



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday in Lent – Service of Healing and Wholeness

March 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 *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 Mark Touhey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

People: Jesus calls us to worship.

Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

People: Jesus calls us to love.

Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

People: Jesus calls us to justice.

Leader: Let us heed the call of Christ and follow where he leads us.

People: Let us worship together with joy.

***The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

Leader: Let us pray: God, we bring our stories to this place today

People: and we wait to be held by yours.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: We bring our faithfulness:

People: shape it with grace.

Leader: We bring our success:

People: shape it with generosity.

Leader: We bring our weaknesses:

People: shape them with compassion.

Leader: We bring our possibilities:

People: shape them with hope.

Leader: We confess, God, that the way Christ is hard for us to follow

People: and we are tired.

Leader: Speak into our tiredness

People: with your story of grace.

Leader: We confess that the way is unclear

People: and we do not know the path.

Leader: Speak into our wandering

People: with your story of vision.

Leader: We confess that we are tired of waiting

People: and we just want to make it happen.

Leader: Speak into our impatience

People: with your story of wisdom.

Leader: Let your story be our story lived out in our daily lives.

People: This we pray in Jesus' name 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: Are you more of Monday person or a Friday person?

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 Peter's Denial to Jesus and Pilate

Prayer for Illumination Elder Mark Touhey

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 (see insert to participate) John 18:28-40 Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
(pages 112-113 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

... 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.

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 Prayer Litany for Healing and Wholeness

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by distress.

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by fear,

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by anger,

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by pain,

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by illness,

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: For those whose lives are broken by sin,

People: **May the God of healing restore you.**

Leader: Compassionate One, lay your healing hand upon all those who are sick. Make your loving presence known to those who are lonely. Give your strengthening power to those who are weak. May those who lack be filled, those who mourn be comforted, those who worry be calmed and those who seek forgiveness find it in Jesus Christ; through whom we pray, saying:

ALL: 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.

During the singing of the Prayer Hymn, if you wish, you are invited to come forward to receive an anointing and prayer blessing.

Prayer Response PH # 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

* Please stand as you are able.

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Elder Cheryl Stitz

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 Mark Touhey

Make us foolish enough in our generosity, O God, that we might become wise enough to
know that our gifts will bless others - the hungry, the lonely, the searching, the weak. In
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 356..... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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

Leader: As you leave this place, remember you are God's community in the world:

People: for God's love endures forever!

Leader: As you leave this place, remember you are alive with Christ:

People: for Christ's light shines in the deepest shadows!

Leader: As you leave this place, remember the gifts God offers to you:

People: for the Spirit fills us with good works of compassion, justice, and peace to do,

Leader: Let us go out into the world to be Christ's loving and healing presence wherever we
find ourselves and with whomever we encounter along the way. And all God's
people said:

People: Amen!

* Please stand as you are able.

***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 Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith; Prayer of the Day ~ written by Cheryl Lawrie, and posted on her blog. <http://holdthisspace.org.au/>; Prayer Litany for Healing and Wholeness ~ written by John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship. <http://www.faithandworship.com/> and written by Michael Saward. Posted on The Jubilate Group website. <http://www.iubilate.co.uk/liturgy/>; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ Lectionary Liturgies Blogspot by Rev. Thom Schuman; The Sending ~ Lectionary Liturgies Blogspot by Rev. Thom Schuman

*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](http://www.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 Mark Touhey.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Kay & Stub Lund.
- **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 —

- 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 after worship – Children’s Library Open Session
- Next Sunday, March 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

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Melanie Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – The Letos
- Fellowship – Kris & Virgil Runge; Angela Wurtz
- Nursery – Deacons

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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 Strohmusch)

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.)

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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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