
- 11:00 a.m. Session

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – JANUARY 2017 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3 p.m. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

Thank you to churches and all who generously supported the Cambridge Food Pantry by donating food and money toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets that the Food Pantry put together and handed out to families coming to the Food Pantry.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of the following items Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Microwavable Popcorn, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Diapers sizes 1, 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Maxi Tampons, Regular Feminine Pads, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)

Ken Bilstad

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)

Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)

Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)

Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)

Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara's husband, deploying to Iraq)

Andy Schieffer (Rose Ann West's nephew-in-law)

Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)

Joan Spaulding (former member Ralph Spaulding's wife)

Mary Trailer

Betty Willmore

Jim Willmore

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 Rosemary Mandli (Jerry Mandli's mother—family Karin, Jake, Conner, Matthew and Luke); Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother); Donald Rumpf; Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother); Hal Shaw (friend of Marilyn Schuster); Carl Martin (Meg's husband Bob Stilling's uncle); Lawrence Janus (Charleen's husband); 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Cathy Thiltgen
- Ushers/Greeters – Judy Pearson and Mare Stewart
- Fellowship – Sylvia & Larry Jensen
- Nursery – Deacons

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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Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

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Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Linda Porter

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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