



Service for the Lord's Day

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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 "Take My Life" Norton Hall Band <https://youtu.be/U2zt7PzHPqk>

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: We have gathered in this place to worship,

***Many:* because Jesus invites us to come!**

One: We come as we are, with our faith and our doubts, with our successes and our failures,

***Many:* because Jesus invites us to come!**

One: We come with what we have, bringing with us the events and experiences of this past week,

***Many:* because Jesus invites us to come.**

One: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Let us worship God!

***Opening Song** "Be Thou My Vision" Audrey Assad <https://youtu.be/Optrm7IF16s>

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

One: Let us pray together: Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies,

***Many:* you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us.**

One: Instead, you chose to step down into our experience,

***Many:* living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human.**

One: More than that, you adopted the role of a lowly servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely.

***Many:* As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Let us pray for humility. Merciful God, give us the same attitude as Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient to you all the way to his death on the cross.

***Many:* Make us eager to put others before ourselves, and their needs before our own. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Scripture

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

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

"A Grief Observed"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/134995461.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 “Woke Up This Morning” John Legend
<https://youtu.be/0pOVEIQFNMs>

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 "Seek Ye First" <https://youtu.be/EsBpM9IcBts>

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** "Canticle of the Turning" <https://youtu.be/trhxP6VAOuc>

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

One: Go now to will and to work for God's purposes. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. Be filled with the same love and look to the interests of others. With reverence for God, work out your salvation. And may God quench your thirst with love and consolation; May Christ Jesus strengthen you and encourage you; And may the Holy Spirit lead you on and make your joy complete.

Many: **We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen!**

Postlude "What the World Need Now" Broadway for Orlando <https://youtu.be/t5AyGvJcyoU>



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ written by John van de Laar; The Sending ~ ©2002 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net.

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: (WORSHIP IS NOW AT 10 AM)

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.



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.
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
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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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

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