



# Service for the Lord's Day

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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** .....“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God” <https://youtu.be/nvte9rcSiZ8>

### **Call to Worship** [Responsive]

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

**Many:** And also with you.

*One:* Thinking we know all the answers, yet wondering if we haven't missed something:

**Many:** we enter this sanctuary of Truth.

*One:* In the company of sinners, in cahoots with saints:

**Many:** we gather as God's people.

*One:* Standing by folks of deep, abiding faith; seated with those who stumble through the Kingdom:

**Many:** we lift our praise to God in this place of worship!

**\*Opening Song** .....“Honesty” by Billy Joel <https://youtu.be/SuFScoO4tb0>

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

*One:* Let us pray together: Creator God, in a world where we struggle to discern the lies from the truth of your love and grace for all people,

**Many:** Guide us in heart, soul, strength and mind to follow the way, the truth, and the life you have set before each of us. Amen.

# **We Listen for God’s Word**

## **Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... Gracious and Holy God,

*Many:* Give us wisdom to perceive your Diligence to seek you, Patience to wait for you, Eyes to behold you, and life to proclaim you in the way we love and accept one another. Amen.

St. Benedict

## **The Scripture**

Exodus 20:16

“You shall not bear false witness.”

John 8:32

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**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/134783714.pdf>

# **We Respond to God’s Love**

**Affirmation of Faith** ..... Reclaiming Jesus Statement of Faith

**WE BELIEVE** that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Truth-telling is central to the prophetic biblical tradition, whose vocation includes speaking the Word of God into their societies and speaking the truth to power. A commitment to speaking truth, the ninth commandment of the Decalogue, “You shall not bear false witness” (Exodus 20:16), is foundational to shared trust in society. Falsehood can enslave us, but Jesus promises, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32). The search and respect for truth is crucial to anyone who follows Christ.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. Politicians, like the rest of us, are human, fallible, sinful, and mortal. But when public lying becomes so persistent that it deliberately tries to change facts for ideological, political, or personal gain, the public accountability to truth is undermined. The regular purveying of falsehoods and consistent lying by the nation’s highest leaders can change the moral expectations within a culture, the accountability for a civil society, and even the behavior of families and children. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society. In the face of lies that bring darkness, Jesus is our truth and our light.

**The Special Music** ..... OneRepublic – “Truth to Power” (Lyric Video)  
<https://youtu.be/h4DFXUndvbw>

## The Prayers of the People

*One:* Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness. As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.**

*One:* We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty. We think especially of the people in our own community, and those around the world who are facing critical food shortages; who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation; and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

**Many: Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* We pray for those who are empty emotionally— who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief.

**Many: Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* We pray for those who are spiritually empty— who are troubled, but don't know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You.

**Many: Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need.

**Many: Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand. Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

*One:* We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from You.

**Many: Amen.**

## 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.

**The Prayer Response** ..... "Down to the River to Pray" – Alison Krauss  
<https://youtu.be/DbgfQ48hWuY>

## 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, or donate online. (See announcements below for directions.)**

# **We Depart to Do God's Will**

**Closing Hymn** ..... “If We’re Honest” (Live) Francesca Battistelli  
<https://youtu.be/YzkBkCihT8>

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

*One:* Friends, this is the truth, if the God is with us and in us and all around us, who can be against us?

**Many: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.**

*One:* We go into the world in humble confidence that no matter where we go or what situation we find ourselves in, Christ is present with us.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

*One:* May the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, comfort your hearts and minds by the knowledge that nothing in this world, not even the lies, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

*One:* And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counselor, will be with you now and always.

**Many: Amen!**

**Postlude** ..... “Gaslighter” (Official Video) The Chicks <https://youtu.be/sbVPcPL30xc>



*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 30, and September 6 & 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](http://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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## **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**

### **Music—**

**Accompanists:** Karen Brunk, Marian Korth, Emily Rausch,  
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