



Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 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: Here, in this place,

People: God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

Leader: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

People: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

Leader: Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

People: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

Leader: Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out,

People: 'God, save us!' in every situation.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 411 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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

Leader: Let us pray... God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways.

People: **We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing.**

Leader: We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and Your power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing.

People: **Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives, to listen for Your gentle whisper when we least expect it.**

Leader: And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

People: **We praise You for Your faithful love, and pray that You would make us worthy to bear Your name. 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: “How many siblings do you have?” How many siblings did Joseph have?

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 Abraham & Sarah to their Great-Grandson

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 39:1-23 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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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

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 332..... “Live Into Hope”

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

Leader: God sends us into the world with words of hope.

People: Morning by morning, we will speak these words and live them out for others.

Leader: Jesus calls us into the world with words of justice.

People: Moment by moment, we will listen to the oppressed and challenge the unjust powers around us.

Leader: The Spirit fills us with words of grace and peace.

People: Day by day, we will sing these words, so all may hear of God’s presence in their lives.

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Faith, let us go together into the world, doing justice, practicing empathy and compassion, and always walking humbly with 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: Call to Worship ~ Re-Worship Blog; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ posted on **Life in Liturgy**; The Sending ~ Lectionary Liturgies, Rev. Thom Schuman.

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 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 —

- **Lake Ripley Cemetery Cleanup**—Beginning Saturday, October 6, the caretakers of Lake Ripley Cemetery will begin getting the cemetery ready for winter. By Friday, October 5, please remove any grave decorations you wish to save for next year!
- 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 30 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Melanie Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – The Letos
- Fellowship – Mary & Dick Trailer - Baptism
- Nursery – Deacons



SEPTEMBER 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 September are Monday 9 am to 1 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm. Food Pantry is located at 211 South Street in the Nikolay Middle School.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use All types of Canned Soups, Canned Peas, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Snack Crackers, Ketchup, Regular Feminine Pads, Diaper sizes 2 & 5, Shampoo and Conditioner

THANKSGIVING TURKEY BASKETS

The Cambridge Food Pantry will be putting together Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets with all the food needed for a nice meal again this year----churches or individuals can send money donation for baskets or bring donated food items---Cream of Mushroom Soup, Box Pie Crust Mix, Cake Mixes, Cans of Pumpkin, French Style Green Beans, Cans of Dried French Onions, Ritz and Town House Crackers, Butter to Cambridge Food Pantry, 211 South Street, Cambridge 53523



Community Café – Thursday, October 4th, is the next Cambridge Community Café! The meal will be hosted by the Lake Ripley 4-H Club who will be serving Sloppy Joes, Salad, Dessert. Meal will be served at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way, From 5:30 p.m. till 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 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.)

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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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