



Service for the Lord's Day

Labor Day Weekend

September 1, 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* # 304 (Verse 1) "Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;

Little ones to Him belong, They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Call to Worship [Responsive] Elder Ralph Spaulding

One: The Lord be with you.

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

One: Whose story is this?

***Many:* This story is God's alone to tell.**

One: It hums in the rivers and the trees,

***Many:* It whispers in the skies and the seas,**

One: It calls to the people of all places,

***Many:* It speaks in our hearts, in our lives.**

One: Why then should we speak of this story?

***Many:* This story calls our name in Creation,**

One: This story claims our lives through the suffering love of Christ in his life, death and resurrection.

***Many:* This story shapes our future as God's people through the Spirit.**

One: We are its telling in this time and this place.

* Please stand as you are able.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 507 (Verses1-4) “I Come with Joy”

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Let us pray... Lord, bless the work of our hands.
For all those who toil and labor:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For those who have lost their jobs, who are unemployed or underemployed, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For those who work in hazardous conditions without sufficient protection, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For those who face discrimination, harassment, or abuse in the work place, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For those who are not paid fair wages or who are denied legally due overtime pay, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For migrant agricultural workers and for all who work the land, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For all employers that they may seek to provide a just work environment, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For those who struggle to balance job commitments with the needs of their family, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: For all humans who seek to become the co-creators of the promised Kingdom, let us pray:

Many: Lord, bless the work of their hands.

One: Loving God, through your Son you gave us an example of how to love one another and how to embody this love in labor to serve the poor and the oppressed. Give us the strength to continue working to bring forth your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom of justice and peace, where all know compassion, grace and mercy. Grant this through Christ, our Lord.

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 story in the Bible?

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 Ralph Spaulding

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

Many: 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.

* Please stand as you are able.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-14

Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Voice One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Voice Two: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Voice Three: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Congregation: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory...full of grace and truth.

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** [Responsive]

One: We dare to dream of a world

Many: **in which hunger is unknown: scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table.**

One: We dare to dream of a world in which

Many: **generosity is the norm: where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all.**

One: We dare to dream of a world in which

Many: **love rules: where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry, hatred and fear mongering.**

ALL: We dare to dream. We dare to pray. We dare to believe.

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory Music

* Please stand as you are able.

***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.”

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] Elder Ralph Spaulding

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

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 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 you have made yourself known. 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.**

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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: We greet the one who comes in your name,

Many: **your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.**

One: 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 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]

One: 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** (See Insert).....“We Are Called”

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

One: Friends, as those in whom the Living Word of God is still speaking through in your daily lives, Go now as Christ's beloved, turning grudges into grace, fractures into forgiveness, hatred into love, darkness into light, and hardness into hearts broken open by love.

***Many:* We go out to love and serve all the world bearing the image of God in all we say and do.**

One: And all God's people say:

***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



* Please stand as you are able.

The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ posted on the Third Space website; The Prayer of the Day ~ adapted from an Interfaith Worker Justice resource, and posted on the University of Arizona website; Affirmation of Faith ~ from *Hunger for Justice: World Food Day 2016*, posted on the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** website; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ part of a longer Eucharistic prayer written by Bill Loader; The Sending ~ posted on the **Community of Christ** website.

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 Labor Day weekend!

- Our liturgist today is Elder Ralph Spaulding.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder.
- **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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – OPEN
- Nursery – Deacons

EVENTS —

- Next Sunday, September 9 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- Wednesday, September 11 – 6:00 p.m. Session

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – AUGUST 2019 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center located at 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 during the month of August are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm.

VOLUNTEERS If you would like to volunteer at the Food Pantry go to the CAP website at www.cambridgecap.net and click on the Get Involved Tab and then click Volunteerism. The link will then take you to the volunteer sign up. At present the Food Pantry could use client assistants from 5:15 to 7:15 on Monday evenings. Anyone without internet access can also sign up by calling the Food Pantry at 423-8142 and Nancy will sign you up and answer any questions you may have.

FRESH PRODUCE The Cambridge Food Pantry will take any extra vegetables you may have from gardens especially wanted are tomatoes and cucumbers.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently the Food Pantry can use Sugar, Crackers, Hamburger Helper, Ramen Noodles, Tuna, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Hearty Progressive Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Shampoo and Conditioner. **THANK YOU!**

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY will be closed Labor Day September 2nd but will be open for clients to shop on Tuesday September 3rd.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)

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

The family of Vivian Olson 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.



Community Café – Thursday, September 5th is the next Community Café Meal! The meal will be hosted by East Koshkonong Lutheran church who will be serving Hot Dishes, Salad, Bread and Desserts. The meal will be served at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

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.)

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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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