



Service for the Lord's Day

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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.

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: God of the prophets, call to us today into Your ways of love, justice and compassion that we may confront the rising tide of hatred, fear, and evil in our world. Teach us Your ways of love, justice, compassion, and mercy, that we might be beacons of light, bring healing and hope. Give us the courage, to step out beyond our comfort zones, risking ourselves for the sake of Your Kingdom here on earth, even as Your Child, Jesus did for us.

The Time of Silence

The Prayer

One: Loving One, whose sacred image dwells in the heart of all humans, we come with empty hands. We have failed to keep your commandment to love our neighbor, including our enemies, as you have loved us. We have instead, allowed fear and hatred to seep into our hearts and minds, clouding our vision so we are unable to follow the path you call us to walk with Christ. Forgive us for not loving others, for in doing so, we have also failed to love You. Lead us out of the constriction of fear and out of the prison of hate, into the wide space of Your unconditional Love, that we may boldly live together as One Human Family, where faith, hope and love abide in and through us and our ministry. And together, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

***ALL:* 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.**

The Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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!

The Reflection Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/134737503.pdf>

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ, who sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his table.

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did.

To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment. And grateful as we are for the world we

know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him. Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer. Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share. Amen.

The Words of Institution

One: The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace. Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy. Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

The Sharing of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to have your own piece of bread and juice. You may also substitute bread with a cracker, pastry or even a cookie. For juice, you may substitute it with coffee, tea, milk, or water. This is a symbolic sacramental meal we are eating together while physically apart. If you care to watch, Pastor Scott will be live-streaming the communion liturgy on Facebook at 9 a.m. He will also be sharing it on YouTube. When time comes for us to gather in person again, we will celebrate with the Lord's Supper. Until, then please know, Jesus who was a guest in many homes, is one in yours where ever you are breaking bread and sharing the cup this morning.)

The Prayer after Communion

One: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***The Sending** Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, Let your love be genuine. Hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good. Love one another with deep affection, thinking of others more highly than yourself. Serve the Lord with zeal. Rejoice in hope. Be patient in suffering. Persevere in prayer. And may God's way of compassion, mercy, justice, and love encourage your hearts and inform worldview and relationships this day and every day. And all God's people said:

Many: Amen!



The liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Rev. Mindi, on her Rev-o-lution blog; The Prayer ~ written by Jurgen Moltmann, in a sermon entitled "Revolutionary Love of our Enemies"; Communion Liturgy ~ Wee Worship Book - Wild Goose Publication, Iona Community; The Sending ~ Based on Romans 12:9-21.

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.)
- Help us save "pig points." For us to receive a rebate, please turn in your receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly in one of three ways: **1.** Place them in the brown bag in the narthex. **2.** Cheryl Stitz will do a porch pickup of any receipts that you may have. Call her at 608-695-1838 to make arrangements. **3.** Receipts can also be mailed to the church office. All funds received are used for mission projects.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Each Sunday when we gather for outdoor worship, the Session voted to take up a special collection for the food pantry. We will place the red bin in the parking lot. You may bring your non-perishable food items to donate to place in the bin. If you wish to make a financial donation, please make checks out to OCPC, noting it is for the food pantry.

SHOE COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS: We will also be collecting gently worn shoes to donate a homeless shelter in Madison. Elder Mike Stitz will have a special bin outside of the parking lot entrance. You may bring men's or women's shoes and place in the bin.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

The Session has voted to hold outdoor worship services on Sundays: **August 16, 30, and September 6 and 20.** Please note, **our worship time has been changed to 9 a.m. for these services.** Reservations are required. Please call or email the church office.

At each worship service, we will celebrate Communion. You are invited to bring your own form of bread (crackers, pastry, pretzels) and a beverage (juice, wine, coffee, tea, water). Due to the virus and health code restrictions, the Session asks that you wear a mask, bring your own lawn chair (we can provide a chair if you need one), and sit six feet apart. Families may sit together. We will also be broadcasting on FM 104.3, so if you feel more comfortable and safer remaining in your vehicle, we invite you to do so. Please park near the water tower. You should be able to see Pastor Scott in the Peace Garden, and hear him over the radio! We will also be live-streaming the service on Facebook and then on YouTube.

If it rains on any of these Sundays, we will still worship, but drive-in style. You will be invited to drive-in to the parking lot, park so you can see the entrance. Pastor Scott will be set-up there to preside at the table. You will be able to listen in on your car radio.

NEW! Donate to our church, Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge, using the app, **Give+**. Search for “GivePlus Church” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website www.ocpchurch.com. (Click on the button with the green heart)
Thank you!



APRIL 2020 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Due to the current crisis, we are offering a drive-up/pick up service to our guests. Guests can drive up to the middle school circle and groceries will be brought to their cars. No need to get out of your vehicle.

Donations to the food pantry are much appreciated. Donation bins are located outside both the middle school and high school buildings and monetary donations are gladly accepted via the Food Pantry website or by mail to P.O. Box 54, Cambridge WI 53523.

Thank you to our area churches and all who generously supported the Cambridge Food Pantry by donating food and money toward the Easter meal baskets that were distributed on April 8 at the food pantry.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Cereal, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Flour, Tuna, Diapers sizes 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Poise Pads, Women’s Large Depends, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel.

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
Ron Guthery (father of Michelle Wagner)
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

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Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

Class of 2021: Melanie Rumpf

Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

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Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

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