



Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of Our Lord – Mardi Gras Celebration

February 11, 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 *PH* # 333..... "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Call to Worship [Responsive] Elder Cathy Thiltgen

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

***People:* We awake to find ourselves enveloped in grace.**

Leader: During the day, Jesus comes to invite us to serve.

***People:* We rise from our work and leisure to bring healing and hope to others.**

Leader: In the shadowed evenings of our fears and worries, the Spirit is with us.

***People:* The Light of life is shines on us in every moment of every day.**

***The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 324..... "Open My Eyes That I May See"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray: One thing we know, Listener to our hearts:

People: **you are the One who sends us on journeys and waits for us at the final destination.**

Leader: One thing we know, Healer of our lives:

People: **when we find ourselves in valleys veiled in shadows, you are walking alongside us even though we may never notice.**

Leader: One thing we know, Comforter of our souls:

People: **when we are weakened by the burdens of our lives, you come to us, to rest your strengthening peace upon us.**

Leader: One thing we know, God in Community, Holy in One:

People: **once we could not see you in every moment, but now our eyes are opened wide!
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 one thing you would like to see in your life time?**

We Listen for God's Word

The Children's Message

"Alleluia Box"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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

Building the Bridge from the Samaritan Woman to the Man Born Blind

Prayer for Illumination Elder Cathy Thiltgen

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 9:1-41

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

(pages 102-103 N.T.)

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

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

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] from **The Declaration of Barmen (part 3)*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

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 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 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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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] Elder Cathy Thiltgen

With you, Loving God, as our shepherd and by sharing our gifts, we can indeed anoint others with grace, prepare feasts for the hungry, welcome the stranger, and love those we consider to be our enemies. Bless these gifts, and use our lives for others, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 280..... “Amazing Grace”

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

Leader: Now go to take the love of God into the world.

People: We will show others the way to God's fields of grace.

Leader: Now go to take grace of Jesus into the world.

People: We will seek to bring others to the still waters of peace.

Leader: Now go to take the community of the Spirit into the world.

People: We will work to restore the lives of all whom we meet.

Leader: Now let us go out into the world, hearts and eyes opened to love and serve all in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

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: Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom M. Shuman.

*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 Elder Cathy Thiltgen.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Judy Pearson and Mare Stewart.
- **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 —

- Next Sunday, February 18, is the first Sunday in Lent. **Join the Blue Out!** Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday as a testament to one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference.
- 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 – Mardi Gras celebration
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
- 11:00 a.m. Session
- Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday
- Saturday, February 17 – 9:30 a.m. JKP meeting at Covenant PC, Madison
- Next Sunday, February 18 – 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. Deacons
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VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Julie Anderson
- Ushers/Greeters – Mark Olson and Al Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Ann & Dale Febock
- Nursery – Deacons



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 Strohmusch)

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.

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,

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

Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Linda Porter

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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