



Service for the Lord's Day

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 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 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] Bud Rumpf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: In faith, not knowing where they were going, God called Abram and Sarai to a new place.

People: And they went, leaving the security of home, family, friends, and place behind.

Leader: Like Abram and Sarai, we too seek to follow God leaving the security of our known world behind us,

People: to go on a journey of faith into new, unimagined places in our lives.

Leader: In faith, the Church continually sees to understand

People: what new mission and ministries God has set before us.

Leader: In faith, we gather for worship as we prepare to let go of our past

People: and embrace God's glorious future set before us today. Amen!

***Opening Hymn** PH # 430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: From familiar and comfortable spaces,

People: You call us: Go.

Leader: In the dead of night when questions burn,

People: You invite us: Come.

Leader: Where there is flesh and fellowship,

People: You beckon us: Draw near.

Leader: Coming and going. Gathering and parting. Growing and grieving.

People: We are so keenly aware, O God, that life does not stand still.

Leader: Life moves us. Life changes us. And so do you.

People: You coax and command, you question and reckon, you do not leave us unchanged.

Leader: We hold in our hearts and before you all those who are experiencing the stresses and heartaches of life’s changes:

People: those in mourning, those without hope, those who are alone. those who are bone-weary.

Leader: We share the joy and offer thanksgiving alongside those who are braving new adventures, those who are welcoming new life, those who are affirming love, those who are striding with others toward justice.

People: In all of life, in all of our travels, in all of our doubts, and in all of our endeavors; as you call us and send us, welcome us and keep us; above all else, you do not leave us.

Leader: No matter the changes, you remain before us, beside us and within us.

People: We praise you, Gracious God. 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 moved to a new place? Where and how far did you move?

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 Bridge from Noah to Abram and Sarai

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive] Bud Rumpf

Leader: Let us pray... God of the pilgrim mind and of every exploring heart,

People: illumine our understanding that we may discern your call to us and be open to explore your way before us in our lives. Amen.

The Scripture Genesis 12:1-20 Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

God (Reflection) Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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] Bud Rumpf

Covenant-keeping God, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a larger purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities in our mission and ministry. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 343..... “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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

Leader: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: The blessing of God, Creator, Covenant Keeper and Sacred Guide be with you and on your way together, now and forever. 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: Call to Worship ~ Ruth Duck - Flames of the Spirit; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Rachel Hackenberg, and posted on RevGalBlogPals. <http://revgalblogpals.org/author/rachelhackenberg/> ; Prayer for Illumination ~ An Iona Prayer Book – Peter Millar; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ Ruth Duck – Flames of the Spirit; The Sending ~ ~ from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*. Written by the Liturgical Task Force of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity.

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 liturgist today is Bud Rumpf.
- Our musician today is Emily Rausch.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Judy Schroeder and Mark Touhey
- **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 Worship - Deacons
- Next Sunday, September 23 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Bud Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen
- 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 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 Nancy Van Valkenberg, 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

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