



Service for the Lord's Day

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 and Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water. We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal. We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

The Time of Silence

The Prayer for the Beginning of a New School Year

(Maren Tirabassi - Psalm 26:1-8)

One: School with us, O God, in person and online, through hybrids and homeschools.

Bless teachers and school boards, administrators and custodians with integrity, in a time of trust and wavering trust.

This autumn is not a time of tests, but of hearts and minds trying to love students and guide education faithfully.

Bless parents in their balancing, college students in their choices, kindergartners in their newness.

We wash our hands, mask our faces, prepare for change, honor every effort, every decision, which may not be the last one, pray for safety in the virus, and give thanks for all that we can learn, at school buildings and kitchen tables, from the earth, your smartboard, under the skies, your playground.

And may we all continue to learn from the lesson Jesus taught the disciples, who asked him to teach them to pray when he said, when you pray, pray like this...

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

Matthew 25:31-46

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 "Becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation" Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
<http://ocpchurch.com/files/134864930.pdf>

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God, you are before all things; You are beyond all things; And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known.

In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles, in stories of women and men, of communities and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness you have made yourself known.

In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken in rejection and disdain you have made yourself known.

Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us, disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs, acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion.

We greet the one who comes in your name, your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal.

As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death, as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross, as he gave his life in acts of goodness, as he invited all to the feast of new hope, so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and cup before us in its many forms here in the parking lot and in our homes where we are watching this morning, bear your life to our life, nourish us with Christ's vision of hope, and unite us in One Body of Peace.

Nourish us with your brokenness, Renew us with your poured out life, Empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world. For You are our life; You are our hope; You are our peace; And we praise you. Amen.

The Words of Institution

One: The bread on your table is blessed and broken.

As long as it is open to all, it is holy. 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 Bread of Heaven and the Cup of the New Covenant, these are the gifts of God for the people of God. Together, let us eat and drink and remember who we are and whose we are. Amen.

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, remember, Jesus said: "Come, you who are blessed, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, was in prison and you visited me."

You who are yourselves a blessing, who know that to feed the hungry is to bless and to give drink to those who thirst is to bless; who know the blessing in welcoming the stranger and giving clothes to those who have none; who know to care for the sick is blessing and blessing to visit the prisoner: may the blessing you have offered now turn itself toward you to welcome and to embrace you at the feast of the blessed. And all God's people said:

Many: Amen!



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship and Opening Prayer ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent Lectionary Liturgies; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ part of a longer Eucharistic prayer written by Bill Loader; The Sending ~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook. <http://paintedprayerbook.com/>

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 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 Strohbush)

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 2021: Melanie Rumpf

Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

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Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

Class of 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

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