



Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 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

One: The Lord be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

One: We, your people with disabilities and without disabilities,

***Many:* gather to offer praise and thanksgiving.**

One: We give thanks and praise you for the love of Christ,

***Many:* as we have attempted to become more inclusive communities of faith.**

One: We praise you, God,

***Many:* for ramps, widened doorways, large-print hymnals, other resources that have made the church more possibly inclusive, knowing we still have more barriers to address.**

One: We offer praise and thanksgiving for the increased visible participation of persons with disabilities in the life of the church,

***Many:* as volunteers, elected leaders, and employees.**

One: And so, all of us—people with and without disabilities—come before you with gratitude for your faithful generosity.

Many: **We gather in prayerful anticipation of revitalized creation in us, renewed love among us, and the refreshing power of the Spirit.**

One: Let us worship God in whose image we are all created.

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

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

One: Let us pray... God above, We pray with heavy hearts;

Many: **In sorrow we confess our failures to become a fully inclusive community, The kind of community that was lived by Jesus the Christ, The community that he commissioned the church to establish and spread.**

One: Our hearts are contrite, Our hope is in your gracious Love and empowering Presence.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to become your inclusive community.**

One: You create all humankind in your image. Your image is uniquely precious in each individual and not determined by cultural values. You ask us to see your image in all persons, including ourselves.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to see you in all persons.**

One: When you called upon Moses, he judged himself disabled, but you were not deterred. You gave him assistance and empowered his abilities. You ask us not to be deterred by any disabilities. You ask us to work with the abilities you have given to each of us.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to work with our collective abilities, and not be deterred by disabilities.**

One: At the Last Supper your body was broken and given for us. After the resurrection, your followers encountered your scarred and broken body. When we gather to be the body of Christ, we embody the scarring of life’s hardships, the imperfection of all human life, and the brokenness of the whole creation.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to realize that we are the body of Christ.**

One: Paul teaches us that all are one in Christ, and implores us as the church to see itself as a body with many members, and to trust that God has given each member different gifts for the work of the church.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to be dependent on your power and interdependent communities of your love.**

One: As Christ’s Body, we are called to welcome all God’s children into the church. As followers of Jesus, we have a clear mandate to see ourselves and others as God’s children. Each one reflects the divine image in multifarious ways.

Many: **Help us, we pray, to honor your sacred image in all people and be your open community of love, acceptance and inclusion! 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: **Are you more a Pancake, French Toast, Waffle, Eggs, Cereal or Yogurt breakfast person?**

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 Matt Meier

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.

People: **By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Scripture Mark 2:1-12 and Mark 10:46-52 Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Mark 2:1-12

Narrator: After a few days, Jesus returned to Capernaum, and word got around that he was back home. A crowd gathered, jamming the entrance so no one could get in or out. He was teaching the Word. They brought a paraplegic to him, carried by four men. When they weren't able to get in because of the crowd, they removed part of the roof and lowered the paraplegic on his stretcher. Impressed by their bold belief, Jesus said to the paraplegic,

Jesus: "Son, I forgive your sins."

Narrator: Some religion scholars sitting there started whispering among themselves,

Religion Scholars (Congregation): "He can't talk that way! That's blasphemy! God and only God can forgive sins."

Narrator: Jesus knew right away what they were thinking, and said,

Jesus: "Why are you so skeptical? Which is simpler: to say to the paraplegic, 'I forgive your sins,' or say, 'Get up, take your stretcher, and start walking'? Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both.

Narrator: Jesus said to the man with the disabilities:

Jesus: "Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home."

Narrator: And the man did it—got up, grabbed his stretcher, and walked out, with everyone there watching him. They rubbed their eyes, incredulous—and then praised God, saying,

Crowd (Congregation): "We've never seen anything like this!"

Mark 10:46-52

Narrator: They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out,

Bartimaeus: "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

Narrator: Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder,

* Please stand as you are able.

Bartimaues: “Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!”

Narrator: Jesus stopped in his tracks.

Jesus: “Call him over.”

Narrator: They called him.

Crowd (Congregation): “It’s your lucky day! Get up! He’s calling you to come!”

Narrator: Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said,

Jesus: “What can I do for you?”

Narrator: The blind man said,

Bartimaues: “Rabbi, I want to see.”

Jesus: “On your way. Your faith has saved and healed you.”

Narrator: In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

Pastor: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

People: We give thanks to God!

The Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison]

As God's creations, we are fashioned uniquely, Each endowed with individuality of body, mind and spirit, to worship freely the One who has given us life. Each of us has abilities; each seeks fulfillment and wholeness. Each of us has disabilities; each knows isolation and incompleteness. Seeking shelter from the vulnerability we all share, Claiming our promised place in God's Household of Faith, We are transformed by invitation, affirmation and love. In grateful response, we worship and serve God, the source of hope and joy; Celebrate and serve one another, rejoicing in our diversity; Transform and serve the world, until we become a Community which reflects God's Oneness and Peace. Let the House of God be open to all who would enter and worship. 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.

One: Let us pray for all God's people. For people who are blind and cannot see, and for those who can see but are blind to people around them,

Many: God, in your mercy help us touch each other.

One: For people who move slowly because of accident, illness or disability, and for those who move too fast to be aware of the world in which they live,

Many: God, in your mercy help us work together.

