



Service for the Lord's Day

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 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

Sonata No. 364
by Scarlatti

Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart—flute;
Bobbi Rumpf—violin

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 Cathy Thiltgen

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: As followers of Jesus, we know Jesus offers a new-old commandment,

***People:* that we should love each other.**

Leader: With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us

***People:* we can, we must love one another.**

Leader: And it is in this our love for one another

***People:* that the world will know whom and what we worship.**

Leader: Come, children of God, let us love one another, as we have been loved by God in Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

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

Leader: Let us pray... Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred,

***People:* let us sow love;**

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: where there is injury,

People: pardon;

Leader: where there is discord,

People: union;

Leader: where there is doubt,

People: faith;

Leader: where there is despair,

People: hope;

Leader: where there is darkness,

People: light;

Leader: where there is sadness,

People: joy.

Leader: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled

People: as to console;

Leader: to be understood as to understand;

People: to be loved as to love.

Leader: For it is in giving that we receive;

People: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

Leader: and it is in dying that

People: we are born to eternal life. 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: Which would you rather do - Take a Walk? Read a Book? Watch TV? Cook?
Take a Nap? Clean the House?

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 [Responsive]..... Elder Cathy Thiltgen

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.

Building the Bridge between Scripture, the Declaration of Barmen, Reclaiming Jesus and Us

The First Reading Romans 12:1-13 Elder Cathy Thiltgen

(pages 161-162, N.T.)

The Second Reading John 13:33-35 Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

(page 108, 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

- What word or phrases stood out for you in the Scriptures we read this morning and in the two Faith Statements printed in the bulletin?
- If we already had the 10 Commandments and all the other rules in the Bible, I wonder why Jesus felt they had to give them this new commandment.
- When do we find this commandment easy?
- When do we find this commandment difficult?
- What stood out for you in listening to this statement?
- For you, I wonder what it means to be a Christian first and everything else second?
- For you, what does it mean that Jesus is Lord? What does that look like in your life?
- How would our fellow citizens know we are Christians by our love?
- What does it mean to commit ourselves as Christians today?

... *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 that Christ's way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. Jesus said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles (the world) lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant." We believe our elected officials are called to public service, not public tyranny, so we must protect the limits, checks, and balances of democracy and encourage humility and civility on the part of elected officials. We support democracy, not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not. The authority of government is instituted by God to order an unredeemed society for the sake of justice and peace, but ultimate authority belongs only to God.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule. We believe authoritarian political leadership is a theological danger that threatens democracy and the common good—and we will resist it. Disrespect for the rule of law, not recognizing the equal importance of our three branches of government, and replacing civility with dehumanizing hostility toward opponents are of great concern to us. Neglecting the ethic of public service and accountability, in favor of personal recognition and gain often characterized by offensive arrogance, are not just political issues for us. They raise deeper concerns about political idolatry, accompanied by false and unconstitutional notions of authority.

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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 of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music "Harlequinade" Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart—flute;

by Koepke Bobbi Rumpf—violin; Barb Brown—piano

***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 Cathy Thiltgen

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** *PH* # 386..... "O for a World"

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

Leader: God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.'

People: And it was good.

Leader: God created humankind, in the image of God, God created them; male and female
God created them.

People: And it was good.

Leader: God blessed them.

People: And it was good.

Leader: God blesses each individual upon this earth.

People: And it IS good.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: God calls us to turn toward God and become the body of Christ together.

People: **And it IS good.**

Leader: In the name of Christ, let us go into the world in God's image loving one another, making amends, working toward reconciliation, and creating with God the world God wants us to live in together.

People: **And it IS good. 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: Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Outside the Box**; The Prayer of the Day ~ Reclaiming Jesus Bible Study Resources: Attributed to Prayer of St. Francis; The Sending ~ Reclaiming Jesus Bible Study Resources.

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.

- Thank you to the members of *Wind and Strings Ensemble* for playing today—Lisa Leadholm, flute; Bobbi Rumpf, violin; Barb Brown, piano; Mare Stewart, flute.
- Our liturgist today is Elder Cathy Thiltgen.
- Our musician today is Barb Brown.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Sylvia & Larry 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.

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.**

* Please stand as you are able.

- 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 —

- Today after Worship – Fellowship Committee
- Next Sunday, July 29 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- Saturday, August 4 – Pancake Breakfast serving from 8:00- 11:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Judy Pearson
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Melanie Rumpf
- Nursery – Deacons

School Supply Drive

The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 20th** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 12.** Following are ways to donate:

Monetary Donations: will be accepted at our church as well as our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. Make checks payable to Cambridge Schools.

Most needed school supplies: scientific calculators, ear buds, back packs (no wheels), washable markers, Expo markers/erasers, color pencils, glue sticks, graph paper, Post-It notes, watercolor paints, Ticonderoga pencils, 24 count Crayola crayons, and 3-inch 3-ring binders. An expanded list showing items needed in grades 4K-8 is available at church, while grade-specific supply lists can be seen at www.cambridge.k12.wi.us or available at big box stores.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off at school district office, CART or OCPC.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 20th (see 1st paragraph).

Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text)

Thank you for your assistance.



JULY 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 and get food every other Monday. Donation hours during the month of July are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Go to the website www.cambridgecap.net and click on Get Involved and then click on Volunteerism and go down and click on Food Pantry Volunteer Sign up. We are in need of Volunteers to help clients on Monday Evenings---If you need more information please call Nancy at the Cambridge Food Pantry 423-8142.

FOOD and OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use Hamburger Helper, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Ketchup, Cereal, Mayo/Hellman's, Jelly and Jams---Also nonfood items are really needed---Regular Feminine Pads, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel



Community Café – Thursday, **August 2nd** is the next Cambridge Community Café! The Cambridge Foundation will be hosting the **MEAL AT THE LAKE RIPLEY PARK**. They will be serving Fresh Fruit, Potato Salad, Rotini Salad, Crab Salad, Coleslaw, Relishes, Ham and Turkey Sandwiches, and Brownies. Meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Rock Climbing wall will be at the park that afternoon also.

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

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

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