



# Service for the Lord's Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 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] ..... Elder Cathy Thiltgen

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader:* Gathering God, our rock and shelter.

**People: We are here to meet you.**

*Leader:* Traveling God, our way and wonder.

**People: We are here to meet you.**

*Leader:* Summoning God, our joy and adventure.

**People: We are here to meet you.**

*Leader:* May we discover the presence of God in our words and worship, our hymns and prayers, in our friends and in our guests among us this morning.

**\*The Opening Hymn** PH # 281 ..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

*Leader:* Let us pray: God of our hearts and lives, Jesus was arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die, spending a night in jail. If we were arrested and held this night what would we be found guilty of in our lives?

\* Please stand as you are able.

**People:** That we made friends with people irrespective of their color, religion or ethnic background.

*Leader:* That we shared our bread with the poor and hungry.

**People:** That our words and actions were compassionate, bringing healing and forgiveness.

*Leader:* That we worked for your justice and didn't count the cost.

**People:** That we sought the truth and then spoke of it.

*Leader:* That we recognized your presence in our neighbors and loved them as our very selves.

**People:** That we met God along the way in the healing, grace, and forgiveness we received.

*Leader:* That we accepted hospitality at many different tables.

**People:** That we were changed by the lives of others and often repented of our arrogance and foolishness in encountering their wisdom.

*Leader:* That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for us.

**People:** That we never sought out suffering, but journeyed with it to the best of our ability.

*Leader:* That the love of those about us taught us to love ourselves before God. You call us out of brokenness to mend and remake your creation.

**People:** Grant us the courage to stay with all those who are held captive this night.

*Leader:* We pray this in the name of Jesus who is the Good News!

**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 one thing you did not like to eat when you were younger but now 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 Jesus Washes Feet to Peter's Denial**

**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 18:1-27 (page 112 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*

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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 challenged and changed by it in the coming week?”

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

## **We Respond to God’s Love**

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

### **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] ..... Elder Cathy Thiltgen

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 Invitation**

#### **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* # 386....."O for a World"

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

*Leader:* From what we know to what we have yet to discover,

***People:* God is calling us on!**

*Leader:* From all that binds us, to the truth that sets us free,

***People:* God is calling us on!**

*Leader:* From the blessings of today to the possibilities of tomorrow,

***People:* God is calling us on!**

*Leader:* God is calling us to go out into the world to love and serve friend and stranger alike as if they were the very presence of Christ.

***People:* Let us go in God's peace to love and serve one another. 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 ~ Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week by Ruth Burgess & Christ Polhill; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Pat Pierce, and posted on the CAFOD website; The Sending ~ Eggs and Ashes: Practical and Liturgical Resources for Lent and Holy Week by Ruth Burgess & Christ Polhill.

*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 Marian Korth.
- Our usher/greeter today is Melanie Rumpf.
- **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).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS —**

- **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.**

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- 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 —**

- Next Sunday, March 11 – Set your clocks forward as Daylight Saving Time begins
- 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

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —**

- Liturgist – Mark Touhey
- Ushers/Greeters – Kay & Stub Lund
- Fellowship – Charleen Janus
- Nursery – Deacons



### **FEBRUARY 2018 Update**

### **DONATIONS**

Donations may be dropped off at the Cambridge Food Pantry, located at 211 South Street in the Nikolay Middle School, under the blue awning. Donation hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 till 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 till Noon and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Households needing to get food from the Cambridge Food Pantry can shop on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.

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

Currently we can use the following items at the pantry: Detergent to wash clothes, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Ramen Noodles, Ketchup, Cereal, Brownie and Cake Mixes.

Also in March the Food Pantry will be putting together an **Easter Ham Meal Basket** for clients who come to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will be putting together around 85 Ham Baskets. Monetary Donations are always appreciated for the Meal Baskets.

**The Food Pantry along with CART and the School District will be collecting clothing to have free Spring and Summer Clothing and Footwear for clients to pick out the evening the Food Baskets are handed out---anyone wishing to donate slightly used clothing or footwear may bring it to the Food Pantry.**

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

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)  
Ken Bilstad  
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)  
David Gunnulson  
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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Music—**

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