



Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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] Deacon Julie Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Here, at the outer limits of Lent, we are called to walk:

People: to the paper-thin edges which cut us to the soul; to the workplaces which weary us; to the people who confuse us; to the faith which threatens us.

Leader: Here, at the corner of Steadfast Love and Faithfulness, we are called to wait:

People: when our clenched stomachs awaken us; in the moments of unbearable sorrow; with your abiding presence which would strengthen us

Leader: Here, where time is fulfilled, where God's Kingdom is as near to us as our neighbor, we begin Lent:

People: with the Beloved, whose tears wash away our fears, with the God who will not let go of our hands.

***The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places,

People: offering us the grace of new life.

Leader: When we see nothing but hopelessness,

People: you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

Leader: Call us out of our complacency and routines,

People: set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life,
compassion, and peace,

Leader: In the name of Jesus, your anointed one,

People: 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: What is your favorite breakfast food?

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 Man Born Blind to Raising Lazarus

Prayer for Illumination Deacon Julie Anderson

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 11:1-44 (pages 104-105 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

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

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] from **The Declaration of Barmen (part 1)*

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness Jesus is also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through Christ befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God’s creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords— areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

* Please stand as you are able.

Special Music

“Lord of the Dance”
arr. Purifoy and Raney

Mare Stewart—flute;
Barb Brown—piano

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

“Now the Green Blade Rises”
French Carol

Mare Stewart—flute;
Barb Brown—piano

***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.”

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.” Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Responsive] Deacon Julie Anderson

Leader: God of the wilderness, We give these offerings

People: in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

Leader: We give these offerings in faith,

People: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

Leader: We give these offerings in hope,

People: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

Leader: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

People: May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 80..... “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Go now with your trusting in the voice of the Good Shepherd,

***People:* so we may love, not just in our words, but in our daily actions too.**

Leader: Believe in the name of the Christ,

***People:* so we may love others as Jesus did.**

Leader: And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death. May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life. And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and compassion all the days of your life.

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

Leader: Go into the world 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: Call to Worship~ written by Rev. Thom Shuman and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Nancy Johnson, and posted on Wonderings through life and other such nonsense; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>; The Sending ~ Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net (adapted).

*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.

- Thank you to Barb Brown, piano and Mare Stewart, flute, for our special music today.
- Our liturgist today is Deacon Julie Anderson.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are 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.

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 AND SLOW COOKERS! –** We had many casseroles on January 28, 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 – 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons
- Next Sunday, February 25 – 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
- Thursday, March 1 - OCPC sponsors Community Café meal at Cambridge High School from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Come join us!

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Judy Schroeder
- Ushers/Greeters – Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Jenine & Jack Spack
- Nursery – Deacons



JANUARY 2018 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 Strohubusch)

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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SESSION (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Mark Touhey

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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