



Service for the Lord's Day

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 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]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Here in this sanctuary, there are no strangers,

People: **for all are welcome in God's house.**

Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

People: **for love is the language of faith.**

Leader: Here in God's sanctuary, there are no divisions,

People: **for God dwells in each of us.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God our Creator in unity, love and acceptance.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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

Leader: Let us pray... God of Creation, God of Light and Love, you created us in your image and blessed us all to be a part of this magnificent world.

People: **Help us to live more fully into your image that we may care for the world around us, love all the people and diversity you have created, and work toward a world where all are loved, all are equal, and all are free. 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 best part of your summer so far?

(We will move into the Fellowship Hall as we share Christ’s Peace.)

***The Offering Will be Received as You Exit the Sanctuary**

We Listen for and Explore God’s Word Together

Your call to follow Jesus means that you are called to be the best version of yourself that you can be—who God made you to be. Civil discourse requires that we treat people with respect as we seek and serve Christ in each other and strive for the respect and dignity of every human being. It means treating people how we want to be treated, even in disagreement and even if we do not have shared values. As we enter this time of exploring Scripture and our calling as Followers of Christ, please: ***Respect, *Listen Deeply, *Speak for Yourself, *Try to Understand, *Share Talk Time. *Speak Respectfully, *Gratitude, *Suspend Judgment, *Disagree – Don’t Debate, *Practice Forgiveness.**

***Pay Attention to Your Feelings and Thoughts – If you do not feel safe asking a question or commenting on a topic, write it down and ask someone to help you give voice to it or talk it through. If something hurts your feelings, acknowledge that the comment (not the person) hurt and explain why.**

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

Leader: Let us pray... Gracious and loving God, we come together to meditate and examine your word.

People: **Give us ears to hear, hearts to receive, and minds to consider how we might be your hands and feet in the world. Show us your way, O God, that we might know you better. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:26-28, 31

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

26 Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ 27 So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them... God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

* Please stand as you are able.

Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis (Part 1)

WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God’s image and likeness. That image and likeness confers a divinely decreed dignity, worth, and God-given equality to all of us as children of the one God who is the Creator of all things. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God in some of the children of God. Our participation in the global community of Christ absolutely prevents any toleration of racial bigotry. Racial justice and healing are biblical and theological issues for us, and are central to the mission of the body of Christ in the world. We give thanks for the prophetic role of the historic black churches in America when they have called for a more faithful gospel.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership. We, as followers of Jesus, must clearly reject the use of racial bigotry for political gain that we have seen. In the face of such bigotry, silence is complicity. In particular, we reject white supremacy and commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Further, any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin—one that goes back to the foundation of our nation and lingers on. Racial bigotry must be antithetical for those belonging to the body of Christ, because it denies the truth of the gospel we profess.

Questions for Reflection & Discussion as Followers of Jesus on Scripture & Statements:

- What does it mean to you to be created in the image of God?
- How does it make you feel that the person who is vastly different from you is also created in the image of God?
- Since all of us on this earth are created in the image of God, how do we reconcile our differences?
- In the We Believe...Therefore We Reject Section, what beliefs ring true for you as a follower of Jesus?
- As a follower of Jesus, what can you do to help heal the pain and divisions we are facing today?
- As followers of Jesus, who are commanded to love one another as Christ loved us, what questions might we want to ask Jesus about his commandment as it relates to people who we view as different from us?

Larger Group Sharing

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 304 (verse 1) “Jesus Loves Me!”

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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.**

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

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* # 280 (verse 1) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: As we go out into the world God created and blessed as good, let us remember - 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 he created them; male and female he created them.

People: And it was good.

Leader: God blessed them.

People: And it was good.

Leader: God blesses each individual up on this earth.

People: And it IS good.

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.

Leader: And all God’s people said:

People: “Amen.”



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, © 2011 Abingdon Press; Reclaiming Jesus resources and Re-Worship Worship blog.

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 musician today is Linda Johnson.
- Our ushers/greeters today are the Letos.
- **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.
- **Our secretary, Ruth, will be out of town from August 13-20. Please note the church office will be closed those days, except for when Pastor Scott is here.**

EVENTS —

- After worship today – CE meets
- Next Sunday, August 12 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Congregational picnic and hayride along with joint meeting of Session and Deacons at Dale & Ann Febock’s.

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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Margaret Hawkins
- Ushers/Greeters – Al Bettenhausen; Derek Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Bobbi & Bud Rumpf
- Nursery – Deacons



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

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

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