



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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: In a world that cries out, "Be Afraid!"

***Many:* We will listen to Jesus' words, "Don't be afraid!"**

One: In a world that wants us to hate the other...

***Many:* We will live Jesus' call to, "Love God. Love your neighbor, as you love yourself."**

One: In a world that radicalizes...

***Many:* We, too, will be radical. Radical with our hospitality, Radical with our hope,
Radical with our love.**

One: Then come to this place, ready to be who we are called to be.

***Many:* Let us worship God!**

***Opening Hymn** PH # 380 "O Christ, the Healer" (<https://youtu.be/1O5vdLNE-Gw>)

* Please stand as you are able.

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

One: Let us pray... Holy God, we come together to worship, a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls, with all our might,

Many: **but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often relegate you to Sunday mornings a few times a month and at times when we want you to rescue us.**

One: Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our being.

Many: **We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives.**

One: But we get bogged down in the daily routine.

Many: **We forget who we are. We forget who you are. We forget what the church is supposed to be.**

One: So here we are, standing before you today, with our human foibles and our short attention spans,

Many: **asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us, inspire us, and make us into the people you want us to be. 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 song are you singing when you wash your hands for 20 seconds?”

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]

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.**

The Scripture

Mark 12:28-44

Readers Theatre (*see below*)

Narrator: One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him,

Scribe: ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

Narrator: Then the scribe said to him,

* Please stand as you are able.

Scribe: ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other,” and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,” and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself,”—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’

Narrator: When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him,

Jesus: ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’

Narrator: After that no one dared to ask him any question. While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said,

Jesus: ‘How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’ David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?’

Narrator: And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. As he taught, he said,

Jesus: ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’

Narrator: He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them,

Jesus: ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

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

“The Fear Factor”

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

(<http://www.ocpchurch.com/files/133944180.pdf>)

“Meditations in the Meadow” by Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler available on the Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church Facebook page or on YouTube.

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSUOp-wvFWwhyH6BXsP7UA?view_as=subscriber)

... 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,

* Please stand as you are able.

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 "Precious Lord" sung by Aretha Franklin
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PpFq9gxBxhk>)

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

****Please remember to send your offering to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523**

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** "Abide with Me" (<https://youtu.be/kkXI-8no9ZE>)

***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!

***The Sung Blessing** “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter Conductor
(<https://youtu.be/ICpxgEHqjFA>)

Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Richard Bott, and posted on Sharing Liturgy; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons, Pentecost/Ordinary Time 2000.

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)

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 —

- Next Sunday, March 29, 5th Sunday of Lent – No In-Person Worship

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
(Format with social distancing to be announced)

Easter Services: April 12

Communion Service at Lake Ripley Cemetery – 9:00 a.m.

Holy Humor Sunday: April 19



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.**

Dear Food Pantry Clients,

It is our number one goal to keep our community safe in the midst of the COVID-19 situation. With that being said, as of March 23, the food pantry will be operating a drive thru model.

Upon arrival, please remain in your vehicles and park along the cement area of the middle school circle drive. We will have signage for direction. Food pantry staff/volunteers will meet you at your vehicle to check you in and provide your requested items. Once you have received your items, we will assist the next client in line. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we roll out this new procedure.

If you are unable to attend open hours, please reach out to us as we will try to coordinate another option. Also, if you know someone who could benefit from visiting the food pantry please send them our way.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kerry Marren

Food Pantry Coordinator

(608) 423-8142

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)

Nancy Kristiansen

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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