



Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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] Elder Mare Stewart

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

***Many:* We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

***Many:* We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

***Many:* We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of God.**

One: Let us worship God together!

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

* Please stand as you are able.

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

One: Let us pray... God of revelation, unveil your Kingdom in our midst.

Many: Show us who we truly are in you:

One: expose the illusions that distort our vision,

Many: deliver us from temptations that contort our living,

One: open our eyes in this time of trial

Many: that resistance may be the secret of our joy and our joy a sign of your shalom.

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 junk food to eat when no one is around?”

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]Elder Mare Stewart

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 12:1-17

Readers Theatre (see below)

Narrator: Then he began to speak to them in parables.

Jesus: ‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying,

Vineyard Owner: “They will respect my son.”

Jesus: But those tenants said to one another,

Tenants (people): “This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.”

Jesus: So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?"

Narrator: When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away... Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him,

Pharisee: 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?'

Narrator: But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them,

Jesus: 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.'

Narrator: And they brought one. Then he said to them,

Jesus: 'Whose head is this, and whose title?'

Narrator: They answered,

Pharisee: 'The emperor's.'

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Narrator: And they were utterly amazed at him.

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.

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Deacon Cheryl Stitz

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

***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] Elder Mare Stewart

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* # 339..... "Be Thou My Vision"

***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 ~ submitted by Gill Le Fevre; The Prayer of the Day ~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid 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)

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

- Our liturgist today is Elder Mare Stewart.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our usher/greeter today is Judy Pearson.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**

* Please stand as you are able.

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.

EVENTS —

- Today after worship - Deacons
- Next Sunday, March 22, 4th Sunday of Lent – 10:00 a.m. Worship

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday: April 5

Maundy Thursday Communion (Fellowship Hall): April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Cambridge Area Cross Walk (Veterans' Park): April 10 at noon

Easter Services: April 12

Sunrise Communion Service at Lake Ripley Cemetery – 8:00 a.m.

Worship at OCPC – 9:30 a.m.

Holy Humor Sunday: April 19



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 Strohbush)
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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