



Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Worship in the Peace Garden – Rally Day

September 9, 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.

Announcements of Our Church Life and Ministry

The Centering Song (Tune—"In Heaven There Is No Beer")....."This Is the Day God Made"

This is the day God made. Let us rejoice in God.

This is the day that God made. Let us rejoice and be glad.

Alle Alleluia! Alle Alleluia! Alle Alleluia! Rejoice and sing praise to our God.

Call to Worship [Responsive]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise, like a good polka tune to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with dancing!

***People:* Yes, let us come into God's presence with singing and dancing!**

Leader: In our celebration, remember you reflect the rich tapestry of color that is the sacred image of the God of the rainbow!

***People:* We are all God's people!**

Leader: So, enter God's sanctuary with thanksgiving and praise!

***People:* May our words and actions show God our gratitude and praise!**

Leader: For God is good

***People:* and God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: So roll out the barrel of love, kicking our heels up, and celebrating God's wonderful name today!

* Please stand as you are able.

***Opening Hymn** (Tune-“The Beer Barrel Polka”) “Come Let Us Worship”

Come now and worship, come now and worship the Lord.

Come now and worship, join as we sing and adore.

Gather together give God the praise that is due.

Hear us as we come to worship singing praise to You.

We bring our gifts, gifts of ourselves and our lives.

With bread and wine, we offer you our whole lives.

This celebration draws us all closer to You.

Hear us as we come to worship singing praise to You.

Jesus our Savior, died on a cross just for us.

Rising from the dead, Christ gives salvation to us.

Gather together drawing us closer to You.

Hear us as we come to worship singing praise to You.

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

Leader: Creator God, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation.

People: **In the beginning of Jesus ministry, your Spirit was present in the waters of the Jordan River.**

Leader: From the beginning through today, water is an important part of Your sacred story played out in and through all humankind throughout the world.

People: **For the gift of life we find in water, we give thanks.**

Leader: Yet, for all its ability to create and nourish life, water also has destructive powers that we know too well not only in the story of Noah, but in the floods we face still today.

People: **Here in Wisconsin and across Your world, floods still affect us, not only destroying homes and property, but claiming lives as well.**

Leader: We see the violent nature of water, and yet, even as the storms pass, and the flood waters subside,

People: **we see at times a rainbow in the sky, and remember Your Covenant.**

Leader: This new day, we keep reaching for rainbows, with colors that reflect the diversity of all your people. As those created in your colorful, sacred image,

People: **may we work together to obliterated the darkness that floods our world still.**

Leader: As those created in your colorful, sacred rainbow image, may we work together until:

People: **The hungry are all fed, the dying held, the violent calmed, the oppressed freed, the oppressors changed, and every tear wiped away.**

Leader: Covenant-keeping God, we keep reaching for rainbows, But instead of colors in our storm, gray and black infiltrate, dirtying the sky,

People: **And we hear human voices wailing in the darkness, the never-ending darkness....**

Leader: Just the same we know the promise of the rainbow.

People: **We know we will turn a corner one day and find a litany of rainbows flung across the sky, hosannaing back and forth through all the ages and out into eternity forever amen!**

Leader: And on that day, every tear will be wiped away and there will be no more injustice, oppression, sorrow, pain, violence or death.

People: **It's the fulfillment of God's promise, when we become rainbows to each other. 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 is your favorite outdoor activity?

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.

Building a New Narrative Lectionary Bridge

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

Leader: Let us pray... Grand designer of all things, The light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good.

People: **May your Word we speak and hear today continue to create new things in our hearts, lives and world. Amen.**

The Scripture Genesis 6-9 (various verses) Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

God (Reflection) Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

... *musical interlude for quiet personal reflection*... “Whispering Hope”

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]..... *Statement of Faith* by Ann Barr Weems

Leader: We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

People: **We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

Leader: We believe the Holy Spirit works through:

People: **balloons and ministers, daises and wiggly children, accordions and polka music, sunsets and silence, drama and the unexpected, musical bands and banners,**

Leader: touching and praying, spontaneity and planning, faith and doubt, tears and laughter, leading and supporting, hugging and kneeling,

People: **dancing and stillness, applauding and giving, creativity and plodding, words and listening, holding and letting go, thank you and help me,**

Leader: Scripture and alleluias, agonizing and celebrating, accepting and caring, through you and through me, and through people of every race, ethnic background, creed and country, through Love.

