



Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost – Sunday School Recognition

May 20, 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 Mare Stewart

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, Holy, Spirit, come.

People: Come and move in and through us.

Leader: Whispers of hope around the corner of despair; shouts of joy at a graduation:

People: You are around us in every place.

Leader: The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

People: You speak to us through every person.

Leader: Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

People: You are with us in every season.

Leader: The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds twittering us awake:

People: You sing glad songs to us.

Leader: The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears; the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

People: You sweep us up in your commitment to transform all lives, all places.

Leader: In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every tongue:

People: Come, Dance, Enflame, Engulf, and Transform us!

***Opening Hymn** PH # 466..... “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

Leader: Let us pray... Spirit God, blow into our lives, move us to action,

People: break down the walls that separate us.

Leader: Where our language divides,

People: offer us translation.

Leader: Where our fear overcomes,

People: fill us with the fire of courage.

Leader: Where our lives are becalmed,

People: fill our sails with wind, moving us forward into the unknown future.

Leader: This day, and every day,

People: fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! 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: Share who your favorite teacher was in school?

Children’s Message & Celebration of Sunday School Program

Students

Sam Hanson

Trevor Leto

Roman Leto

Grace Leto

Tara Bettenhausen

Tyce Bettenhausen

Charlie Schabla

Sunday School Teachers

Kari Bettenhausen

Trent Bettenhausen

Renee Roland Johnson

Melanie Rumpf

Sylvia Jensen

Ann Febock

Children’s Librarian – Cathy Thiltgen

The Blessing and Prayer [Responsive]

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called ordinary people to be disciples and sent them out to teach and preach your truth. Today, we give you thanks that you still call us, ordinary women and men who are honest and eager to serve you.

Students: We thank you especially for these teachers—for their wisdom, grace, and patience.

People: We thank you for these students—for their curiosity and their desire to know you.

Leader: May we all continue to learn, seeking your wisdom and your will.

People: We are all God’s Beloved Children, held in God’s Care and with us, God is well pleased. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Elder Mare Stewart

Leader: Let us pray... Holy One, For all of the ways you speak to us –

People: in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in all that transcends language, we give thanks. Give us courage to speak your love, everywhere we go, to everyone we meet. Amen.

Crossing Back over the Bridge from Paul to Pentecost

The Scripture Acts 2:1-21, 42-47 Readers Theatre (*see insert*)
(pages 119-120 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 Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples. Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. The most well-known verse in the New Testament starts with “For God so loved the world”. We, in turn, should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants, rather than seek first narrow, nationalistic prerogatives.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT “America first” as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal. We reject domination rather than stewardship of the earth’s resources, toward genuine global development that brings human flourishing for all of God’s children. Serving our own communities is essential, but the global connections between us are undeniable. Global poverty, environmental damage, violent conflict, weapons of mass destruction, and deadly diseases in some places ultimately affect all places, and we need wise political leadership to deal with these.

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

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] Elder Mare Stewart

May our gifts join your dance of healing and hope to those living in despair. May our voices join the multitude of languages crying out for justice. May our hearts join your Great Heart in embracing the all your children around the world on this great day of Pentecost and in all the days to come. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 440..... "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

Leader: Now, you are filled with the fire of the Spirit!

People: We will go to ignite justice in our communities!

Leader: Now, you are filled with the Breath which renews life.

People: We will go to offer restoration to all who are broken.

Leader: Now, you are filled with the Wind which carries the gospel to the world!

People: We will go to carry grace and hope to everyone we meet.

Leader: And now may the strength of God, the peace of Christ, and the wildness of the Spirit,
Three-in-One, protect and nurture today and every day. And all God's people say:

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)

Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Our liturgist today is Elder Mare Stewart.
- Our musician today is Emily Rausch.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Ann & Dale Febock.
- **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 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 —

- Today after worship - No Frosty Freeze – Postponed to a later date.
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons
- 12:00 Noon – Book Study Group meets
- Trinity Sunday, May 27 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Melanie Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Memorial Day Weekend – No Fellowship Refreshment
- Nursery – Deacons

Graduates in 2018; Let's Celebrate!!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school, college, a university or graduate school, **please let us know by Sunday, May 27th so we may celebrate** with you. We will honor our high school graduates during worship on June 3rd.



MAY 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 of May 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.

ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The items most needed at the Cambridge Food Pantry at this time are Cereal, Ketchup, Sugar, Crackers, Ravioli, Hamburger Helper, Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, Size Large Depends.

The Cambridge Food Pantry will be closed Memorial Day May 28th but clients may come and shop on Tuesday May 29th between 5:30 and 7:00.



Community Café – June 7th is the next Cambridge Community Café! The United Community Bank will be hosting **AT the United Community Bank** parking lot---dining outside-- 221 W. Main Street---If it's stormy Day the meal will be served at Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Drive. The Bank will be serving Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Watermelon and Pie and

Ice Cream. Meal will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. **EVERYONE IN COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO COME!**

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
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

CHURCH STAFF

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