



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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] Jenine Spack

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: The first shall be last.

Many: We come to worship as we are.

One: The last shall be first.

Many: We come with confidence.

One: The first shall be last.

Many: We come with questions.

One: The last shall be first.

Many: We come burdened by failure.

One: The first shall be last.

Many: We come celebrating success.

* Please stand as you are able.

One: The last shall be first.

Many: **We come fearful of the future.**

One: The first shall be last and the last shall be first and a little child shall lead them.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 324 “Open My Eyes That I May See”

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

One: Let us pray... Holy Jesus, we confess that

Many: **we fail to question our own sightlessness.**

One: Being so sure that we “see,”

Many: **we miss the truths you would teach us.**

One: With the balm of your love,

Many: **cure our blindness.**

One: Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings,

Many: **our own failures and our own faults.**

One: Make our “shadow side” known to us

Many: **and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace.**

One: For it is only when we see ourselves clearly

Many: **that we can worship you truly. 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: “Who is the Greatest Person you have known?”

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s MessageRev. Scott Marrese Wheeler

Blessing: You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]Jenine Spack

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 10:32-52

Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Narrator: They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying,

Jesus: “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.”

Narrator: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him,

* Please stand as you are able.

James & John: “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

Narrator: And he said to them,

Jesus: “What is it you want me to do for you?”

Narrator: And they said to him,

James & John: “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

Narrator: But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”

Narrator: They replied,

James & John: “We are able.”

Narrator: Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

Narrator: When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them,

Jesus: “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Narrator: They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say,

Bartimaeus: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Narrator: Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly,

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

Narrator: Jesus stood still and said,

Jesus: “Call him here.”

Narrator: And they called the blind man, saying to him,

Congregation: “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”

Narrator: So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “What do you want me to do for you?”

Narrator: The blind man said to him,

Bartimaeus: “My teacher, let me see again.”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Go; your faith has made you well."

Narrator: Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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!

Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

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.

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 of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

* Please stand as you are able.

***Offertory Response** *PH* # 592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Responsive] Jenine Spack
One: Let us pray: Holy God, may these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us.
Many: Use them so your grace, your love, your justice and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 391..... “Take My Life”

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

One: Friends, Jesus calls us to leave the past.

***Many:* Jesus calls us to hope.**

One: Jesus calls us to travel lightly.

***Many:* Jesus calls us to faith.**

One: Jesus calls us to live fairly.

***Many:* Jesus calls us to justice.**

One: Jesus calls us to risky living as God’s people.

***Many:* Jesus calls us to life!**

One: Friends, Jesus calls us to go out into the world, to reflect his love in all we say and do.

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



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on the Liturgy Outside website. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>; The Prayer of the Day ~ from Sharing the Light: Service Prayers and Holy Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, written by The Rev. Marilyn Kennedy Levine.

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)

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

- Our liturgist today is Jenine Spack.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Sylvia & Larry Jensen.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- Secretary Ruth Poole will be out of the office on Thursday, March 12.
- 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 —

- Today after worship - Session
- Next Sunday, March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Deacons

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – OPEN
- Ushers/Greeters – OPEN
- Fellowship – Sue & Derek Bettenhausen
- 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.**

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.)

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

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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