



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019

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

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] Deacon Judy Pearson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: We are here,

People: in the name of Christ Jesus.

Leader: So ask right now,

People: and it shall be given to you.

Leader: Seek right now,

People: and you will find.

Leader: Knock right now,

People: and the door will be opened.

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

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray... Seeking One,

People: you are the beginning and the end of our search.

Leader: Finding One,

People: you are the alpha and omega of all discovery.

Leader: Asking One,

People: you are the voice and the silence of our exploration.

Leader: Giving One,

People: you are the fullness and the emptiness of all yearning.

Leader: Persistent One,

People: you never abandon your search for us.

Leader: Receiving One,

People: you endlessly welcome us home.

Leader: Search us, O God,

People: and find within us the secrets we hide.

Leader: Ask us, O God,

People: and receive from within us the pain we bear.

Leader: Keep knocking at the door of our lives

People: until we open our wills to your purpose, our lives to your life, and our yearning to your hope.

Leader: When we forget to seek you and discover that we have lost our place:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: When we ask once and leave it at that:

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: When we draw back from knocking, lest we disturb you:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Strengthen our courage; bolster our endurance; spur us onward in your way in our world through the power of the Holy Spirit and the name of Christ.

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 was your favorite toy to play with as a child?

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s MessageRev. Scott Marrese Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]..... Deacon Judy Pearson

Leader: Let us pray... God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures.

People: that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew: The Golden Rule

The Scripture

Matthew 7

Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

Sermon

.....Rev. Scott Marrese Wheeler
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive].....from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

People: sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

People: engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

Leader: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us

People: courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

People: we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

* Please stand as you are able.

***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] Deacon Judy Pearson

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

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

Leader: You are the hands and feet of God in Cambridge and in all the world! You are called
to soothe suffering, to live with compassion, to build up God's loving peace. 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. We go
from this time of worship to build up the Body of Christ. We go from this holy
space to carry the Holy to the world around us.

Leader: Go in love, go in peace, go with 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 Bruce Prewer; The
Prayer of the Day ~ written by Anita Monro and posted on the MAD-e-Lena blog;
Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ posted on Life in Liturgy; The Sending ~ posted
by Rev Gord 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.

- Our liturgist today is Deacon Judy Pearson.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- 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 —

- The Deacons will once again be serving a Cambridge Community Dinner at Cambridge High School on Thursday, March 7. Sign-up sheets to help with food preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up are posted in Fellowship Hall.
- 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 – 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
- 11:00 a.m. Session
- Saturday, February 16 – 9:30 a.m. JKP meeting at Covenant PC, Madison
- Next Sunday, February 17 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – Stan & Kay Lund
- 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 bowls/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.

RESCHEDULED DUE TO COLD WEATHER!!! CHILI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR "EVERYONE EATS" CAMPAIGN: A new program has been introduced in the Cambridge Community to provide funding at the Cambridge Schools to subsidize meal accounts for children that may not be able to afford a hot lunch. The program is 100% community funded and they continue to look for ways to fund this important program.

As a result the Cambridge School District and Badger Bank are hosting a **Chili Dinner at the Cambridge High School Commons on Thursday, February 14th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Chili bowls provided by CHS art students are \$5.00. Chili dinner is a free-will donation.



JANUARY 2019 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3 p.m. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

Thank you to churches and all who generously supported the Cambridge Food Pantry by donating food and money toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets that the Food Pantry put together and handed out to families coming to the Food Pantry.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of the following items Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Diapers sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tampons, Regular Feminine Pads, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel, large Women Depends.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
John "Jack" Swank and his family (birth father of Renee Roland Johnson)

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 family of Joan Spaulding, 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. 2nd and 4th 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 2021: Melanie Rumpf

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Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

Class of 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

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