



Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday – Holy Week Begins

March 25, 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: Jesus was beloved by the poor and the outcast,

***People:* but he was a threat to people with power.**

Leader: Jesus stood against the Temple,

***People:* so he was a threat to the Sadducees.**

Leader: Jesus healed on the Sabbath and ate with sinners,

***People:* so he was a threat to the Pharisees.**

Leader: Jesus took the titles of "Lord," "Son of God," and "King."

***People:* Those were the Caesar's titles: he was a threat to the government.**

Leader: Jesus came without violence

***People:* yet he disturbed the peace.**

Leader: Jesus came proclaiming the Kingdom of God,

***People:* and the kingdoms of this world were frightened.**

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: Lord, help us to love your Kingdom more than the kingdoms of this world.

***People:* For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.**

Leader: With our palms waving, and our shouts of Hosanna, we join the crowds welcoming Jesus this day in our worship!

***The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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

Leader: Let us pray... God of transformation, we are reminded this day that Jesus’ ride into Jerusalem was more than a show, more than a simple provocation, more than the beginning of a cute celebration. It was a signal that things are changing, an unmistakably potent message to the powers that be that the world as we know it is becoming the world as it should be. It was a radical act of defiance directed against those in his day who wielded power through violence, oppression, and tyranny. It is no less radical, and no less tame, for those who do the same today.

***People:* This simple ride reminds us— and tells the whole world— that you are indeed coming to make all things new.**

Leader: You are coming to turn weapons of war into instruments of peace. You are coming to release those who find themselves in all manners of bondage: chains of injustice; chains of addiction; chains of conformity and apathy.

***People:* You are coming to provide for the poor: food for the hungry and shelter for the homeless.**

Leader: You are coming to assure the dignity and equality of all who are marginalized or oppressed.

***People:* You are coming to end violence and divisions, to provide safe communities and opportunities for education.**

Leader: You are coming to offer healing and wholeness, comfort, consolation, and hope.

***People:* You are coming to transform all that we know. You are coming to save us.**

Leader: But like humble Jesus riding into town on a lowly colt, you aren’t coming in grandeur, you aren’t coming with thunder and lightning, you aren’t making an epic entrance.

***People:* You’re coming through the mystery of love incarnate, through your church empowered by your Spirit, through lives transformed and inspired, through ordinary people like us, blessed by you to do extraordinary things.**

Leader: Come, gracious God into a world that longs for change, a world that needs your love, a world full of your own children, a world ripe with hope and potential.

***People:* Blessed are those who come in your name, O God. We have come. We will go.**

Leader: And we pray for the continued coming of your kingdom emerging all around us now and forever.

***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 your favorite part of a parade (Floats? Bands? Clowns? Candy?)**

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.

Prayer for Illumination Deacon Julie Anderson

Leader: Let us pray... Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified.

People: May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.

Building the Bridge Between a Parade, Hosannas, and a Crucifixion

The Scripture John 12:12-19 & 19:16-22 Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler & Deacon Julie Anderson
(pages 106 & 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.

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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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] Deacon Julie Anderson

Generous One, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 91..... “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

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

Leader: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

People: **Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.**

Leader: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,

People: **and then it changed.**

Leader: We have walked with another crowd.

People: **One that called words of scorn and condemnation.**

Leader: And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

People: **Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.**

Leader: And so we join the crowd, following them into Jerusalem, taking our place at the table with Jesus, praying in the garden, standing silent at his trial, looking on from a distance at the crucifixion, and then fleeing in fear for our own lives, unable to see beyond death’s door. May we find the courage to face our fears, believing that life always answers death.

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



* Please stand as you are able.

The liturgy this morning is from: Re-Worship Blog site and Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom 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 Deacon Julie Anderson.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Larry & Sylvia Jensen.
- **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
- Thursday, March 29 – 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
- Friday, March 30 – Noon Good Friday Cross Walk starting at Veterans’ Park
- Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather and comfortable walking shoes.
- Next Sunday, April 1 – HAPPY EASTER!
- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with communion at Lake Ripley Cemetery
- Continental Breakfast served at church between services
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration (Procession & opening of Alleluia Box)

- **VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —**
- Maundy Thursday Communion Server – Mare Stewart
- Communion Servers at Sunrise Service – Judy Pearson
- Communion Servers at 10:00 a.m. Service – Mike & Cheryl Stitz
- Liturgist – Cheryl Stitz
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Continental Breakfast between services. Happy Easter!
- Nursery – Deacons



MARCH 2018 Update

Thank you to all who continue to support the Cambridge Food Pantry through donations and volunteer time. Your time and dedication to the Pantry is appreciated! Interested in volunteering? Register online at the CAP website – www.cambridgecap.net and click on volunteerism tab then go to volunteerism Cambridge Food Pantry volunteer opportunities and then hit volunteer sign up. Anyone without internet access can also sign up by calling the Pantry at 423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. The Cambridge Food Pantry is located under the blue canopy at the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry could use the following items---Toilet Paper, Ketchup, Mustard, Jellies or Jam, Snack Chips, Cereal, Hearty Soups, Canned Ravioli, Pancake Syrup



Community Café – Thursday, April 5th is the next Cambridge Community Café! Join the Cambridge FFA and Cambridge 4-H Club who will be serving Taco Bar with all the trimmings with Soft Tacos and Taco Chips and Desserts. Meal will be served 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way.

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)
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); 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: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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