



Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord – Mardi Gras Sunday
February 23, 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] Deacon Randy Johnson

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Jesus invites us to a way of celebration, meeting and feasting with the immigrant, vulnerable and poor.

Many: Let us walk his way with joy.

One: Jesus beckons us to a way of risk, letting go of our security.

Many: Let us walk his way with joy.

One: Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who long silenced.

Many: Let us walk his way with joy.

One: Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where power and status are overturned.

Many: Let us walk his way with joy.

One: Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, suffering in love as Christ did, knowing despair and hopelessness are transformed by the promise of new life for all the world!.

Many: Let us walk his way with joy.

* Please stand as you are able.

***Opening Hymn** *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!

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

One: Let us pray... Reveal your presence to us this day,

Many: **O God of light, love, and glory.**

One: As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain,

Many: **send your Spirit to show us your story.**

One: May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place

Many: **as we dare to proclaim your Word in and through our daily lives! 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 a morning person or a night owl?”

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

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive] Deacon Randy Johnson

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 Through the Gospel of Mark

The Scripture

Mark 8:22—9:8

Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Narrator: They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him,

Jesus: ‘Can you see anything?’

Narrator: And the man looked up and said,

Man: ‘I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.’

Narrator: Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying,

Jesus: ‘Do not even go into the village.’

Narrator: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples,

Jesus: ‘Who do people say that I am?’

Narrator: And they answered him,

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Disciple #1: ‘John the Baptist,’

Narrator: and others,

Disciple #2: ‘Elijah;’

Narrator: and still others,

Disciple #3: ‘one of the prophets.’

Narrator: He asked them,

Jesus: ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Narrator: Peter answered him,

Peter: ‘You are the Messiah.’

Narrator: And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

Jesus: ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Narrator: He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

Jesus: ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?’

Narrator: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus,

Peter: ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’

Narrator: He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

The Voice (Congregation): ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’

Narrator: Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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!

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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!**

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** *Favorites* # 152 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,

and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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

One: May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

Many: We have been changed.

One: We can't be silent anymore.

Many: We have seen the Light of the World.

One: We go to share the radiance of God's love,

Many: We go to share through all we say and do in our lives!

One: We go in God's peace to love and serve the world!

Postlude (Video) "When the Saints Go Marching In"



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ from the Rex A.E. Hunt website; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life; The Sending ~ written by Rev. Dr. David Bahr, pastor of Park Hill Congregational United Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado.

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.

- Our liturgist today is Deacon Randy Johnson
- Our ushers/greeters today are Cheryl & Al Bettenhausen.
- **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.

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EVENTS —

- Today after worship – Mardi Gras Celebration
- Ash Wednesday, February 26 – 7:00-9:00 a.m. Ashes-to-Go in downtown Cambridge. At 12 Noon, you are invited to join Pastor Scott in the sanctuary for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and the Imposition of Ashes.
- Next Sunday, March 1 – 10:00 a.m. First Sunday in Lent. Worship with communion in the Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Servers – Mark Touhey
- Liturgist – Judy Schroeder
- Ushers/Greeters – Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder
- Fellowship – Deacons (2 people)
- Nursery – Deacons



FEBRUARY 2020 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry is open for households needing food on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. to come and shop. Office hours are Monday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 to noon and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Currently we can use the following items at the pantry: Detergent to wash clothes, Paper Towel, Shampoo and Conditioner, Ramen Noodles, Ketchup, Crackers all kinds, Hearty Soups, Pancake Mix and Syrup.

Also in April the Cambridge Food Pantry will be putting together an **Easter Ham Meal Basket** for clients who come to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will be putting together around 80 Ham Baskets. Monetary Donations are always appreciated for the Meal Baskets. The Food Pantry along with CART and the School District will be collecting clothing to have free Spring and Summer Clothing and Footwear for clients to pick out the evening the Food Baskets are handed out---**anyone wishing to donate slightly used clothing or footwear may bring it to the Food Pantry the last week in March.**



COMMUNITY CAFÉ – Thursday, March 5th is the next Cambridge Community Café! The meal will be BBQ's, Hot Dogs, chips, pickles and desserts served by the Oakland Cambridge Presbyterian Church and Rockdale Lutheran Church served at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way from 5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

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 Strobusch)
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

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