



Service for the Lord's Day

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 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: Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

People: **we enter this sanctuary of Truth.**

Leader: In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints:

People: **we gather as God's people.**

Leader: Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

People: **we lift our praise to God in this place of worship!**

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 333..... "Seek Ye First"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray... Creator God, in a world where we struggle to discern the lies from the truth of your love and grace for all people,

People: **Guide us in heart, soul, strength and mind to follow the way, the truth, and the life you have set before each of us as modeled in Jesus the Christ. 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: Have you ever told a lie? Are you telling the truth now?

(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,

People: **Give us wisdom to perceive you Diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, Eyes to behold you, and life to proclaim you; Through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

- St. Benedict

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis (Part 4)

WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. A commitment to speaking truth, the ninth commandment of the Decalogue, “You shall not bear false witness” is foundational to shared trust in society. Falsehood can enslave us, but Jesus promises, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” The search and respect for truth is crucial to anyone who follows Christ.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined. The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation’s highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behavior of families and children. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light.

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

- What stands out for you in this Scripture reading?
- For you, what is the “truth” about Jesus that helps direct your “way” in your “life”?
- In this section of the Reclaiming Jesus, the focus is on the rejection of “lies as truths.” How do you as a follower of Jesus, discern the “truth” from the “lies”?
- As a follower of Jesus, how do you seek to tell the truth in the world today?
- How do we as followers of Jesus, call out the “lies” that are becoming more prevalent and lead others to truth?
- How do you, as one who is created in the image of God who is a follower of Jesus, live into your beliefs?

Larger Group Sharing

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.

We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Hymn Fav # 152 (verse 1) "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: Friends, this is the truth, if God is with us and in us and all around us, who can be against us?

People: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Leader: We go into the world in humble confidence that no matter where we go or what situation we find ourselves in, Christ is present with us.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: May the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, comfort your hearts and minds by the knowledge that nothing in this world, not even the lies, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counselor, will be with you now and always.

People: Amen.



The liturgy this morning is from: Re-Worship blog and ReclaimingJesus.org.

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 Al Bettenhausen and Derek Bettenhausen.
- **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 —

- **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.**
- 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 —

- This afternoon – 4:30 p.m. Congregational picnic and hayride along with joint meeting of Session and Deacons at Dale & Ann Febock’s.
- Next Sunday, August 19 – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Margaret Hawkins
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Renee & Randy Johnson
- 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 TODAY!!** 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

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
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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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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