



# Service for the Lord's Day

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 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] ..... Matt Meier

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,

**People:** following Jesus wherever he leads us.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us,

**People:** to receive the new name we are given, the Beloved Children of God.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to worship together,

**People:** to tell future generations the good news.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to practice justice,

**People:** to bring God's hope to all people.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to faithful living,

**People:** to trust the One who gives us life.

*Leader:* Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,

**People:** to trust the One who bears it with us.

*Leader:* Lent calls us to journey with God.

**People:** Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

\* Please stand as you are able.

**\*Opening Hymn** PH # 356 ..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

*Leader:* Let us pray... God, as we begin another season of Lent, seeking to journey with Jesus into the difficult places and spaces in our lives and out in the world where we live, we pray this morning for all who, like us, are walking a hard journey:

**People: for those whose daily paths encounter barbed wire and guns;**

*Leader:* for those who did not want to leave home but were forced to

**People: for those who set out today in search of food and water;**

*Leader:* for those whose journey is shattered by economic hardship;

**People: for those whose journey is marred by pain or despair;**

*Leader:* and for those who faithfully journey alongside them;

**People: for those who are making a move and beginning again;**

*Leader:* for those who are clinging on to something that has ended;

**People: for those who are being bullied, and for those who are bullying;**

*Leader:* for those who have just taken their first breath, and

**People: for those who today will take their last.**

*Leader:* May this Lenten journey, with its stories about the hard places of Jesus’ experience, give strength and courage to all whose journey is far from easy.

**People: And may it inspire us to risk Christ’s Way of love as we share the journey with other travelers.**

*Leader:* We make this prayer in Christ’s 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: On a journey, near or far, what is one surprising thing you discovered or unexpected thing that happened to you?**

## **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]..... Matt Meier

*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 18 Readers Theatre (see insert)

**Sermon** .....Rev. Scott Marrese Wheeler

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

\* Please stand as you are able.

# **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 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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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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] ..... Matt Meier

*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.**

## **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:* In every person,

*People:* **God is with us.**

*Leader:* We will welcome God in the family we know all too well,

*People:* **and in the strangers we will meet in the coming days.**

*Leader:* In every choice,

*People:* **Jesus is with us.**

*Leader:* We will welcome the Christ who serves us unexpectedly,

*People:* **and in those who will offer us forgiveness.**

*Leader:* In every moment,

*People:* **the Spirit is with us.**

*Leader:* We will welcome the Spirit who calls us to live

*People:* **as well as calling us to give of ourselves without question.**

*Leader:* As you have been forgiven, now go into a world that needs your forgiving, healing touch. Bring Christ's compassion, peace and hope to others, sharing God's love with them. Shalom, Salaam, Paz, Peace. And all God's people say:

*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 Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Ann Siddall and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website; The Sending ~ Nancy C. Townley, posted on Ministry Matters website.

*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 Matt Meier.
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- Our ushers/greeters today are Larry & Sylvia Jensen.
- **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 —**

- 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 – Children’s Library open.  
11:30 a.m. Session
- Next Sunday, March 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —**

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Linda Porter
- 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.



### 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.**

**PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —**

Linda Bagley Korth

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)

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. 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**

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