



Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

May 13, 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] Grace Leto

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God in your image we were created male and female.

People: As your children, you have loved us as mother loves her children.

Leader: When we cry you rock us. When we are hungry you feed us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: When we are lost you find us. When we are happy, you laugh with us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: As we grow, you respect us. When we leave home, you bless us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: Let us worship the God who loves us, nurtures us, and guides us throughout our lives.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 304..... "Jesus Loves Me!"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray... God with a mother’s heart, you gather us as your children. You comfort and hold us in your warm embrace.

People: **When we hurt, your arms enfold us. When we are afraid, your wings protect us. When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life.**

Leader: God with a mother’s heart, your love surrounds and supports us,

People: **in good times and in tough, in the midst of joy and pain, always and everywhere. You will never leave nor abandon us.**

Leader: God eternal and loving one, God with a mother’s heart,

People: **we thank you this day, for being part of your family. 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: **Name three women who have influenced and shaped your faith and life?**

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 Grace Leto

Leader: Let us pray... O Risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,

People: **that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from the Arrest of Paul to Paul’s Sermon at Athens

The Scripture Acts 17:16-34 Readers Theatre (see insert)

(pages 137-138 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 Reclaiming Jesus:

A Confession of Faith in A Time of Crisis

WE BELIEVE we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class. The body of Christ, where those great human divisions are to be overcome, is meant to be an example for the rest of society. When we fail to overcome these oppressive obstacles, and even perpetuate them, we have

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failed in our vocation to the world— to proclaim and live the reconciling gospel of Christ.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God. We lament when such practices seem publicly ignored, and thus privately condoned, by those in high positions of leadership. We stand for the respect, protection, and affirmation of women in our families, communities, workplaces, politics, and churches. We support the courageous truth-telling voices of women, who have helped the nation recognize these abuses. We confess sexism as a a sin, requiring our repentance and resistance.

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] Grace Leto

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.

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We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 387.....“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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

Leader: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you” (Isa. 66:13). Go now in the comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us.

People: Let us go in the assurance that the Comforter is with us always, so we may give comfort and peace to others.

Leader: Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth on Her paths of peace. May She give us blessings more precious than silver or gold (Prov. 3:13-15, 17).

People: May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others and may her Wisdom empower us to change our world!

Leader: Go now surrounded, nurtured, and strengthened by God who loves us like a mother, walks with us as a guide, and gives us the spirit of Wisdom to love and serve others daily.

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: Re-Worship Blog site.

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 today. Happy Mother's Day!

- Our liturgist today is Grace Leto.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Al & Trent 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 —

- **Next Sunday is Pentecost. We invite you to wear the color RED which is the color of the Holy Spirit!**
 - 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 mission projects. **The next deadline for receipts is Sunday, June 10.**
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Tuesday, May 15 – 9:30 a.m. JKPresbytery meeting at Christ PC, Oelwein, IA
- Pentecost Sunday, May 20 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School recognition
- 11:00 a.m. Frosty Freeze!
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons
- 12:00 Noon – Book Study Group meets

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mare Stewart
- Ushers/Greeters – Ann & Dale Febock
- Fellowship – Jenine & Jack Spack
- Nursery – Deacons



APRIL 2018 Update

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. Donation hours during the month are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 8:30 am to 3 pm. Donations may also be dropped off at Nikolay Middle School Office, during school hours 7:45 am to 3:45 pm, Monday thru Friday.

ITEMS NEEDED AT FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry can use the following items Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Ketchup, Mayo, Sugar, Crackers, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jams and Jelly, Adult large bladder control briefs, Paper Towel, Toilet Tissue

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara's husband, deployed to Iraq)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Mary Trailer
Rose Ann West
Betty Willmore
Jim Willmore
Phillip Yeadon

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 Patrick & Irene Sullivan, 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: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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