



Service for the Lord's Day

20th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday

October 7, 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 Cathy Thiltgen

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

People: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

Leader: God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

People: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Leader: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

People: Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

Leader: Let us pray... Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table,

People: but we have pursued our own course.

Leader: You have promised us the abundance of all creation,

People: but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: You have promised us the bread of life itself,

People: but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry.

Leader: You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,

People: but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty.

Leader: And now we are famished, too, Lord.

People: Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.

Leader: Transform us, at this table, and for this table,

People: and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

Leader: Even when our cups run dry, God’s grace overflows.

People: Even when our plates are empty, God’s generosity overflows. And even when our hearts feel barren, God’s love overflows.

Leader: We have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, knowing our sins have been forgiven.

People: Alleluia! 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: Describe the table you eat at in your home?

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.

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive] Elder Cathy Thiltgen

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the same Spirit that binds us together in one world community,

People: speak to us that what we read and ponder may challenge and stretch us to trust and follow you throughout all of our life’s journey. Amen.

Building a Bridge from Rescue at Sea to Covenant and Commandments

The Scripture Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-26 Readers Theatre (see insert)

Sermon 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 Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human

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pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 Cathy Thiltgen

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

Leader: This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It’s not a Presbyterian table. It’s not an American table. It’s God’s table, for all of us, and it’s a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, you breathed your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life. When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests. And when we fell short, slaves to power and

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greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart. You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves. And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, of all days, with all your children at every corner of your table.

People: May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness,

Leader: May we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world.

People: Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your life giving breath that even now breathes through all of humanity.

Leader: Keep us faithful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying:

ALL: 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.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament of Communion. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip in the cup on either side, eat, and return to your seat by the outside aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please let us know, and we will serve you in your seat.)

The Prayer after Communion [In Unison]

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 281..... "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

Leader: From where we are to where you need us,

People: **Christ be beside us.**

Leader: From what we are to what you can make us,

People: **Christ be before us.**

Leader: From the mouthing of generalities to making signs of your kingdom on earth,

People: **Christ be beneath us.**

Leader: Through the streets of this world to the fullness of your new heaven and earth to come,

People: **Christ be above us.**

Leader: Surround us with your presence, inspire us with your purpose, confirm us with your love. Go in peace to love and serve God.

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 ~ written by Nancy C. Townley, posted on the [Ministry Matters](#) website; The Sending ~ A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona, Scotland.

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 Cathy Thiltgen.
- Our musician today is Emily Rausch.
- Our usher/greeter today is Judy Pearson.
- **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 —

- **The Cambridge EMS has a great opportunity to work for a young, vibrant, and engaged handicapped 29 year old who lives independently. Overnights and weekend may be necessary. This is a paid job. Full time or part time available. Call or text (920) 222-2028.**
- 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 – 4-6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals at Veterans’ Park
- Next Sunday, October 14 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Matt Meier
- Ushers/Greeters – Stan & Kay Lund
- Fellowship – Karin Mandli
- Nursery – Deacons

Blessing of the Animals “Critter-gy”

This afternoon, Oct. 7, some of the Cambridge area clergy, including Pastor Scott, will be doing a community Blessing of the Animals Critter Liturgy (Crittergy) at 4:00 PM. 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.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbush)
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; 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)

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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