



# Service for the Lord's Day

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 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] ..... Grace Leto

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Leader:* The kingdom of God is here, now in our midst.

**People:** **A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;**

*Leader:* it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

**People:** **The kingdom of God is here, now in our midst.**

*Leader:* Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

**People:** **The kingdom of God is here, now in our midst.**

*Leader:* Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

**People:** **The kingdom of God is here, now in our midst.**

*Leader:* A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

*People:* **The kingdom of God is here, now in our midst.**

*Leader:* Let all who have ears to hear, listen!

**\*Opening Hymn** *PH* # 263 ..... "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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

*Leader:* Let us pray... God of small seeds and mighty plants,

*People:* **you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world.**

*Leader:* You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear.

*People:* **You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness.**

*Leader:* Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us.

*People:* **Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' 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 least favorite food to eat?

## **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]..... Grace 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.

**Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew: Parables**

**The Scripture** Matthew 13 (various verses) 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:* In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**People:** we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

*Leader:* We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

**People:** 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.

*Leader:* 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.

**People:** 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.

*Leader:* With believers in every time and place,

**People:** we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

**\*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** [Responsive] ..... Grace Leto

*Leader:* Let us pray: In this world: kingdom living.

**People:** In our mouths: kingdom praises.

*Leader:* In our hearts: kingdom goals.

**People:** In our hands: kingdom gifts.

*Leader:* May Your Kingdom come,

**People:** May we be faithful stewards of Your Kingdom resources on earth, sharing freely with all your creatures and creation! Amen.

## **We Depart to Do God’s Will**

**\*Closing Hymn** PH # 376.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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

*Leader:* Friends, maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom, a foretaste, a hint, a promise. Let it hold you and let it send us so we will never be at peace until all are fed,

**People:** until all know home

*Leader:* until all are free

**People:** until justice is done

*Leader:* until peace is the way

**People:** until grace is the law

*Leader:* until love is the rule

**People:** until God’s Kingdom comes

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**People:** until God’s Kingdom is revealed in and through our lives.

*Leader:* Go out into God’s world, living as if God’s Kingdom is here, now, fully present in your hearts and lives. You are Kingdom people, reflecting the grace, compassion, mercy and justice of God. Go in peace.

**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 ~ © Katherine Hawker, on her [Outside the Box](#) website; Prayer of the Day ~ written by Nancy C. Townley, on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on Leading in Worship; The Sending ~ written by Cheryl Lawrie

\* Please stand as you are able.

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 Grace Leto.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Ann & Dale Febock.
- **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](http://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. Deacons
- Next Sunday, February 24 – 9:00 a.m. Library Day – Children’s Library open.
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library open.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mare Stewart
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Melanie Rumpf
- 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.



### **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.

Fort Memorial Hospital invites our church members to experience the personal satisfaction of being a hospital volunteer as part of the Fort HealthCare Partners Organization. The hospital is in need of more volunteers to assist with services in many different areas. Just by volunteering a few hours a month, you will be able to learn about the field of medicine, gaining new experiences and new skills. It's an education, a proven way of meeting interesting people, and it's FUN! You will enjoy personal satisfaction by helping others. Flexible scheduling, even for snowbirds! Call Kari Behling, Volunteer Services Manager, at 920-568-5276 for more information on becoming a hospital volunteer.

You will be glad you did!

## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

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**

#### **Music—**

**Accompanists:** Karen Brunk, Marian Korth, Emily Rausch,  
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