



Service for the Lord's Day

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 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] Matt Meier

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We are pulled in many directions by our family, work and social schedules.

People: Many commitments and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.

Leader: This day, in this place, let service to God be our first choice.

People: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.

Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

People: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures us throughout all our life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 554 "Let All Things Now Living"

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

Leader: Let us pray... God of Israel and God of Jesus Christ, we would not be here if you had not chosen to touch our lives with your love. We cannot hide our wonder that you should choose to enter our world and our lives in person – in Jesus.

People: Yet we confess that we sometimes have trouble in our decision-making when faced with questions of whether we wholeheartedly serve you or not.

Leader: We are often tempted to put other than you first in our lives—when we are faced, often daily, with choices which affect how we live as your faithful people—choices about how we share the gifts you have given us.

People: **Forgive us when the choices we make reflect not your glory but our own selfishness.**

Leader: Forgive us when the choices we make revolve around judging or condemning others without first listening to their stories.

People: **Forgive us when the choices we make contribute to our own prosperity and well-being while ignoring the needs of others.**

Leader: Forgive us when the choices we make diminish our awareness of you, O God, in the midst of those who suffer.

People: **Gracious and loving God, strengthen us where we are weak with the renewing power of your Spirit so that the choices we make clearly reveal our identity as your faithful people and devoted followers of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord - in whose name we pray. 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 Fall activity or food?

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] Matt Meier

Leader: Let us pray... God of Moses and Joshua, you who lead your people through the wilderness, across the Jordan into their new future,

People: **speak to us this day that what we read and ponder may challenge and stretch us to trust and follow you into your glorious new Kingdom on earth. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from Moses to Joshua

The Scripture Joshua 24:1-28 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 God. 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

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Special Offertory Music “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Please enjoy this “new to us” hymn. Feel free to follow along with the music printed on the insert.

***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] Matt Meier

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 # 389..... “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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

Leader: As we go forth in God’s name, following the way of Jesus the Christ, Let the love that shaped earth and heaven

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that created humanity,

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that forgives and renews

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: Let the love that brings the blessing of peace

People: dwell within us this day.

Leader: And may we share God’s love and peace that dwells within us with all people near and far. today and every day. 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 ~ written by Nancy C. Townley, and posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website; The Prayer of the Day ~ Re-Worship Blog; The Sending ~ Re-Worship Blog (adapted).

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 Matt Meier.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk
- Our ushers/greeters today are Stan & Kay Lund.
- **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 —

- Third quarter giving statements are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!
- **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 —

- Next Sunday, October 21 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with special music by Mare Stewart & Barb Brown
- 11:00 a.m. Session
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Cheryl Stitz
- Usher/Greeter – Cheryl Stitz
- Fellowship – Ann & Dale Febock
- Nursery – Deacons

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

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 Jim & Mardy Schilleman on the death of their grandson; 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)

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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