



Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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 Judy Schroeder

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,

Many: following Jesus wherever he leads us.

One: Lent calls us to practice justice,

Many: to bring God's hope to all people.

One: Lent calls us to faithful living,

Many: to trust the One who gives us life.

One: Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,

Many: to trust the One who bears it with us.

One: Lent calls us to journey with God.

Many: Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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

One: Let us pray... God, as we begin another season of Lent, seeking to journey with Jesus into the difficult places and spaces in our lives and out in the world where we live, we pray this morning for all who, like us, are walking a hard journey:

Many: for those whose daily paths encounter barbed wire and guns;

One: for those who did not want to leave home but were forced to;

Many: for those who set out today in search of food and water;

One: for those whose journey is shattered by economic hardship;

Many: for those whose journey is marred by pain or despair,

One: and for those who faithfully journey alongside them;

Many: for those who are making a move and beginning again;

One: for those who are clinging on to something that has ended;

Many: for those who are being bullied, and for those who are bullying;

One: for those who have just taken their first breath, and

Many: for those who today will take their last.

One: May this Lenten journey, with its stories about the hard places of Jesus' experience, give strength and courage to all whose journey is far from easy.

Many: And may it inspire us to risk Christ's Way of love as we share the journey with other travelers.

One: We make this prayer in Christ's name.

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: "Who do you think is the greatest person you know?"

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]Deacon Judy Schroeder

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 9:30-37, 10:13-31 Readers Theatre (see below)

Narrator: They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.'

* Please stand as you are able.

Narrator: But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

Jesus: 'What were you arguing about on the way?'

Narrator: But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

Jesus: 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.'

Narrator: Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

Jesus: 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Narrator: People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

Jesus: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

Narrator: And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him,

Man: 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother."'

Narrator: He said to him,

Man: 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.'

Narrator: Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said,

Jesus: 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'

Narrator: When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

Jesus: 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!'

Narrator: And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again,

Jesus: 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

Narrator: They were greatly astounded and said to one another,

Disciples: 'Then who can be saved?'

* Please stand as you are able.

Narrator: Jesus looked at them and said,

Jesus: ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Narrator: Peter began to say to him,

Peter: ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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!

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

***Offertory Response** *PH* # 332 (verse 1) “Live Into Hope”

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.

The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [Responsive] Deacon Judy Schroeder

One: Let us pray:

Many: **Holy God, may these gifts we offer show we recognize your claim upon us. Use them so your grace, your love, your justice and your hope may be shared with everyone who needs them. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Hymn *PH* # 329 (verse 1) "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving [Responsive]

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

One: Holy God, source of all being, you are greater than our human thoughts can comprehend. With all that you have created, you abide;

Many: **weeping with us in grief and pain, rejoicing with us in life and love.**

One: You are everywhere in this very moment; holding the entirety of living experience and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation. Everlasting God, you are everywhere

Many: **and right here in this bread we break and the cup we share.**

One: You are as close as the air we breathe, the air which binds us one to another and all to your beautiful creation. Bless this bread and this cup, that by our sharing in this meal,

Many: **we might become your bread for others, feeding a deep hunger within our world.**

One: May we be open to Your Holy Spirit to guide our living

Many: **and encourage us to do justice, be merciful, and walk humbly in your ways. 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: Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit.

ALL: **May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.**

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 386.....“O for a World”

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

One: Strong and mysterious, bright and holy,

Many: God is on the side of love.

One: Wise and questioning, just and joyful,

Many: God is on the side of truth.

One: Wild and challenging, glorious and graceful,

Many: God is on the side of joy.

One: Friends, our Lenten journey to Jerusalem begins. Let us go together,

Many: following the One who calls us to take up our crosses.

One: Go in peace.

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 Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

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 Judy Schroeder.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Mark Touhey & Judy Schroeder.
- **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 —

- **On March 3, 1849, our church was founded. Happy 171st Birthday!**
- Thursday, March 5 – 5:30-6:30 p.m. OCPC sponsors Community Café meal at Cambridge High School. Come join us!
- Next Sunday, March 8, 2nd Sunday of Lent – **Set your clocks forward as Daylight Saving Time begins**
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Session

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

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

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – 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 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

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