



Service for the Lord's Day

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 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] Deacon Judy Pearson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

People: We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.

Leader: In the name of Christ,

People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.

Leader: In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

People: we proclaim the God of Compassion.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives, whole peoples,

People: we proclaim the God of Hope.

Leader: In the midst of indifference and apathy,

People: we proclaim the God of Love.

Leader: Come, let us worship together

People: and share our witness of God's living presence in the world.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

Leader: Let us pray... Holy One, We give this day to You;

People: may the work of our hands build a stronger Church, a kinder, more compassionate, loving world.

Leader: We see the drowned and the dying,

People: we grieve at broken lives caused by leaders with hardened hearts.

Leader: Yet we know we too are gripped

People: by desires, by egos that only serve self and not others.

Leader: Today may we not walk by a soul in need

People: without offering a hand extended in Your Name.

Leader: For You stretched out Your Hands for us

People: ...and welcomed us Home. 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 has been the most interesting job or chore you have ever had to do?

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]..... Deacon Judy Pearson

Leader: Let us pray... We give thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of Scripture. Through it, you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions.

People: Bless we pray, our hearing of your Word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.

The Scripture

Mark 10:17-31
(page 46 N.T.)

Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

Pastor: 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.

Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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

* Please stand as you are able.

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***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] Deacon Judy Pearson

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 391..... "Take My Life"

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

Leader: Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy. Follow Jesus, keeping the commandments, letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world, and investing everything in God's realm. And may God come close to you and keep you safe; May Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold; and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need.

People: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

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: Call to Worship ~ from the **On Earth Peace** website; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Deb and posted on the RevGalBlogPals website. <https://revgalblogpals.org/>; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ posted on ReWorship Blog page; The Sending ~ Copyright © 2000 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net.

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

- Our liturgist today is Deacon Judy Pearson.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- 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 —

- 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, September 2 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion.
Blessing of the Backpacks

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Servers – Judy Pearson
- Liturgist – Randy Johnson
- Ushers/Greeters – Sylvia and Larry Johnson
- Fellowship – Labor Day Weekend – No Coffee Hour
- Nursery – Deacons



AUGUST 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 August and September 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.

VOLUNTEERS – If you would like to volunteer at the Food Pantry go to the CAP website at 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 Food Pantry at 423-8142 and Nancy will sign you up and answer any questions you may have.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY – Currently the Food Pantry can use Cake Mixes, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Hearty Progressive Soups, Regular Feminine Pads, Diapers size 2 and 6, Shampoo and Conditioner **THANK YOU!**



Community Café – Thursday, September 6th is the next Community Café Meal! The meal will be hosted by East Koshkonong Lutheran church who will be serving Hotdishes, Salad, Bread and Desserts. The meal will be served at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the 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 Deacon Judy Pearson)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Joan Spaulding (wife of Ralph Spaulding)
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 Jerry Mandli (Karin, Matthew, Luke, Connor and Jake) on the death of his father, Paul Mandli; 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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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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Mark 10:17-31

- Narrator
- Man
- Jesus
- People
- Peter

Narrator: As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him,

Man: "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'"

Narrator: He said to him,

Man: "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

Narrator: Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,

Jesus: "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

Narrator: When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

Jesus: "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

Narrator: And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,

Jesus: "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Narrator: They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

People: "Then who can be saved?"

Narrator: Jesus looked at them and said,

Jesus: "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Narrator: Peter began to say to him,

Peter: "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age -- houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions -- and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Pastor: 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!