



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

May 12, 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 Mare Stewart

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God in your image we were created male and female.

People: As your children, you have loved us as mother loves her children.

Leader: When we cry you rock us. When we are hungry you feed us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: When we are lost you find us. When we are happy, you laugh with us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: As we grow, you respect us. When we leave home, you bless us.

People: You love us, Mothering God.

Leader: Let us worship the Mothering God who loves us, nurtures us, and guides us throughout our lives.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 430 "Come Sing O Church, in Joy!"

* Please stand as you are able.

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

Leader: Let us pray: God with a mother’s heart, you gather us as your children. You comfort and hold us in your warm embrace.

People: **When we hurt, your arms enfold us. When we are afraid, your wings protect us. When we are hungry, you feed us with the bread of life.**

Leader: God with a mother’s heart, your love surrounds and supports us,

People: **in good times and in tough, in the midst of joy and pain, always and everywhere. You will never leave nor abandon us.**

Leader: God eternal and loving one, God with a mother’s heart,

People: **we thank you this day, for being part of your family. 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: Besides your mother, who is a woman who has influenced your faith?

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].....Elder Mare Stewart

Leader: Let us pray... O Risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,

People: that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

Building the Bridge Peter’s Vision to Paul’s Mission

The Scripture Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18 Readers Theatre (see insert)

SermonThe Rev. Kerri Parker

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

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive] from Reclaiming Jesus:

A Confession of Faith in A Time of Crisis

Leader: WE BELIEVE we are one body.

People: **In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class.**

Leader: THEREFORE, WE REJECT

People: **misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women that has been further revealed in our culture and politics, including our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God. We stand for the respect, protection, and affirmation of women in our families, communities, workplaces, politics, and churches. Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

* Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: We pray to the Lord... *People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Prayer Litany

Leader: We remember Sarai who was taunted by others in the household because of her inability to have children.

People: **All-encompassing God we pray for those who feel excluded when we emphasize one kind of family as normal.**

Leader: We remember Esther, who was adopted and raised by her cousin.

People: **God who embraces us all, we pray for those who cannot be raised by their parents, for a short time or permanently.**

Leader: We remember Jochebed, the mother of Moses, who placed him into a raft on the river.

People: **Saving God, we pray for parents who struggle to raise their children in oppressive circumstances.**

Leader: We remember Hannah, who loved her child so much she handed him over to another to raise.

People: **Loving God, we pray for parents who have placed their child in another family.**

Leader: We remember Naomi, who grieved the death of her sons.

People: **God, who grieves with us, we pray for parents who mourn the death of a child.**

Leader: We remember Ruth, who gave up her family to be family to another.

People: **Inclusive God, we pray for those who choose to be family to those isolated by culture or language or distance.**

Leader: We remember Elizabeth, who had a child in old age and we remember Mary, who had a child as a teenager.

People: **Ageless God, we pray that as a community we accept people of varying life stages and responsibilities and relationships.**

Leader: We remember Rachel, crying for her children.

People: **God of justice and hope, we pray for those whose children are killed, and look to a time when children can live safely in their communities.**

Leader: We remember Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy faith by example.

People: **Faithful God we pray for those who teach us faith by their lives, may we remember that we also teach about you in the way we live.**

Leader: We remember other people, not named in the Scriptures, like the mother of the prodigal son.

People: **Companion God, we pray for those who wait for a phone call or a visit, cut off from family and friends by distance and disagreement.**

Leader: Nurturing God, we give thanks for those -

People: **who enrich our lives by their presence, who teach us about your abundant love, who encourage us to journey in faith.**

Leader: And continue to teach us to pray as Jesus taught his disciples, saying

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] Elder Mare Stewart

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* # 332..... “Live Into Hope”

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

Leader: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you” (Isa. 66:13). Go now in the
comfort and peace of the One who gave birth to us.

People: Let us go in the assurance that the Comforter is with us always, so we may give
comfort and peace to others.

Leader: Divine Wisdom guide us as we go forth on Her paths of peace. May She give us
blessings more precious than silver or gold (Prov. 3:13-15, 17).

People: May we find joy in sharing these blessings with others and may her Wisdom
empower us to change our world!

Leader: Go now surrounded, nurtured, and strengthened by God who loves us like a mother,
walks with us as a guide, and gives us the spirit of Wisdom to love and serve others
daily.

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 the Re-Worship blog, and the Prayer Litany was written by © Rev. Patty Lawrence..

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 today. Happy Mother's Day!

- Today we welcome the Rev. Kerri Parker, executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, to our worship and the pulpit. Rev. Parker brings a strong faith commitment to the ecumenical ministry of the Wisconsin Council of Churches and has demonstrated leadership in leading complex coalitions toward a common goal. Her experience as a nonprofit executive, marketer and fundraiser, combined with her call as a parish pastor and her leadership roles in the United Church of Christ, made her a standout candidate. East Central ELCA Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt shared, "Kerri clearly has a passion for church vitality that includes a connection to the diverse community of the world around us that will serve the Council well." This passion combined with her experience in intentional renewal will help the Council reach new levels of impact by creatively and effectively addressing present and emerging needs of the church, our communities and the state..
Rev. Parker recently served as pastor of McFarland United Church of Christ, McFarland, WI. She previously served as executive director of YWCA Rock County in Janesville, Wisconsin, where she managed a large agency with programs dedicated to peace, racial justice and women's empowerment. During her tenure, she facilitated the renewal of community connections, improved donor relations and actively engaged stakeholders in a process focused on a recommitment to the agency's mission. She is a graduate of Smith College and the Chicago Theological Seminary.
- Our liturgist today is Elder Mare Stewart.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Mike & Cheryl Stitz.
- **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 —

- 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. Last time for this school year.
Return only – no check out.
- Wednesday, 15 – 6:00 p.m. Session
- Saturday, May 18 – Spring Cleaning at OCPC!
- Sunday, May 19 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Melanie Rumpf
- Ushers/Greeters – Dale & Ann Febock
- Fellowship – Cathy & Jerry Thiltgen
- Nursery – Deacons



APRIL 2019 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center, 211 South Street is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours/office hours are Monday 9 am to 1 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 8:30 am to 3 pm. Donations may also be dropped off at Nikolay Middle School Office, during school hours 7:45 am to 3:45 pm, Monday thru Friday.

CAMBRIDGE POSTAL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

Help The Cambridge Food Pantry on Saturday, May 11th by filling a bag with food and putting it out by your mail boxes for the mail carriers/volunteers to collect. The food will be brought to the Food Pantry to be sorted and put on shelves. Have bags of food out by mail box by 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry can always use Paper Towel, Toilet Tissue, Shampoo and Conditioner along with Food Items Soups, Crackers, Tuna, Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup and Mustard, Jams and Jelly

ITEMS NEEDED AT FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry can use the following items Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Ketchup, Mayo, Sugar, Crackers, Tuna, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Jams and Jelly, Women's large bladder control briefs

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Judy Brandt

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