



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

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* # 322 **NEW LYRICS!** "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, move among us all.

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: Take off your shoes!

***Many:* We are standing on holy ground.**

One: Shake off the dust!

***Many:* We are ready to start afresh.**

One: Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,

***Many:* that we may be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world!**

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean, Christ’s blood availed for me.

My Gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

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

One: Let us pray... God, You call each one of us to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today.

Many: **Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow:**

One: when we question Your call

Many: **or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources.**

One: Give us courage to step out in faith,

Many: **to go where you send us without hesitation or fear,**

One: trusting that Your presence goes with us, and that You will provide all that we need.

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: “How many states have you visited?”

At the Table of Fellowship We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

Many: **Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your Living Word, that still speaks to us and lives within us and among us. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from Healing to Discipleship

The Scripture

Mark 6:1-13, 30

Readers Theatre (see below)

Narrator: He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said,

People: ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’

* Please stand as you are able.

Narrator: And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: ‘Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’

Narrator: And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them,

Jesus: ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’

Narrator: So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.

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 Reflection and Discussion Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Time for Group Sharing

We Respond to God’s Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]

One: You call us to service;

Many: to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.

One: To open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create,

Many: but the injustice, hate and suffering that humankind generates.

One: To open our ears not only to the chattering of this coming week,

Many: but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we shall meet.

One: To open our hands not only to those we choose our lives to share,

Many: but in welcome, love and fellowship to all who you draw near.

One: To open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words,

Many: but the truths you lay upon our hearts. Your Word for this, your world.

One: You call us to service,

Many: to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world. Amen!

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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

One: We pray to the Lord... *Many:* Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'...*)

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.
is born. Let all the World rejoice, for Emmanuel is born. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 432..... "Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us everyday, 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.

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

One: Go now, and wherever people will hear you, proclaim the life-changing love of God.

Do not fear your weakness, for when you are weakest, Christ's strength is known.

Travel lightly, live simply, and honor those who welcome the gospel. And may God be your protection and safe haven; May the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you; and may the Holy Spirit be your guide forever.

Many: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

One: In the name of Christ.

Many: Amen!

Postlude



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Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Lori & Bruce Erickson.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- The Deacons will once again be serving a Cambridge Community Dinner at Cambridge High School on Thursday, March 5. Sign-up sheets to help with food preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up are posted in Fellowship Hall.
- 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, February 16 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – Stan & Kay Lund
- Fellowship – Linda Porter
- Nursery – Deacons



JANUARY 2020 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3 p.m. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

Thank you to churches and all who generously supported the Cambridge Food Pantry by donating food and money toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets that the Food Pantry put together and handed out to families coming to the Food Pantry.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of the following items Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Tuna, Diapers sizes 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Poise Pads, Women's Large Depends, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel,

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Betsy (friend and caretaker of Ken Bilstad) Cards can be sent c/o Ken at 230 Bilstad Rd.

Judy Brandt

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)

Teagan Mae Groves, Pastor Scott's great-niece

Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)

Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)

Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy 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 family of Pastor Scott on the death of his mother, 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.)

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Class of 2021: Melanie Rumpf

Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

BOARD OF DEACONS (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

Class of 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

CHURCH STAFF

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