



# Service for the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday – Service of the Word and Sacrament

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

April 1, 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

**Call to Worship** [Responsive] .....Elder Cheryl Stitz

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* We thought you were dead. We thought the cross was the end. We thought that when the stone rolled over the tomb, that was it. But this is it:

**People:** the dead are living; the cross is empty; the stone is rolled, and one word describes it all: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Leader:* We thought you had said your final word. We thought those with the power had won. We thought that when you cried out, that was it. But this is it:

**People:** the word breathes; the powers are defeated; the final cry was only the beginning, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Leader:* We thought the story was finished. We thought the hope had ended. We thought that when the tomb was sealed, that was it. But this is it:

**People:** the story has just begun; the hope is newly born; the tomb is empty, and one word says it all: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Leader:* This is the news:

**People:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Leader:* This is the moment

**People:** Alleluia! Christ is alive!

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Leader:* This is the gospel

**People:** Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*Leader:* We thought that when they crucified you, death had defeated life, and that was it. But this is it: Love is stronger than death, and one word says it all:

**People:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**\*The Hymn** *PH* # 104 .....“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

**Procession of the Christ Candle and Alleluia Box**

**The Children’s Message** ..... Opening of the Alleluia Box

*Blessing:* You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased. Alleluia!

**\*The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

*Leader:* Let us pray... When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

**People:** Alleluia!

*Leader:* Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

**People:** Alleluia!

*Leader:* Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through the Risen Christ!

**People:** Alleluia!

*Leader:* We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

**People:** Alleluia!

*Leader:* We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

**People:** Alleluia!

*Leader:* We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will rise, coming to life again, and living in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

**People:** Alleluia! 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 Easter candy?

## **We Listen for God’s Word**

**Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive].....Elder Cheryl Stitz

*Leader:* Let us pray... O God, week after week you arise, gathering your people, proclaiming your word of life, feeding us with food that is eternal, sharing your Spirit, and renewing the face of the earth.

**People:** O God, transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **Building the Bridge Between Death and Resurrection**

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## The Scripture

John 20:1-18

Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

*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! Alleluia! Amen!

**Sermon** ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler  
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

## We Respond to God's Love

### **\*The Easter Affirmation** [Responsive]

*Leader:* This is the Good News – The grave is empty, Christ is risen.

*People:* Alleluia!

*Leader:* This is the Good News – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

*People:* Alleluia!

*Leader:* This is the Good News – Once we were no people, now we are God's people.

*People:* Alleluia!

*Leader:* Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we share with each other and the world!

*People:* Alleluia! Amen!

### **Offering of Our Tithes and Our 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]

Giver of New Life, may we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us! Alleluia! Amen.

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**The Communion Hymn** *PH* # 123 ..... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

### **The Invitation to the Table**

*Leader:* Gather around this resurrection table where all are welcomed and the good earth is

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affirmed. From her generosity, we bring these gifts of bread and wine.

**People:** Witnesses to hope, we participate in Christ's liberation.

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Leader:* The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Be still and know that I am God.

**People:** We are still in your presence, you are still with us.

*Leader:* In Christ you accompany us, embodied among us, sharing our birthing, our living, our dying, sharing our dreams of hope and liberation, offering us new life and the shattering of the tomb.

**People:** In Christ you appear as the host at the ebbing and the flowing of our lives.

*Leader:* You beckon us to share your hospitality, your challenge of love.

**People:** In Christ you sit as the guest at the table of the stranger.

*Leader:* You bless us with your presence, your awakening of love.

**People:** In Christ you stand among us as host and guest at the heart of this community.

*Leader:* You share with us your vulnerability, your unwrapping of love. As hosts with Christ, we bless this bread. As guests with Christ, we share this cup. As welcomed strangers, united in Christ's life, death, and embodied liberation, we hear the words of promise: This is my body given for you; take and eat to re-member me. This cup poured out: this is the new covenant in my blood; take and drink to re-member me. In this action of justice-making, we recall broken minds and bodies and blood shed through lust for power and nature's turn of hand.

**People:** Restore and heal all that is wounded. Be present in the stillness of the waiting. Roll back the stone of prejudice and fear. Release the signs of spring. Amen.

