



Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord – Mardi Gras Sunday

March 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] Margaret Hawkins

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Beyond our busyness, Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

***People:* a light that shines through the clouds an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world,**

Leader: that transforms darkness into hope,

***People:* that brings life from death, where old life ends and new life is born.**

Leader: In glory Jesus meets us here,

***People:* raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain,**

Leader: carrying the weight of our humanity

***People:* to the heights of heavens glory.**

Leader: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again, the Voice say:

***People:* "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray... Holy One, We come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

People: **Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.**

Leader: We trudge ahead, following you,

People: **stumbling, hoping, praying...breathing hard, hearts pounding, trying to keep pace with you.**

Leader: Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

People: **We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the worlds in which we live in. 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: **If you could say anything to Punxsutawney Phil, or Jimmy the Groundhog, about his prediction of an early Spring, what would you tell him? ☺**

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]..... Margaret Hawkins

Leader: Let us pray... Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story.

People: **May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word in and through our worship and daily lives. Amen.**

Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew

The Scripture Matthew 16:13—17:9 Readers Theatre (see insert)

SermonRev. 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. 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**

* Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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] Margaret Hawkins

Leader: Let us pray:

People: **Holy God, may these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us. Use them so your grace, your love, your justice and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 333 “Seek Ye First”

The Invitation [Responsive]

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on all gathered here, that we might be your light in the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,

People: **that we might be infused with the gift of your nourishing guidance.**

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Leader: Transform us with your nourishing grace,

People: even as we eat of this one loaf and drink from this common cup.

Leader: Transfigure us to be your presence in the world,

People: even as we are redeemed and reclaimed by your great love.

Leader: By your Spirit,

People: make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world,

Leader: until your Kingdom is fully revealed among us in final glory,

People: and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever more.

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.)

The Prayer after Communion [Responsive]

Leader: Holy One, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

People: Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens God's eternal kingdom! 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 Friends, Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory. Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you, but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him from the places of revelation to the places of mission in our every day lives. And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. In the name of Christ,

People: we go in peace to love and serve the Lord, 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

* Please stand as you are able.



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Rev. Rob Smith, Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, Apple Valley, MN; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by rev karla, and posted on RevGalBlogPals; Prayer for Illumination ~ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ from the Abingdon Worship Annual, posted on the Cokesbury website; The Prayer after Communion ~ Wee Worship Book, Iona Community; The Sending ~ © 2003 Nathan Nettleton <http://www.laughingbird.net/>.

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Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Our liturgist today is Margaret Hawkins.
- 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 —

- 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 after worship – Mardi Gras Celebration
- Ash Wednesday, March 6 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. Ashes-to-Go in downtown Cambridge
- Thursday, March 7 – 5:30-6:30 p.m. OCPC sponsors Community Café meal at Cambridge High School. Come join us!
- Next Sunday, March 10, 1st Sunday of Lent – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 11:30 a.m. Session

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Matt Meier
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Kris & Virgil Runge; Angela Wurtz
- 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: microweable 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.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – FEBRUARY 2019 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry is open for households needing food on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. to come and shop. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday 9:00 noon and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use the following items at the pantry Detergent to wash clothes, Paper Towel, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Ramen Noodles, Ketchup, Crackers all kinds and hearty soups

Also in April the Cambridge Food Pantry will be putting together an Easter Ham Meal Basket for clients who come to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will be putting together around 80 Ham Baskets. Monetary Donations are always appreciated for the Meal Baskets. The Food Pantry along with CART and the School District will be collecting clothing to have free Spring and Summer Clothing and Footwear for clients to pick out the evening the Food Baskets are handed out---anyone wishing to donate slightly used clothing or footwear may bring it to the Food Pantry the beginning of April.



COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Thursday, March 7th is the next Cambridge Community Café! The meal will be Sloppy Joes, chips, pickles and desserts served by the Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Rockdale Lutheran Church and the London Moravian Church. Meal will be served at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way from 5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Linda Bagley Korth
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohubusch)
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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