People: **We believe God’s Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.**

Leader: We believe in praising God for Life.

People: **We believe in the poetry within each person.**

Leader: We believe in dreams and visions.

People: **We believe in old people running and children leading.**

Leader: We believe in the Kingdom of God within us and within others.

ALL: **We believe in Love. Amen.**

We Respond to God's Love

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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music (Tune-"You Are My Sunshine") "You Give Us Sunshine"

The warmth of summer, the autumn breezes, the winter frost, the green of spring.
The seasons changes declare your praises, and we join with them as we sing.

Refrain:

You give us sunshine and gentle rain, Lord. The snow in winter, morning dew.
All that we have Lord, we have been given, so we give our lives now to You.

You are the maker of earth and heaven, and stars and planets sing Your praise;
we lift our voices to join the chorus as we bless Your wonderful ways.

Refrain

You give us bread and You give us wine, Lord our works reward, fruit of Your land.
You give yourself as our daily bread now; we are fed this day by Your hand.

Refrain

***Offertory Response** *PH* # 592 "Doxology" "Old Hundredth"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison]

Covenant-keeping God, whose promise is rock solid; we offer our lives and these signs
of our daily living not simply that bread might fill empty stomachs, but that, through
the working of your Holy Spirit, empty lives may be filled, friendless, lonely lives find
intimacy, depressed lives given hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** (Tune-"Barbara Polka") "Lord, Teach Us How to Love"

Our Father up in heaven, hear us as we pray. Take our sins away; help us live each day.
Thank you for the gifts you gave us. You care for our needs.
When you sent Your Son to save us, You showed us You loved us true.
Hear us as we sing your praises; help us live our lives for you.

Refrain:

Lord teach us how to Love as we follow in Your way.

O-h, Lord teach us how to Love as we follow in Your way.

Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, you came down to us. Died upon the cross to redeem our loss. Teach us how to love each other as you loved us all.

Help us follow your example, caring for each other's needs.

Showing that we all are brothers by our very works and deeds.

Refrain

God of love, O holy Spirit, full of power and might. Keep us in Your sight. Teach us wrong from right. Thank you for Your love and graces, make us pure and strong.

Be our hope and consolation. Guide our weary steps to Thee.

Through Your guidance we all hope to live with you eternally.

Refrain

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

Leader: Friends, in this time and place, maybe we glimpsed a foretaste of the kingdom of God? Let it hold you

***People:* and let it send us so we will never be at peace until all are fed**

Leader: until all know home,

***People:* until all are free,**

Leader: until justice is done,

***People:* until peace is the way,**

Leader: until grace is the law,

***People:* until love is the rule,**

Leader: until God's kingdom comes,

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Leader: As followers of the Christ, let us go to be the bears of God's love, not fearing the rising tide of darkness, but living always a people who reflect the light of God. And all God's people said:

***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: The Call to Worship ~ based on NRSV and Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. Adapted by Pastor Scott; The Prayer of the Day ~ Adapted From a poem by Ann Barr Weems: Reaching for Rainbows ©1980; Affirmation of Faith ~ Ann Barr Weems, Reaching for Rainbows, Statement of Faith; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ Copyright © Jeff Shrowder 2000; The Sending ~ written by Cheryl Lawrie, and posted on ReWorship blog page.

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Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck meal following worship today.

- Thank you to the members of The Promised Band: Steve Holmes, Laura Connor, Leo Jazdzewski and Susan Egge. A free will offering will be received for The Promised Band.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Al & Cheryl 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 —

- 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 —

- Today after the Potluck Tailgate Party - Session
- Next Sunday, September 16 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Bud Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey
- Fellowship – Mardy Schilleman
- 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!**

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 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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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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