## **The Sharing of Bread and 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** [In Unison]

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Alleluia! Amen.

## **We Depart to Do God's Will**

\***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 108..... "Christ Is Alive!"

\***Charge and Benediction** [Responsive]..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*Leader:* When the broken come to wholeness, when the wounded come to healing, when the frightened come to trusting,

**People:** then the stone has been rolled away.

\* Please stand as you are able.

*Leader:* When the lonely find friendship, when the hurt find new loving, when the worried find peace,

**People:** then the stone has been rolled away.

*Leader:* When we share instead of taking, when we stroke instead of striking, when we join around the table,

**People:** then the stone has been rolled away.

*Leader:* The stone has been rolled away!

**People:** In you, Christ Jesus, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** Risen indeed! Amen!

**\*Song of Dismissal** *PH* # 122 ..... “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

## Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: Re-Worship Blog site and Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Shuman.

*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)*

**There will be no fellowship refreshments after worship today. Happy Easter!**

- Our liturgist today is Elder Cheryl Stitz.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- 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](http://www.OCPChurch.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- The last day to contribute funds to **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) is today. OGHS funds poverty relief, water programs, and economic recovery in areas of need. Envelopes are available in the pews. Thank you for your support.
- 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 —

- Next Sunday, April 8 – Join us as we gather in what is known as **Holy Humor Sunday**. We will be sharing in a special liturgy of celebration, humor and laughter. Yes, humor and laughter. Come with your funny (and appropriate for worship) jokes.
- 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open. Last day of Children’s Reading Program. Returns only.
- **VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —**
- Liturgist – Judy Pearson
- Ushers/Greeters – Stan & Kay Lund
- Fellowship – Linda Porter
- Nursery – Deacons

## CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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](http://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 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); 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.

**OUT OF THE OFFICE...** Our church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 2 and 3. It will reopen sometime on Wednesday when Ruth returns.

## 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: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

### **CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Music—**

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# EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who gave flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. The following people dedicated their flowers as listed here.

## GIVEN BY:

Nancy & Jan Kristiansen  
Melanie & Michael Rumpf  
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Renee Roland Johnson  
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Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen  
Stan & Kay Lund  
  
Sylvia & Larry Jensen  
Monty & Judy Pearson  
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Trent, Kari, Tyce & Tara  
Bettenhausen  
Virgil & Kris Runge  
Virgil & Kris Runge  
Nancy Erdman  
Joe Leto Family  
Joe Leto Family  
Jim & Mardy Schilleman  
Julie Anderson

## TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF GOD, AND:

In memory of brothers, sister lost last year  
In memory of Elizabeth Gates  
In memory of Don Rumpf  
In celebration of Life  
In memory of those who have gone before us  
  
In memory of our parents and our sisters  
In memory of our loved ones and friends who are in  
heaven  
  
In memory of our parents  
In memory of our parents  
In celebration of Children of the World!  
In celebration of LIFE  
  
In memory of all loved ones in heaven  
In memory of Corinne Hommen  
In memory of Bill Erdman  
In celebration of Venna Mae Ulrich's Birth  
In celebration of Emmeline Barbra Luther's Birth  
In memory of our parents  
In memory of Carol Floyd

*Plants may be taken home any time after the 10 AM April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter service.*

## John 20:1-18

- Narrator
- Messengers/Congregation
- Mary Magdalene
- Jesus

**Narrator:** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

**Mary Magdalene:** 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

**Narrator:** Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two messengers from God in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her,

**Messengers/Congregation:** 'Woman, why are you weeping?'

**Narrator:** She said to them,

**Mary Magdalene:** 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

**Narrator:** When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?'

**Narrator:** Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him,

**Mary Magdalene:** 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.'

**Narrator:** Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** 'Mary!'

**Narrator:** She turned and said to him in Hebrew,

**Mary Magdalene:** 'Rabbi!' (which means Teacher).

**Narrator:** Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

**Narrator:** Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,

**Mary Magdalene:** 'I have seen the Lord;'

**Narrator:** and she told them that he had said these things to her.