



Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost – World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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.
(Pronouns for God: They, Theirs, Them)***

The Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: Welcome to this place: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side, where heaven and earth embrace in peace; where God has been, is, and always will be; where we find God's love; where all is made ready by our God: where we bring our hunger, and find food; where we our brokenness, and find healing; where we bring our very

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Let us pray... We will not find that needed justice in our apathy; we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling; we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines; we will not find our misplaced love with our hating; we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners; we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges, but we will find you

***Many:* in the brokenness of the Bread and in the breaking of our hearts;**

One: we will find you

***Many:* when we drain the Cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child;**

One: we will find you

***Many:* when we make safe space together at the Welcome Table for all your people.**

One: Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray together, saying,

***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 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (Nan C. Merrill – Psalms for Praying)

Eternal Listener, give heed to your people, You, who are our Guide and our Light! You, who dwell amidst the angels, shine forth into the heart of all nations! Be our strength as we break down walls that separate and divide; let not fear pluck away the gifts we would share. Roll away the stones that become obstacles to growth, to producing a bountiful harvest. Receive our gratitude, O Heart of all hearts!

Look upon us and see what Love can do; rejoice in the new birth that You create! Be glad where your Seed has found fertile soil. How much more the return of one healthy plant than ten thousand useless weeds!

May those who have borne the fruit of love radiate your Spirit into the world! May we always walk and co-create with You; receive the gratitude of our hearts, as we share in the Great Plan! Restore us, O Holy One! Let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!

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/135030742.pdf>

***Affirmation of Faith** Reclaiming Jesus Statement of Faith in a Time of Crisis
WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples. Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. We in turn should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants rather than to seek first narrow nationalistic prerogatives.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT “America first” as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation

This table, in its various forms, is for all of us, whether safely, physically gathered, in person, wearing a mask in the sanctuary of a parking lot or the virtual sanctuary of our homes.

This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It’s not a Presbyterian table. It’s not an American table. It’s God’s global table, for all of us, and it’s a table of grace. Jesus the Christ who was a guest at so many tables, now invites us to be a guest at God’s table.

Wherever you are Christ bids you welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this common, sacred meal together.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: God of all nations, we give You thanks that we are all made in Your image, with such rich diversity. On this day we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we break bread together, we remember that we are still one body in You, even though we have different languages, cultures and traditions, different ways of worship, praying and praising. In solidarity we drink the cup together of hope, of new life, knowing that Your will is for Your people to be one body. We are one body, but we are not the same—it is through the gift of diversity that we are able to be Your body. We thank You and praise You for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We each celebrate our own ancestry, culture and ethnicity, knowing that Your sacred and holy image dwells in each and every person, and collectively we reflect your Loving Presence.

Many: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution

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.)

The Prayer after Communion

One: Let us pray...Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

We Depart to Do God's Will

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

One: May the God of Life, be your guide on the road every day, be your refuge in times of uncertainty and be your rest in times of fatigue. May the God of Life, strengthen you when you feel weak, comfort you when you feel sad and embrace you when you feel alone. May the God of Life, who loves you and knows you, cover you with the tenderness of a Mother. Forever. Amen.



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship and Opening Prayer ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog; The Sending ~ Maren Tirabassi – Argentina.

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 18 and November 1, 15 & 22.** 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.



SEPTEMBER 2020 Update

Hello to all,

Hard to believe September is coming to a close. The month has gone by quickly.

We have settled into the new space in the lower level of the Nikolay Middle School. Even though the new space is ready to receive guests, we are still under a no-contact advisory from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This means that the Cambridge Food Pantry will continue to offer drive up grocery pickups on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30 until further notice.

We continue to receive tremendous support from both the Community Action Coalition of Wisconsin and Second Harvest. The community also continues to give generously to the program. However, with Winter approaching and the cold and flu season that comes along with it, we anticipate an increase in need for food and personal items in our community.

Below is a "wish list" for the food pantry. We would be grateful if you could continue to encourage your congregations, neighbors and friends to give what they can. There is a donation bin outside of the lower level doors of the middle school/food pantry entrance for non-perishable food items. Anyone wishing to donate perishable foods can contact me directly either by phone or email and I will make arrangements to accept those donations. Monetary donations continue to be the most needed and most efficient way to support the food pantry at this time.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Cambridge Food Pantry.

I hope you all remain healthy and safe.

Kindest regards,

Kerry Marren 608-423-8142 foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us www.cambridgecap.net

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Hearty Soups, Canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni), Canned or packet tuna, Heat and serve complete meals (non-refrigerated/shelf stable), Individual cereal boxes/bowls, Individual oatmeal packets, Saltines, Ramen, Shampoo and conditioner, Laundry soap, Dish soap.

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 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

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