



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday after Epiphany – Souper Bowl Sunday

February 3, 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] Roman Leto

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Lord, as we search now,

People: let us find you.

Leader: As we knock,

People: open the door to us.

Leader: Let us know you,

People: that we may praise you;

Leader: and love you,

People: that we may serve you.

***Opening Hymn** PH # 507 "I Come with Joy"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray... Lord, teach us to pray. So we might awaken to the wonder of your presence. So we might feel gratitude for your gift of life today. So we might discover your kingdom as revealed in our sisters and brothers. So we might find safety beneath the shelter of your wings. So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: So we might forgive those who have wronged us. So we might lead free from pretense and hypocrisy. So we might trust your perfect plans and not replace them with our own.

People: So we might love you with our whole hearts, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: So diverse hearts might harmonize as many voices become one. So our bodies might praise you in bowed heads and raised hands. So a spirit of criticism is replaced with an offering of sacrifice.

People: So we consider others more important than ourselves.

Leader: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: So the truth of your Word resonates in what we say and sing. So we might prepare a way through the wilderness of chaos and pain. So our eyes are alert and our souls awake to your movement in our midst.

People: So our good work is fruitful in the reign of your kingdom.

Leader: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

People: Lord, teach us to pray.

Leader: So the lonely and hopeless find comfort in your abundant presence. So those in war and famine find the everlasting peace of your Spirit. So we are not indifferent to the suffering of the world around us. So our songs help to make us look more like you.

People: So we might declare your glory as we gather together:

Leader: Lord, teach us to pray.

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: Will you be watching the Super Bowl? If so, who do you want to win?

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].....Roman Leto

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew: Treasure in Heaven

The Scripture

Matthew 6

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!"

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] Roman Leto

Loving God, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 333 "Seek Ye First"

The Invitation [Responsive]

Leader: Jesus calls us to the well, inviting us to drink of the Living Water, and the life eternal.

People: **Jesus calls us out of the shadows, out of the graves, to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God's presence.**

Leader: Jesus calls us all: all who were made in God's own image, all who breathe the breath of God's spirit: the Spirit of Life.

People: **Jesus calls us to the table, to the meal that nourishes our bodies and binds our dry bones into one Body, living in Christ.**

Leader: Jesus calls us, here and now. Come to this table, you who are beloved in Christ. Come, not because you must, but because you may.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Holy God, source of all being, you are greater by far than our human thoughts can comprehend. With all that you have created, you abide; weeping with us in grief and pain, rejoicing with us in life and love. You are everywhere in this very moment; holding the entirety of living experience and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation.

People: **Creator God, Mother and Father of us all, in Your Holy Love you took on our limitations. Born of a body, bound within a body, you know the whole of this human experience. Learning to communicate with words; teaching us to communicate with presence. Learning the fears that wring us dry; teaching us of the love that nurtures us back to life**

Leader: Everlasting God, you are everywhere and right here in this bread we break and the cup we share. You are as close as the air we breathe, the air which binds us one to another and all to your beautiful creation.

People: **You are as close as the sunlight on our skin, as close as the rain that drips from our hair; the wind and the water that push us and lead us and call us again and again into relationship with one another and with you.**

Leader: Bless this bread and this cup, that by our sharing in this meal, we might become your bread for others, feeding a deep hunger within our world. May we be open to Your Holy Spirit to guide our living and encourage us to do justice, be merciful, and walk humbly in your ways.

People: **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.)

* Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer after Communion [Responsive]

Leader: Source of life, and breath, and being, breathe into the dry dust of our existence. Nourished in body by bread and juice,

People: **may we strive for the nourishment of all bodies: may we work to end hunger in this creation that provides amply for all.**

Leader: Nourished in spirit by the Body which is within our own, may we strive for the incorporation of all:

People: **may we work to break down the barriers that divide us from one another and from you.**

Leader: In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us, may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** PH # 514..... "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

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

Leader: May you remember the words of Christ: Blessed are the poor in spirit, the pure in heart, the peacemakers.

People: **May we take to heart Christ's word: "Don't worry about tomorrow, today has enough worries for today.**

Leader: Yes, Life is about more than food, your body more than clothes.

People: **May we truly follow Christ's command to "Love our enemies."**

Leader: Ask, seek, knock, and the door will be opened, the way forward become clear.

People: **May we be mindful of the presence of Christ in all people, treating others as we would want to be treated by them.**

Leader: And may we always remember Christ's words as we leave this place of worship to venture out into God's world: "whatever you do even for the least of these among you do to me too." Go in peace to love and serve all people, receiving them as if they were the Christ. 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 ~ posted on David Beswick's Home Page; The Prayer of the Day ~ "Lord Teach Us to Pray: Responsive Reading," by Chuck Fromm and Jeremy Armstrong, as found in "Lord Teach Us To Pray," Worship Leader Magazine; The Sending ~ posted on Jeff's Blog. <https://blog.wisch.org/category/benedictions-and-prayers/> (Adapted).

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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 Roman Leto.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our usher/greeter today is Cheryl Stitz.
- **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 will be 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 – Souper Bowl of Caring
- Next Sunday, February 10 – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library Day
- 11:00 a.m. Session

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – The Leto Family
- Fellowship – Sylvia & Larry Jensen
- Nursery – Deacons

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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.



Community Café – February 7th is the next Cambridge Community Café! Join the Dip for Dozer team as they serve up a delicious Italian meal! Meal is served 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way. Everyone in Community is invited to come!

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
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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SESSION (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

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Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

Class of 2021: Melanie Rumpf

BOARD OF DEACONS (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

Class of 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

CHURCH STAFF

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