



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 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] Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

***People:* where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here, into that home called grace:

***People:* where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

***People:* where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

Leader: Let us worship the King who reigns over our lives, and is found within the faces and lives of all the peoples of the earth!

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

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

Leader: Let us pray... God, in this season of Lent, as we seek to faithfully follow Jesus, help

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us welcome those who have come to dwell among us. For all those who have come fleeing oppression and persecution — black, white, brown and yellow:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come fleeing hardship, violence, oppression, poverty and hunger, help us to live faithfully into Christ's ways serving even the most vulnerable among us.

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come to join loved ones already here:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: For those who have come seeking freedom and opportunity:

People: God, help us welcome those who have come to dwell among us.

Leader: Let us remember and faithfully live into the words of Christ, who said:

People: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Leader: When, Lord, were you a stranger that we welcomed you among us?

People: "Truly, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me"

Leader: When we welcomed the stranger,

People: we welcomed you, Christ Jesus, in our midst!

Leader: Loving God, you call us to create hospitable communities. Help us to overcome any fear and anxiety we may have of those who come from other lands to live among us.

People: Give us the courage, wisdom, and compassion to care for all your people.

Leader: In this season of Lent, in all our living days, may our eyes be open to see your presence in all people from the littlest and least among us to those beside us in our churches or communities, across a border and around the world. In doing so, may we serve and care for them, sharing all you have given us.

People: Grant that we may all live together in peace and love in your kingdom on earth. 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 favorite Spring activity?

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]..... Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: Oh God, may your truth unsettle the systems we inhabit and the assumptions that we make.

People: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear, and invite us out from our comfort and into the work that you are already doing. Amen.

Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew

The Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

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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.

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

Leader: 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.

People: **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..**

Leader: 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.

ALL: **With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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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***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Responsive] Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: Let us pray...

People: When we see the body of Christ still broken in this world, may we meet it with lavish grace and pour ourselves out through these offerings and our lives with extravagant, unconditional love and abundant grace. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 513“Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving [Responsive]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

* Please stand as you are able.

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.

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* # 285..... "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

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

Leader: Friends, know you are a blessing when you bless others in Christ's name by sharing of yourselves and your resources with others.

People: We know that to feed the hungry is to bless in Christ's name.

Leader: We know that to provide clean, safe drinking water to those who thirst is to bless in Christ's name.

People: We who know the blessing in welcoming the stranger and immigrant as we ourselves have been welcomed in Christ's name is a blessing.

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Leader: We know that giving clothes to those who have none is also a blessing.

***People:* We know to care for the sick as we have been cared for is a blessing.**

Leader: And it is a blessing to visit those locked up in the prisons of our society and our own mental and emotional making. May the blessing You, O God, have offered us at this table and in this sanctuary now be turned out beyond the walls of our church,

***People:* So we may welcome and embrace you in the lives of the greatest and least.**

Leader: Let us go in Christ's name to bless and serve all, friend and stranger alike. In the name of God in whose image we are all created, in the name of the Christ whose grace redeems us, in the name of the Spirit of Love that gives us the strength and gifts to serve.

***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 his excellent Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer of the Day ~ Adapted from Interfaith Worker Justice, "Immigration Litany," www.iwj.org/pdf/imm-litany.pdf) Posted on Acts of Faith; Prayer for Illumination ~ from a collection of prayers posted on the **Worship@North** website; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on **The Painted Prayerbook**; The Sending ~ written by Jan L. Richardson (adapted), and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.

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 Elder Melanie Rumpf.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Virgil & Kris Runge.
- **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 —

- **First quarter giving statements are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- 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 —

- Next Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open – Last day of Reading Program; Return only.
- 11:30 a.m. Session

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mare Stewart
- Ushers/Greeters – Tyce & Tara Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Charleen Janus
- Nursery – Deacons



MARCH 2019 Update

Thank you to all who continue to support the Cambridge Food Pantry through donations and volunteer time. We are currently serving an average of 29 to 30 families every Monday evening. Your time and dedication to the Pantry is appreciated

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation/office hours Monday 9 am to 12 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 8 am to 3 pm. The Cambridge Food Pantry is located under the blue canopy at the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street, telephone number 423-8142. Donations may also be dropped off at Nikolay Middle School Office, during school hours 7:45 am to 3:45 pm, Monday thru Friday.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry could use the following items--- Ketchup, Mustard, Snack Chips, Crackers, Cereal, Tuna, Sugar, Size 5 diapers, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner

CAP WEDNESDAY SENIOR MEAL: Wednesday, April 10th CAP Senior Meal, noon, at the Amundson Center Community Room, Entertainment: Hellen Keller (actress) sponsored by the Library, Menu: Pizza, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert. RSVP (608) 423-8045 by April 8th.

Wednesday, April 24th CAP Senior Meal, noon at the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 Main Street, Bingo, Menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chili, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Dessert RSVP 423-8045 by April 22nd.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Linda Bagley Korth

Judy Brandt

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.)

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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