



Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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)*

The Welcome and Announcements

The Special Music

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Flute: Mare Stewart,
Violin: Bobbi Rumpf

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: To those who are hungry, Jesus says: "Come and eat! There's more than enough for all!"

To those who are thirsty, he says: "Come and drink! It's free for the taking! Stop wasting your money on food that doesn't satisfy. Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!" Friends, let us worship the One who feeds our hunger for love and quenches our thirst for justice and mercy.

The Prayer

One: Let us pray... You call your people to prayer and praise in many ways. This day, bring us together just as you called the people of Israel to gather manna in the desert to eat and sustain life. God of unity, give us this day our daily bread. Offer us the nutrients we need to remain connected to you. As spiritual beings, we desire to receive food that endures—faith, hope, and love. God of grace, give us this day our daily bread. All life is created and nourished by you! May we grow into new circles of understanding and being, reflecting the ways in which we have been touched by your holy manna. Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

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

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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 "Manna in the Pandemic Wilderness" Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
<http://ocpchurch.com/files/134949551.pdf>

The Special Music "Take My Life and Let It Be" Flute: Mare Stewart,
Violin: Bobbi Rumpf

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Friends, as we gather at Christ's Welcome Table, we remember his love for us, his patience with our failings, his hope in our willingness to follow, his trust in that mystery we call faith. Let us pray...

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator God, send your Spirit in peace upon us and these simple gifts of the various types of bread and of cups we share this morning. Help us to remember that as we share the bread, we share the presence of Christ, strengthened to go out with forgiveness in our hearts. As we drink of our various cups, we share Christ's Spirit with our neighbors, and are called to welcome all as our sisters and brothers, especially those held captive by the bitterness of the world. As you gathered your children to lead them to that promised land, so you will bring all your children from the very ends of time itself, to seat us around your heart, where we will feast on your grace, lifting our hearts to praise you forever: God our Maker, Christ our Brother, Spirit our Compassion, one God, now and forever. 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.

The Special Music

“Nearer to the Heart of God”

Flute: Mare Stewart,
Violin: Bobbi Rumpf

We Depart to Do God's Will

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

One: Let us go forth in faith in our Nonperishable God, who gives us daily what we need to feed our bodies and spirits.

Our common need for nourishment unites us together as the body of Christ. May the holy Bread of Life create sustenance for the journey, calm for troubled stomachs, grace-filled movement for aching limbs, and joyful activity for all bodies as we seek to live in sacred community.

Many: Amen!



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship and Opening Prayer ~ based on Matthew 14:13-21, Isaiah 55:1-3; The Prayer ~ from The Bread of Life, written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi; Communion Liturgy ~ by Rev. Thom Shuman and Wee Worship Book; The Sending ~ from The Bread of Life, written by the Rev. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi.

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: **October 4 and 18**. Please note, **our worship time returns to 10 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!





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

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.

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)

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.

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 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

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