



Service for the Lord's Day

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 21, 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.

Prelude "Autumn Leaves" by Joseph Kosma Barb Brown—piano;
"Like a River Glorious" arr. Pethel Mare Stewart—flute

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 Cheryl Stitz
Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God of salvation's joy, we gather to celebrate and revere you.

People: We come, realizing that we are broken. Forgive and re-create us.

Leader: God of unfailing love, we gather to worship and honor you.

People: We come, and because of your compassion, forgive and renew us.

Leader: God of new beginnings,

People: we gather to praise and thank you.

Leader: We come, and through your grace and mercy, forgive and restore us,

People: so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you this day and every day. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

* Please stand as you are able.

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive] Based on Psalm 51

Leader: Let us pray... Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving kindness. In your great compassion blot out our offenses.

People: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins, for I know my transgressions, and my sins are ever before me.**

Leader: Against you only have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. So you are justified when you speak and upright in all your judgments.

People: **Purge me from my sins, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Leader: Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

People: **Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit, O Lord.**

Leader: Give to us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful spirit.

People: **Open my lips, O God, and my mouth shall declare your praise.**

Leader: Lord God, you are the one who forgives us and teaches us what is right and shows us the way we should go. You are the one who provides us with all that we need and protects all those who call upon your name.

People: **Help us, O God, to remember your unfailing love, to give thanks for your forgiveness and your mercy, and to rely upon your saving and healing power.**

Leader: For these and all our blessings, help us now to praise you with thankful and contrite hearts, we ask it in Jesus' name.

People: **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 dessert?

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 Cheryl Stitz

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you alone are our Judge. Send your Spirit of truth to expose our self-deception and challenge our complacency

People: **so that we may surrender to your mercy and follow your will through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from Joshua to David & Bathsheba

The Scripture 2 Samuel 11-12 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 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 God's love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

"I Will Sing of the Mercies"
arr. Pethel

Barb Brown—piano;
Mare Stewart—flute

***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 Cheryl Stitz

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* # 280..... “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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

Leader: You are the hands and feet of God out in the community where you live and work, go to school and play, shop and socialize. In all those places,

***People:* We are called by Christ to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to be the loving presence of God to all whom we meet.**

Leader: So as you leave this place, how will you live?

***People:* We go from this place of worship to share the gifts we have been given, to build up the Body of Christ, and to carry the Light and Love of Christ to the world around us.**

Leader: Go in the Spirit of God's love for you and for your enemies,

***People:* We go to love and serve in God's name.**

Leader: And may the blessing of God, Creator, Child, and Spirit be with you on your journey and in your service. 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 Joan Stott, and posted on The Timeless Psalms; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on his Kir-shalom website; Prayer for Illumination ~ from a collection of prayers posted on the Worship@North website; The Sending ~ posted by Rev Gord (adapted) on his blog, Worship Offerings.

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.

- Thank you to Barb Brown, piano and Mare Stewart, flute, for our special music today.
- Our liturgist today is Elder Cheryl Stitz.
- Our musician today is Emily Rausch.
- 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!**
- 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 – Session
- Deacons
- Next Sunday, October 28 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 2:30 p.m. Halloween party and movie for children, youth and adults.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mare Stewart
- Usher/Greeter – Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Linda Porter
- Nursery – Deacons

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 4 AT 1 PM... Join Nitardy and Schneider-Michaelis for a Holiday Service of Remembrance. This celebration is for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them and will be presided over by Sarah Hoffman MS, LPC. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. This event is being held November 4th, 1:00 p.m., Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. **Please RSVP to (920) 563-5898, or (920) 674-3960.**

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 – NOVEMBER 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 November are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry needs Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Shampoo and Hair Conditioner, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue.

At the present time the Food Pantry is collecting Money and Food Items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. We could really use Ritz and Town House Crackers for the baskets.



Community Café – Thursday, November 1st is the next Cambridge Community Café! The meal will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. They will be serving Rigatoni w/Marinara Sauce or Meat Sauce, and Roasted Italian Sausage w/Potatoes and Peppers, Italian Green Salad, Garlic Bread and desserts. The Meal will be served at the

CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL, 403 Blue Jay Way. Meal is served from 5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

HOW YOU ARE WIRED – DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS. 7-8:15 p.m. Mondays Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5 at Grace Lutheran; 501 Skogen Road, Cambridge Utilizing the Auditory/Visual and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator, participants will learn that preferences were being developed by alignment of nerves during the brain's development. There is a reason for the preferences by which you function: head rules the heart or heart rules the head, filing systems or piling systems, ideas or facts, details or experiences, speaking to think or thinking to speak, initiating or responding, etc. This self-knowledge will enhance relationships; helping you clarify for yourself why some people, or responsibilities or activities (including work or leisure), give you energy and others exhaust you. Ultimately you will be able to *Create Space for Grace... grace with yourself, knowing how you are wired (gifted), and grace with others, knowing they are wired (gifted) differently than you.* **All are welcome!**

Where: Grace Lutheran Church 501 Skogen Rd, Cambridge, WI

Cost: \$10 person for materials

Presenter: Dr. Michael C. Rehak, retired pastor mcrehak9556@charter.net

Please e-mail Dr. Michael Rehak with your questions. No pre-registration necessary.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

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