



Service for the Lord's Day

19th Sunday after Pentecost – Baptism of Lydia Grace Meier

September 30, 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] Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This day!

People: This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

Leader: This day!

People: This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

Leader: This day!

People: This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

Leader: This day!

People: This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

Leader: This day!

People: This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

Leader: This day our songs are filled with joy,

People: for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 356..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

Leader: Let us pray... When we look over our shoulders at fear shadowing us today,

People: **you go before us into tomorrow, making a path through the sea of yesterday's doubts.**

Leader: When our legs tremble from the effort of standing up for what you hope for all creation, you stand at our side, offering your hope's strength.

People: **Cloud of Grace, we offer our love to you.**

Leader: When we turn our hearts into deserts of stony bitterness,

People: **you transform them into oases of joy.**

Leader: When we come up with all sorts of rules for those who come to us seeking to find you, you tear up the list, stretching wide your arms in welcoming grace.

People: **Servant of all, we offer our lives to you.**

Leader: When we would clasp old worries to our hearts,

People: **you open our eyes to that hope which paves the path ahead of us.**

Leader: When we spend each day consumed with doubts and fears,

People: **you remind us that this day is the time to honor God, by serving all God's children.**

Leader: God, we offer our hearts and lives to you.

People: **As we pass through the waters again this day, renew us for the journey of faith we take together with this new child and her family. 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: **Do you remember who baptized you as well as the church and year?**

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive] Elder Melanie 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.**

Building a Bridge from Joseph in Prison to Rescue at Sea

The Scripture Exodus 3:7-13, 13:17-21, 14:5-31 Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

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

Baptism of Lydia Grace (*Please follow baptism bulletin insert*)

Blessing: **You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.**

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.

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] Elder Melanie 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** *Tune of PH* # 469..... "Water Has Held Us"

Water has held us, moved by creation. Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.

Up from the deluge, showing God's promise, has come a rainbow, gladdening the sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted for Israel's children, walled on each side.

This love has led us, helped us in trouble, on far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness, has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.

Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing, made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads, showing an inward, spiritual grace.

Into God's fam'ly, we have been welcomed. As sons and daughters, we take our place.

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Now, God who cradles us in baptism's water, sends us forth,

People: to draw hope from God's heart and offer it to others.

Leader: Now, Jesus who poured the cup of grace, sends us forth,!

People: to bring food and shelter, love and companionship to our neighbors.

Leader: Now the Spirit who teaches us songs of peace, sends us forth,

People: to offer reconciliation in every broken place, to every shattered person..

Leader: Go now, confident that you are God's precious and beloved children. Trust in God and do not fear. And may God be your protection and your strength; May Christ be your Light and your source of Love; And may the Spirit be with you to empower you and give you peace.

People: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, 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: Re-Worship Blogspot and Lectionary Liturgies.

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 Elder Melanie Rumpf.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- 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 —

- **Lake Ripley Cemetery Cleanup**—Beginning Saturday, October 6, the caretakers of Lake Ripley Cemetery will be getting the cemetery ready for winter. By Friday, October 5, please remove any grave decorations you wish to save for next year!

* Please stand as you are able.

- 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, October 7 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- 4-6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals at Veterans’ Park

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Server – Mike Stitz
- Liturgist – Cathy Thiltgen
- Ushers/Greeters – Judy Pearson
- Fellowship – Deacons (2 people)
- Nursery – Deacons

Blessing of the Animals “Critter-gy”

Do you have a special animal in your life? Or many of them? You’re invited to attend a special event for you and your furry, feathered, and finned friends. On **Sunday, Oct. 7**, we’ll be doing a community Blessing of the Animals Critter Liturgy (Crittergy) at 4:00 in the afternoon. We’ll gather at Veterans’ Park for a brief service of blessing and celebration, followed by a time for refreshments for the two-legged and four-legged who attend. Please feel free to bring your animals on a leash or in a carrying case (for their own safety). If you can’t bring your animal, you’re welcome to bring a picture of him/her. Come join us as we ask God’s blessings of all God’s creatures.

BLUE JAY BACKPACK COLLECTION: There are 75 students currently receiving weekend food through the Blue Jay Backpack food program. We are being asked EACH MONTH to collect 75 of each of the following items: microwaveable ravioli and/or spaghetti cups AND low sugar fruit cups and/or applesauce. These should be non-refrigerated. You can also make a financial donation to OCPC. If you are interested in helping with this collection, we could use a volunteer or two to shop for these items if we receive some financial gifts towards them.

MISSION CHALLENGE FOR OCPC: Hunger is a daily issue in our schools. The number of children and youth facing food scarcity at home continues to increase while federal funding for school lunch (and breakfast programs) face further government cuts. The Blue Jay Backpack Program currently only provides food to 75 K-12 graders once a month. It is hoped that over this year that the program can begin to meet the needs on a weekly basis. Many schools have begun food pantries in the school building. McFarland High School, where Pastor Scott works, has one. The hope would be that Cambridge School District working with the Food Pantry with the support of the local churches and community groups could also have food pantries in the middle and high school. To do this, more volunteers and financial gifts would be needed. This is a local mission we as a congregation should support with our donations and also with volunteers.



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 Strohmusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Jim & Mardy Schilleman
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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Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

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Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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