



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Pentecost – Graduate Recognition

June 3, 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: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

Leader: Together, let us worship God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 464..... "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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

Leader: Let us pray... Holy One, where we are, where others are,

People: You are also present.

Leader: As we gather. as others gather, in other places near and far,

People: may we always feel you present and constant.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: Holy One in so many places in our world, people are grieving, praying, calling on you,

People: **hear those voices, our voices, their cries, our cries, we pray.**

Leader: And strengthen, comfort, challenge, guide and direct us wherever our path in life leads us, this day, and every day, we pray,

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 was your school mascot and what year did you graduate (or will graduate)?**

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 Elder Mark Touhey

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.

People: **By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Building a Bridge Between God, Moses and the People

The Scripture Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-17 & Readers Theatre *(see insert)*
Deuteronomy 5

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 and Samuel Marrese-Wheeler

Sermon Text - Isaiah 43:1-3, 18-19

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you... Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Do not fear for I am with you.”

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

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 Mark Touhey

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment, may we become imitators of you,
Gracious God, who holds nothing back from us, but is generous and gracious with all
that is yours. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Recognition and Blessing of the Class of 2018 Graduates

Pastor: Friends, we are gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of members of
our community who are graduating from high school this year: Angela-Ryann Stitz
and Sam Marrese-Wheeler.

Pastor: Angela and Sam, one part of your life's journey is about to be completed. You will
prepare to begin another phase that will take you to unimaginable places. As you
prepare for your next journey, we hope that you remember us, your faith family, who
have loved and supported you throughout the years.

***People:* We offer you our blessings of love, joy, grace and peace, as you journey forth into
the world. We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop
new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.**

Pastor: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to
make choices and decisions.

***People:* We pray that you make wise and rational decisions, always turning to God for
help. God hears, God listens, God is always with you. Do not forget that. Always
keep in mind that God is within you and around you wherever you go.**

Pastor: Therefore, God says, do not be afraid as you venture forth on your journey. Wherever
your path takes you in life; wherever you find yourself, always keep Christ in your
heart.

***People:* We send you forth with all our love, all our reverence, all of our perseverance, and
all of our support. Strive for only the best rewards that life has to offer you and
may the love of Christ shine through you.**

Pastor: Christ is the light of all people. Let him shine in you during tough times and always
keep that light alive.

***People:* Let Christ's light shine always.**

* Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of Words of Thanksgiving and Hope by the Congregation:

(You are invited to share a memory or hope or blessing with our Graduates.)

The Blessing:

Pastor: Angela and Sam, you are a special to us. No one else, in the whole world, is quite like you. We are proud of you, and we love you.

***People:* As a congregation, we want to support you, and encourage in you a growing commitment to Christ.**

Pastor: We bless you to grow, in body and mind and spirit.

***People:* We bless you to make mistakes, and to learn from them, even if the consequences are difficult and painful.**

Pastor: We bless you to explore life, to be adventurous in discovering who God has created you to be.

***People:* We promise to support you with our love, counsel and prayers, and continue to walk with you on your journey of faith.**

Pastor: May your life be a river. May you flow with the purpose of the One who created and called you, who directs your course and turns you ever toward home.

***People:* May your way shimmer with the light of Christ who goes with you, who bears you up, who calls you by name.**

Pastor: May you move with the grace of the Spirit who brooded over the face of the waters at the beginning and who will gather you in at the end.

***Graduates:* Amen.**

The Response *Sing the Faith* # 2051 (see insert).. "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: God of all nations and people,

***People:* we give You thanks that we are all made in Your image, with such rich diversity.**

Leader: At Your table,

***People:* we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world.**

Leader: As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in You,

***People:* even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising.**

Leader: In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that Your will is for Your people to be one body.

***People:* We are one body, but we are not the same—it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be Your body.**

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: We thank You and praise You for making us all who we are,

People: **individually and collectively.**

Leader: We celebrate and give thanks to you for these gifts of bread and cup that make us one with you.

People: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of 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 [Responsive]

Leader: Holy One, we have gratefully responded to your invitation, joining you at Your table.

ALL: We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness. May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts, may we carry your grace and peace to the world around us, and may we live out Your love wherever we go and with whoever we meet. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 339..... "Be Thou My Vision"

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

Leader: May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

People: **May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.**

Leader: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

People: **May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.**

Leader: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

People: **May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.**

Leader: May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

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.**

* Please stand as you are able.

Postlude



This morning we celebrate with members and friends of OCP Church who have family members graduating from high schools and colleges:

HIGH SCHOOL

Angela-Ryann Stitz – iForward Wisconsin High School, Daughter of Shelly and John Kennedy; granddaughter of Cheryl & Mike Stitz.

Sam Marrese-Wheeler – McFarland High School, Son of Pastors Staci & Scott Marrese-Wheeler.

COLLEGE

Shelby Kelter – Graduate from UW-Whitewater, daughter of Jodi and Joe Kelter.

The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ posted on the Ministry Matters website; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Julie and posted on RevGalBlogPals; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Thom Schuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer after Communion ~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings; The Sending ~ offered at Baccalaureate Mass at Xavier University by Fr. Michael Graham SJ.

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 Marian Korth.
- Our usher/greeter today is Judy Schroeder.
- **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 NEXT SUNDAY!**
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- After worship today - Session
- Next Sunday, June 10 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Roman Leto
- Ushers/Greeters – The Leto Family
- Fellowship – Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen
- Nursery – Deacons

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
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.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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.



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!**

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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