



Service for the Lord's Day

Easter Sunday – Service of the Word and Sacrament

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

April 21, 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

Call to Worship [Responsive] Deacon Judy Schroeder

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Yesterday we had lost so much

***People:* we lost the light**

Leader: we lost the argument

***People:* we lost love**

Leader: we lost life

***People:* we lost Jesus.**

Leader: But this morning we found the tomb

***People:* empty**

Leader: the morning

***People:* bright**

Leader: the earth

***People:* quaking**

Leader: the stone

***People:* rolled**

Leader: the women

***People:* proclaiming**

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: the resurrection

People: waiting

Leader: and Jesus

People: risen! Alleluia!

Leader: It is good we have found our way here

People: this is Easter Day and Love has risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Together we proclaim the message of Easter:

People: Nothing in life or in death can ever separate us from the love of God in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

***The Hymn** *PH* # 104 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

The Easter **Procession of the Christ Candle and Alleluia Box**

The Children’s Message Opening of the Alleluia Box

Blessing: You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

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

Leader: Let us pray... When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold. The sparks cast by your love dance and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through the Risen Christ!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will rise, coming to life again, and living in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others.

People: Alleluia! 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 hymn?

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]..... Deacon Judy Schroeder

Leader: Let us pray...

People: O God, transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Building the Bridge Between Death and Resurrection

The Scripture

Matthew 28:1-15

Readers Theatre (see insert)

Sermon

..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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

We Respond to God's Love

***The Easter Affirmation** [Responsive]

Leader: This is the Good News – The grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the Good News – The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: This is the Good News – Once we were no people, now we are God's people.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we share with each other and the world!

People: Alleluia! 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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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."

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." Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] Deacon Judy Schroeder

Giver of New Life, may we not keep our gifts hidden behind the stones rolled across our hearts, but let them burst forth to bring life, to bring hope, to bring the good news of Jesus alive and among us! Alleluia! Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!"

The Invitation to the Table

Leader: Gather around this resurrection table where all are welcomed and the good earth is affirmed. From her generosity, we bring these gifts of bread and wine.

People: Witnesses to hope, we participate in Christ's liberation.

* Please stand as you are able.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Be still and know that I am God.

People: We are still in your presence, you are still with us.

Leader: In Christ you accompany us, embodied among us, sharing our birthing, our living, our dying, sharing our dreams of hope and liberation, offering us new life and the shattering of the tomb.

People: In Christ you appear as the host at the ebbing and the flowing of our lives.

Leader: You beckon us to share your hospitality, your challenge of love.

People: In Christ you sit as the guest at the table of the stranger.

Leader: You bless us with your presence, your awakening of love.

People: In Christ you stand among us as host and guest at the heart of this community.

Leader: You share with us your vulnerability, your unwrapping of love. As hosts with Christ, we bless this bread. As guests with Christ, we share this cup. As welcomed strangers, united in Christ's life, death, and embodied liberation, we hear the words of promise: This is my body given for you; take and eat to re-member me. This cup poured out: this is the new covenant in my blood; take and drink to re-member me. In this action of justice-making, we recall broken minds and bodies and blood shed through lust for power and nature's turn of hand.

People: Restore and heal all that is wounded. Be present in the stillness of the waiting. Roll back the stone of prejudice and fear. Release the signs of spring. Amen.

The Sharing of Bread and 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 [In Unison]

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Alleluia! Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** PH # 108..... "Christ Is Alive!"

***Charge and Benediction** [Responsive]..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: When the broken come to wholeness, when the wounded come to healing, when the frightened come to trusting,

People: then the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: When the lonely find friendship, when the hurt find new loving, when the worried find peace,

People: then the stone has been rolled away.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: When we share instead of taking, when we stroke instead of striking, when we join around the table,

People: then the stone has been rolled away.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away!

People: In you, Christ Jesus, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Risen indeed! Amen!

***Song of Dismissal** *PH* # 122 “Thine Is the Glory”

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.

Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Roddy Hamilton (adapted); Re-Worship Blog site and Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Shuman.

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)

There will be no fellowship refreshments after worship today. Happy Easter!

- Our liturgist today is Deacon Judy Schroeder.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen.
- **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 28 – Holy Humor Sunday
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Margaret Hawkins
- Ushers/Greeters – Stan & Kay Lund
- Fellowship – Cheryl Bettenhausen
- Nursery – Deacons

Bel Canto Women’s Chorus presents... Tea & Tunes Dessert Show

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church,
501 Skogen Road Cambridge

Instead of charging for tickets, your donation supports our community
chorus and theater productions



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

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 —

Judy Brandt

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbush)

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 families of Linda Bagley Korth; Hugh & Doreen Drennan on the death of his brother, Bill; 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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