



# Service for the Lord's Day

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Reformation Sunday  
October 25, 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

**Prelude** ..... "Look at the World" John Rutter <https://youtu.be/nDa-Mab4SoU>

### **Call to Worship** [Responsive]

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

*One:* The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God. Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts. We are children of the living God. Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

**Opening Song** ..... "A Mighty Fortress" HeartSong at Cedarville University  
(Official Music Video) [https://youtu.be/\\_vT6HQ1QaU4](https://youtu.be/_vT6HQ1QaU4)

### **The Prayer of the Day**

*One:* God of love and justice, we gather together to worship you: to offer our thanks and praise and to proclaim your goodness, mercy and truth. Meet us here. Breathe your Word into our souls; engrave your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect your love and justice to the world. Amen.

## We Listen for God's Word

**The Scripture** Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those

days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

**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 Special Music** ..... "How Firm a Foundation" Chelsea Moon with the Franz Brothers  
<https://youtu.be/R8O5RyGRmx8>

**The Reflection** "Truth!" Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler  
<http://ocpchurch.com/files/135141210.pdf>

**The Special Music** ..... "How Firm a Foundation" Norton Hall Band  
<https://youtu.be/5UvBH9IPU11>

## **We Respond to God's Love**

**Affirmation of Faith** ..... *from Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in A Time of Crisis*

**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 Prayers of the People**

*One:* Let us pray... Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life. Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom, that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Show your righteousness, God of justice, that all who are oppressed and marginalized, forgotten, and cast aside would be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace, that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way to reconciliation, compassion, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Take us by our hand, God of companionship, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Give your stillness, God of calm, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health. May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all, that we, like our forebears in faith, would be unswerving in our witness to your grace that is ours through the gift of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**Many: hear our prayer.**

*One:* Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord.

**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.**

### **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** .....“Here I Am, Lord” arranged by Ovid Young, Luther College Cathedral Choir <https://youtu.be/1W4gABkEGHA>

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

*One:* “May God sparkle in all of us as sunlight upon water, May we radiate for each other compassion and hope, May our work be fruitful, our joys profound, our pain redemptive, May our discipleship be rooted in the very life of God. May we be for each other, for family, for friends, for those in need, for those especially whose faith has come to staleness and whose hope has died – a burgeoning Alleluia – light and peace and simplicity – full gratitude, full openness. May we take nothing for granted then the life we seek to build up in common. May we suffer the pain of fully generous love. May we remain steadfast in the shadow of the cross, and rise to meet the passion of this world, relying always on the untiring good Spirit of our God. Amen.”

**Postlude** ..... “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter <https://youtu.be/ICpxgEHqjFA>



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet: The Place for Creative Worship Ideas; The Prayers of the People ~ from the website of St. James Lutheran Church in Bettendorf, Iowa; The Sending ~ Kathleen Hughes, Disciples at the Crossroads: Where Do We Go Now?

*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)*

**Sunday, November 1 – 2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!!  
Set your clocks BACK one hour!**

## **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: **November 1, 15 & 22. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 we will gather in Lake Ripley Cemetery at 10 a.m.** to celebrate All Saints' Sunday by reading the necrology of the saints who have over the past year joined the church triumphant and celebrate communion. For this Service, you are invited to drive into the cemetery, and follow the circle drive way so that we are spaced out around the center section. We will have someone to help guide you when you arrive. As we have doing in our parking lot service, you are invited to bring your own lawn chair and sit outside of your vehicle, or you may remain in your vehicle tuned into 104.3 FM. Please bring your own communion elements (bread and beverage). If you have the name of a loved one you wish read and remembered, please send it to [office@ocpchurch.com](mailto:office@ocpchurch.com) or call the church office at (608) 423-3001. Reservations are required. Please call or email the church office.

**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, November 1 following outdoor worship in Lake Ripley Cemetery. The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of hearing the Nominating Committee report and voting on new Elders and Deacons. We recognize these are unusual times, and we are working to make sure we can honor our Presbyterian process while keeping everyone safe and healthy. It will be a short meeting. People may remain in their vehicles or if weather is permitting, sitting outside. More information will be shared in the coming weeks prior to the meeting.

## **St. Paul's Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Lake Charles, Louisiana**

suffered severe damage when Hurricane Laura hit the area. St. Paul's is pastored by a seminary classmate and friend of Pastor Scott, the Rev. Tim Norris. In the midst of their clean-up effort, a second hurricane, Delta, struck the area, adding more damage and delaying the clean-up effort. Pastor Scott would like to invite you to join him in making a financial donation to help Pastor Tim's congregation with their clean-up and rebuilding effort. If you wish to offer a financial gift of assistance, please make your check out to OCPC and note that it is for the St. Paul Lutheran Church Recovery Fund. **We will be collecting money until November 15** and then send one check to the church. Thank you.

**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](http://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 Strohbush)  
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.



## 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](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us) [www.cambridgecap.net](http://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.

# 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**

### **Music—**

**Accompanists:** Karen Brunk, Marian Korth, Emily Rausch,  
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**Business Manager:** Ruth Poole

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