



Service for the Lord's Day

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 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: Who are we, God that you have brought us this far? You have blessed our home and our church.

People: **You provide bread to satisfy our hunger And keep us day by day in your covenant.**

Leader: You have spoken to us words of promise And placed a light lamp on our way.

People: **You have granted us wisdom and insight Into the mystery of your will.**

Leader: Let us explore together what this means For our daily lives and for our church.

People: **We seek to know God's presence here And to receive spiritual blessings.**

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 458 "Earth and All Stars"

***The Call to Confession** Rev. Hugh Drennan

* Please stand as you are able.

***The Prayer of Confession** [In Unison]

We confess, O Sovereign God, to the doubts mixed in with our faith. You have brought us a long way through life, but there have been many hard times when you seem to have forgotten us. We have doubted your word, denied your love, and violated the promises we have made to you. Lift us out of the narrow circles of self-concern that imprison us to limited vision and flawed wisdom. Confront us with mystery powerful enough to change us. Amen.

***Words of Assurance and Pardon**Rev. Hugh Drennan

***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: When did you feel blessed this week?

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s MessageRev. Hugh Drennan

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

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive].....Elder Mare Stewart

Leader: Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

People: Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your word, that still lives and speaks to us. Amen.

The First Reading Ephesians 1:1-14 Elder Mare Stewart
(pages 191-192, N.T.)

The Second Reading John 14:25-27 Rev. Hugh Drennan
(page 109, 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.

SermonRev. Hugh Drennan

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

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] *An African Creed*

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything in it. God created men and women and wanted them to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the book of God’s word, the Bible, that God would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

* Please stand as you are able.

We believe that God made good God’s promise by sending the son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humankind, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross. He died and lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, announcing the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People [Responsive]Rev. Hugh Drennan

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 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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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

As we have heard, so we have seen God's compassion in our lives. As we have seen, so we will live, offering our gifts to God, so others might know God's steadfast love is present with them in every moment. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** To the tune of: PH # 411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

Lyrics by La Von Bayler

Your word is true, O God. Your promises prevail.
We seek your blessing for our homes That love may never fail.

Your covenant calls forth The best we have within,
Awakening our spirit's depths And saving us from sin.

As your adopted ones, we know ourselves set free,
Redeemed, forgiven, and empowered To serve humanity.

We seek to do your will, Revealed in history.
Uniting earth and heav'n in Christ Your perfect mystery.

Grant wisdom when we go To journey in Christ's name,
That we may use authority Your healing to proclaim.

***The Sending** [Responsive].....Rev. Hugh Drennan

Leader: You are sent out with authority to proclaim good news and overcome evil.

People: **God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

Leader: Take nothing for your journey, but travel light, depending on God.

People: **God goes with us in all we do and is present wherever we dwell.**

Leader: If people turn away from your witness, do not despair, but continue in ministry.

People: **We will shake the dust off our feet and announce again the grace of God.**

***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



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.

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Hugh Drennan. “Since leaving Cambridge I served the Grace Presbyterian Church in Winona, MN and then retired, living in Fountain City, WI. In retirement I was the interim pastor at St John's UCC church in Fountain City, WI, with a clergy/lay pastor team I served at the Canton-Scotland Presbyterian Church in Canton, MN and I also did a stint as the "Acting Pastor" at the First Congregation UCC in Winona, MN when they were between pastors and filled various pulpits in the area. At the end of October 2015 Doreen and I relocated to Lake Mills, WI. I am now a professional golfer. 😊
- Our liturgist today is Elder Mare Stewart.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Virgil & Kris Runge.
- **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 —

- **Second quarter giving statements are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- 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.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Next Sunday, July 22 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Cathy Thiltgen
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
- Nursery – Deacons



JUNE 2018 Update

Interested in volunteering? Register online at the CAP website – www.cambridgecap.net and click on the Get Involved Tab and then click Volunteerism. The link will then take you directly to the volunteer sign up. Anyone without internet access can also sign up by calling the Pantry at 423-8142. On Monday evenings the Food Pantry could use adult volunteers to assist clients from 5:15 p.m. till 7:15 p.m.

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 June and July are Monday 9 am to 12 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday 8:30 am to 3 pm.

ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Cans of Spaghetti O's, & Ravioli, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Tuna, Jelly or Jam, Hamburger Helper, Toothpaste, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towel.

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)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Mary Trailer

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 families of Jim Willmore; 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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