



Service for the Lord's Day

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

9:00 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.
(Pronouns for God: They, Theirs, Them)***

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Children of God, we gather together this morning, some in our parking others via Facebook Live or YouTube so that our Creator may teach us how to do justice, act with compassion, ways and walk in Their path of Love. Let us worship the One who commands us to beat our guns into ploughshares, and our weapons into pruning-hooks; so that people shall not take up guns against each other, so we shall cease to engage in violence any more.

The Prayer

One: Let us pray...God of our weary years and our silent tears, We are shattered by the death of an 11 year-old Anisa Scott, and yet and the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha. We are horrified, angry, despairing at the epidemic of gun violence in our nation. We struggle with a yearning for justice and judgment-- a knowledge that our prayers alone are not enough a hurt that is beyond speech a fear that we do not know a way forward that will help an emptiness: we have been here before, too many times, and we know we will walk this bloodied path again. What can we do, with such fear and anger and longing, that can bind us together, rather than further tear apart the fabric of our common life? We are failing one another, and we are failing You: our Maker, our Mercy, our Justice, our Peace. We pray for our neighbors in Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha and so many other places around our nation where gun violence and other acts of violence have claimed far too many lives lost and victims wounded for life.

We pray, Healing One, for our whole broken and heartbroken nation in this hard season of violence, death and distrust each one lost is a child made in Your image. each survivor is beloved to You each afflicted community is part of your commonwealth. We lift our prayers for each life lost, each family bereaved, each neighborhood whose fabric

has been violently torn asunder by bullets and hatred and fear. We pray for ourselves, that this hurt, this outrage, this yearning for justice will not fade from our minds before our hearts are broken open by Your passion for mercy, justice, and love. Restore our hope, our heart, our sense of the possibility of holiness and wholeness in your creation. Tend the fires of our rage so that they burn for justice and warm hearts that have grown cold. Make the waters of our tears nourish the river that flows through the city of God, and the tree of life that is for the healing of the nations. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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

Exodus 32:1-10

“When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’”

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/134822881.pdf>

The Special Music

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 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful...these you deserve. For when we were nothing you made us something. When we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children. When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment. Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice. Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war or, if not at war, then preparing for it. Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us. Lord, heal your Church in every brokenness.

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way to heaven; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hand our empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to change us. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving, and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen.

The Words of Institution

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers of every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which he was betrayed, and as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, ‘This is my body. It is broken for you. Do this to remember me.’

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said, ‘This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.’

So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this cup 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 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: What does the Lord require of us? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Friends, we called by Christ to be agents of reconciliation, who told us to put away our weapons, for those who live by them, will surely die by them, and to love one another as he first loved us. So let us have the courage to stand together to end gun violence and violence of all kind, that all people may walk in the light and love of God! And all God’s people said:

Many: Amen!



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer ~ by the Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; The Sending ~ by The Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler.

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: **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.



AUGUST 2020 Update

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know how things have been going here and to let you know of some changes that are taking place.

We have moved the pantry to a new location in the middle school. We are now located in the lower level of NMS and will open our doors here as soon as we are given the green light to do so safely. In the meantime, we are continuing to offer groceries to our clients through a no-contact, drive-up model. So far it has gone pretty smoothly, although I know we are all anxious to get back to in-person shopping. I am hoping we will have enough safety measures in place to do that beginning in October. I am working on some alternative measures to get groceries to our clients in case we are not able to open this fall due to the current pandemic.

I also hope to get some volunteers back to the pantry soon. Again, my main concern is the health and safety of our clients and volunteers, and I do not want to rush anything and risk endangering our friends and families.

We are hoping to start the Blue Jay Backpack program for Cambridge School District students soon. My goal is to get bags out to students who sign up, sometime the last week in September. I am asking for your continued generosity and support for this program as you have shown in past years. I think it is more important than ever during these really tumultuous times for our kids.

I will send out more communication as we have a better understanding of how we will continue to serve our clients and students as we move through the next several weeks. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, comments, etc.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming weeks and months.

Thanks for all you do. Stay well, God bless.

Kerry Marren

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!



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 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

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Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

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