



Service for the Lord's Day

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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 *PH* # 333..... "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Call to Worship [Responsive] Elder Mark Touhey

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: God has set before us life and death.

Many: We long to choose life.

One: God has set before us blessings and curses.

Many: We long to choose blessings.

One: So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

Many: We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

One: Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Many: Let us worship God with joy!

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 554..... "Let All Things Now Living"

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

One: God of love, you call us to love one another as you have loved us.

Many: **We give thanks for the women and mothers who have shown us your love throughout our lives.**

One: We pray for your church, whose people are called to be your ministers in the world. Help us to make Your Love a reality for all.

Many: **God of Love, we commit ourselves to work for peace, justice, and equality for all women and mothers.**

One: We pray for an end to the inequalities and discrimination that harm women.

Many: **May the cries of the mothers who die in childbirth and those who cannot provide for the children they have, inspire us to compassion, mercy, and action on their behalf.**

One: We pray for those women who long to be mothers and face health issues that affect their ability to become pregnant. We pray for those women who are facing difficult choices around their health and pregnancies, some of whom choose to end their pregnancies for various reasons.

Many: **God of compassion, mercy, and love, continue to challenge us to be open and understanding of the choices others make.**

One: Through Christ's life and teachings, you challenge us to accept and love one another even when the choices others make are not the ones we might choose for ourselves.

Many: **May we know and trust you are present with us in whatever choices we make.**

One: We pray that the hearts and minds of those who make decisions that affect women around the world may be opened and that they will be inspired to rightly use their power to alleviate suffering and promote health and wholeness.

Many: **We pray for a world where justice and equity are realities for every woman and where no woman dies giving birth to the next generation.**

One: Grant us the will to ensure that all women and mothers have the means to plan their families so that they may flourish.

Many: **Creator God, Yours is the Sacred Breath that breathed life into us at our birth. Help us as your children to care about justice for women and the choices they make around their own bodies.**

One: This we pray in the name of the One in whose Divine Image we are all fearfully and wonderfully made.

Many: **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 game to play?**

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 Elder Mark Touhey

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 Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Genesis 2:4-7

Reader 1: “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; 6but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.”

Psalms 139:13-28

Reader 2: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

Many: 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]

One: We believe in God above us,

***Many:* Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

One: We believe in Christ beside us,

***Many:* Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

One: We believe in Spirit deep within us,

***Many:* Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

* Please stand as you are able.

One: We believe in God's resurrection created world,

Many: **Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

One: We believe in God above, beside, within,

Many: **God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

ALL: **We believe in God in whom we live, and move and have our being. Amen.**

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory Music

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Spiritual

Sue Braden & Mare Stewart—flute; Barb Brown—piano

***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] Elder Mark Touhey

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Special Music

"Shout to the Lord"

Flutes: Sue Braden, Mare Stewart;

Arr. Pethel

Piano: Barb Brown

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: God, you are before all things; You are beyond all things; And in the midst of all things
and all peoples

Many: **you have made yourself known.**

One: In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles, in stories of women and men, of
communities and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with
their weakness

Many: **you have made yourself known.**

* Please stand as you are able.

One: In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken in rejection and disdain

Many: you have made yourself known.

One: Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us, disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs, acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we say:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: We greet the one who comes in your name, your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the cup of renewal. As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death, as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross, as he gave his life in acts of goodness, as he invited all to the feast of new hope,

Many: so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

One: Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with his vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

Many: Nourish us with your brokenness, Renew us with your poured out life, Empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

One: You are our life;

Many: You are our hope;

One: You are our peace;

Many: And together we praise you. 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, we have gratefully responded to your invitation, joining you at Your table.

ALL: We have eaten, we have drunk, we have tasted your goodness. May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts, may we carry your grace and peace to the world around us, and may we live out Your love wherever we go and with whoever we meet. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 339..... "Be Thou My Vision"

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

One: May the merciful and gracious God grant you strength in this difficult time of decision;

Many: May we find comfort and peace underneath the shelter of God’s wings;

One: May you find love, support and understanding from family, friends and community;

Many: May God endow all care-givers with wisdom, respect and compassion;

One: And as you make difficult choices throughout your life and in all your relationship with God and with others, may we all know the full healing of God’s love in mind, body and spirit! And all God’s people said:

Many: 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



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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.

- Thank you to the members of the flute duet for playing today—Sue Braden and Mare Stewart, flutes; Barb Brown, piano.
- Our liturgist today is Elder Mark Touhey.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Judy Pearson and Al 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

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 —

- Next Sunday, August 11 – 10:00 a.m. **NO WORSHIP IN THE MORNING**
- 3:00 p.m. Joint meeting of Session and Deacons
- 4:00 p.m. Worship at the Febocks’ Farm, followed by Potluck picnic

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Potluck picnic
- 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. Paper plates, forks/spoons/knives along with napkins will be provided. Some beverages will be available, including bottled water, sparkling and flavored water and some various flavors of soda. **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.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

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

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)

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.

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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