One: For people who are deaf and cannot hear, and for those who can hear but who ignore the cries of others,

Many: God, in your mercy help us respond to each other.

One: For people who learn slowly, for people who learn in different ways, and for people who learn quickly and easily but often choose ignorance,

Many: God, in your mercy help us grow in your wisdom.

One: For people who have chronic illnesses for which there is no known cure or relief, and for people who live in unholy fear of developing a chronic illness,

Many: God, in your mercy help us and heal us.

One: For families, friends and caregivers who serve people with disabilities, and for those who feel awkward in their presence,

Many: God, in your mercy help us see each other with your eyes.

One: For people who think they are worthless and beyond your love, and for people who think they don't need your love,

Many: God, in your mercy help us accept your love.

One: For people who feel isolated by their disabilities, and for people who contribute to that sense of isolation,

Many: God, in your mercy change our lives.

One: For all the people in your creation, that we may learn to respect each other and learn how to live together in your peace,

Many: God, in your mercy bind us together as One.

One: And as One, may we continue to pray as Jesus taught the disciples to pray saying:

ALL: 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 Our Tithes and 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** [In Unison] Matt Meier
God, help us to know the truth of your love in our lives; Enable us to grow in the grace we need to be agents of change for a better world. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to your service. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 386.....“O for a World”

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

One: Let us now open wide our hearts and minds and allow Almighty God to see our faith so we can hear his wisdom. We know that our ability to see differently, to hear differently, to move differently does not define our characteristics.

Many: **Our Lord made the blind to see, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear. Our Lord promises we can do all things through Christ Jesus, who strengthens us.**

One: Go now and allow others to see the glory of God in you.

Many: **Amen.**

One: May God's glory shine through you this day and always, through Christ our Lord in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.

Many: **We go to share God's peace and the Love of Christ with the world. 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, Prayer of the Day ~ From the PC(USA) resolution on Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Church; Affirmation of Faith ~ From “That All May Worship: An Interfaith Welcome to People with Disabilities;” Prayers of the People ~ Written by The Rev. Kate Chipps Adapted by: Ginny Thornburgh; The Sending ~ Reverend Dr. Carolyn Peters is a member of the Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC) Leadership Team, a network of Presbyterians Health, Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA).

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.

* Please stand as you are able.

- Our liturgist today is Matt Meier.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Judy Pearson & 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 —

- **Second 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, August 4 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion and special music

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Servers: OPEN
- Liturgist – Mark Touhey
- Ushers/Greeters – Mark Touhey
- Fellowship – Joe Leto; Judy Pearson
- Nursery – Deacons

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP – AUGUST 11 We will be having our annual picnic at Ann & Dale Febock’s on August 11. **This year, we are moving our morning worship to the afternoon, at 4:00 p.m. (There will be no morning worship.)** Worship will be followed by a picnic. Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. Prior to worship, there will be a joint meeting of Session and Deacons at 3 :00 p.m. at Febock’s.

School Supply Drive

The Cambridge School District, in coordination with the Cambridge Food Pantry and Cambridge Area Resource Team (CART), is once again offering a school supply and clothing give-away on **Monday August 19th** from 3:00-8:00 pm at the Nikolay Middle School cafeteria. Please attend this event if you are a Cambridge area community member or Cambridge School District family in need of assistance with school supplies and/or clothing! You may register at the event and a light meal will be served.

Please donate if you are able! Our give-away relies on generous donations from community members and allows all students to have the tools they need to become more successful! There will be a collection bin at church with a **donation deadline of Sunday, August 11**. Following are ways to donate:

Monetary Donations: will be accepted at our school district office: 403 Blue Jay Way, Cambridge. Make checks payable to Cambridge School District.

Most needed school supplies: backpacks, scientific calculators (TI 30x), graph composition notebooks, Expo/dry erase markers, highlighters, mechanical pencils, binders, Sharpies markers, Post-It notes, glue sticks.

Clothing: We are also collecting clothes to give away that same night. We are looking for donations of gently-used, clean, school-appropriate clothing (fall and winter) in all sizes—babies through adults. Clothes can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or any school office.

Distribution: will be on Monday, August 19th (see 1st paragraph).

Feel free to call Kristin Gowan, School Social Worker at kgowan@cambridge.k12.wi.us or 608.213.5819 (cell/text) for more info.

Thank you for your assistance.



JULY 2019 Update

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 and get food every other Monday. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy. If you would like to drop off cash donation or food the Food Pantry is open Monday 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., Wednesday 9:00 A.M. to Noon and Thursday 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

FOOD and OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use Canned Ravioli, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Ketchup, Cereal, Mayo/Hellman's, Hearty Soups ---Also nonfood items are really needed--- Shampoo, Deodorant, Baby Wipes, and Paper Towels.

Anyone having a garden with extra vegetables is welcome to bring them to the Food Pantry.



Community Café – Thursday, **August 1st** is the next Cambridge Community Café! The Cambridge Foundation will be hosting the **MEAL AT THE LAKE RIPLEY PARK.** Serving Fresh Fruit, Sea Food Salad, Rotini Salad, Coleslaw, Relishes, Ham and Turkey Sandwiches and Dessert. Meal will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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)
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)
Teagan Mae, Pastor Scott's great-niece (born July 11 to his nephew, Heath, & his wife, Samantha)

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

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