



# Service for the Lord's Day

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Hybrid Worship

April 25, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## We Gather as God's People

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** ..... “Jesus Shall Reign” arr. Larson;  
“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Carter

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

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

**Many: And also with you.**

*One:* Day by day, God leads us:

**Many: to the deep, deep pools of peace,**

*One:* to the green, lush lawns of grace.

**Many: Day by day, Jesus calls us:**

*One:* to pour out ourselves in service,

**Many: to anoint the stranger with hope.**

*One:* Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**Many: the community we could be,**

*One:* the family we are called to become.

### **The Music** ..... “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:**

**In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream.**

**He brings my wandering spirit back, When I forsake His ways;**

**And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.**

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

*One:* Let us pray... Gracious God, in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence—

**Many: saints and sinners alike.**

*One:* You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare—

**Many: a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul.**

*One:* We come with joy to meet You here, to eat and drink at Your table, to taste and see Your goodness,

**Many: to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives.**

*One:* May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions

**Many:** as we worship together in Your presence.

*One:* In the name of Jesus Christ, our host and Lord, Amen.

## **We Listen for God's Word**

### **The Scripture**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**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 Sermon**

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/135848700.pdf>

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

**The Prayer Music** ..... "The Lord's My Shepherd, All I Need"

The Lord's my Shepherd, all my need Will surely be supplied;

By quiet streams and through green fields The Lord will be my guide.

## **The Pastoral Prayer** [Responsive]

*One:* Gracious God, you care for us; we need nothing more. Hear the cry of those who are hungry; hungry for justice, and dignity, hungry for freedom, and love.

*Many:* **You lead us into a haven of peace and rest.**

*One:* Hear the cry of those who are alone; those who grieve a relationship broken by death or human failing, those who live in the isolation of a hospital room, a prison cell, a frail body, a confused mind.

*Many:* **You breathe new life into us and lead us in new ways.**

*One:* God whose breath is life itself, we pray for a just and caring use of your creation; a fair sharing of its abundance, an ethical searching of its mysteries.

*Many:* **You are with us, and comfort us, even when the darkness of the world looms large.**

*One:* We pray for those who seek the truth; those who cannot speak, and those who cannot be heard, that the light of your Word may shine in the darkness which overshadows their lives.

*Many:* **In the face of those who trouble me you provide for us, and pour out your blessings.**

*One:* Hear the cry of those trampled by racial or religious intolerance, disoriented by homelessness, defeated by unemployment;

*Many:* **God of justice and compassion you are with us always and have promised to sustain us all our life long.**

*One:* Enlarge our vision of life, and make us bold in our hope, Parent, Child, and Sacred Spirit, let our cry come to you; . . . and with the saints in every age we pray,

## **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.**

## **We Depart to Do God's Will**

**The Music** ..... "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;**

**I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.**

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

*One:* May the path that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth, to bring light to those who sit in darkness, to bring out those who live in bondage, to bring new things to all creation:

*Many:* **may this path run through our life and may we be the road Christ takes.**

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you as you go to love and serve in Love's name.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Postlude** ..... "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. Shackley



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies; The Prayer of the Day ~ Re:Worship Blog; The Pastoral Prayer ~ from the Billabong website.

*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)*

- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.

#### **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.

## **WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:**

**SUNDAY May 2 WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION AT 10 AM** — Hybrid in-person sanctuary worship continues.

**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!



### APRIL 2021 Update

Hello to all,

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,

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**CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST:** Canned Meats, Rice, Cookies/Sweets, Cereal, Egg Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Cleaning Supplies, Feminine Products, Shampoo and conditioner.

**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 Strohbusch)  
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)  
Sylvia Jensen  
Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)  
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy Pearson)  
Nancy Kristiansen  
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)  
Marilyn Schuster (Home Again, 308 England St., Cambridge, WI 53523-9117)  
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 families of Betty Willmore; Albert “Lee” Roland, Jr., father of Renee Roland Johnson; Mary Trailer (wife of Dick Trailer); Mark Olson on the death of his wife, Mary; Judy Brandt 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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### **SESSION** (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2021: Ann Febock, Melanie Rumpf

Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

Class of 2023: Randy Johnson

### **BOARD OF DEACONS** (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2021: Judy Schroeder, Cheryl Stitz

Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

Class of 2023: Judy Pearson, Mare Stewart

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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