



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter – Hybrid Worship
May 2, 2021 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.

Prelude “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Mary McDonald

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives. We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:

Many: **within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

One: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God

Many: **we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

The Music “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.**

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Almighty, all-merciful God, through Christ Jesus

Many: **you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and even to love our enemies.**

One: In times of violence and fear, let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,

Many: **so that we may not be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good.**

One: Help us to see each person in light of the love and grace

Many: **you have shown us in Christ.**

One: Put away the nightmares of terror

Many: **and awaken us to the dawning of your new creation.**

One: Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled.

Many: **We ask these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

1 John 4:17-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Communion Song "What Wondrous Love Is This"
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: God of fresh bread and new wine, we sense your presentness among us in grace-filled moments of sharing, in carefully created communities of loving solidarity, in holy times of birthing new life amid all the suffering. We delight in the moving of your steadfast Spirit demanding that we find water for the thirsty, demanding that we prepare meals for all who hunger, and

Many: **encouraging us to welcome all in our midst.**

One: As we share this meal may we be nourished by the dangerous memory of Jesus and his friends, who dared to feed those no one else would feed, who included the 'sinners' that society shunned and oppressed, who drew healing energy out of people past hope of healing, who heard the cries of people dried up and desperate, and nourished them with living water, and life-giving bread.

ALL: 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... O Holy One, we come to you with our weariness and hope. We thank you for the rest and strength of this Communion so that we may re-turn our tables to service in the world and hear your words of guidance every day and every night through Christ the Bread of Life and Light of the World. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Hymn "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Go now, and love one another, because love is from God. Proclaim God’s salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him. And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful; May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life; And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God’s love.

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

One: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arr. Lani Smith



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website; The Prayer of the Day ~ From a collection of Prayers for Times of National and International Crisis and Tragedy, posted on the PCUSA website; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ posted on the Rex A.E. Hunt website; The Sending ~ Copyright © 2003 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)

- Our musician today is Marian Korth.

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 9 WORSHIP 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. (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,

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

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 Strobusch)
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

Telephone/Fax: 608-423-3001

Email: Office@OCPChurch.com or Pastor@OCPChurch.com

Web: www.OCPChurch.com

Mailing Address: 313 E. Main St., Cambridge, WI 53523-9629



Visit us on Facebook: Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church

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

Music—

Accompanists: Karen Brunk, Marian Korth, Emily Rausch,
Angie Williams

Business Manager: Ruth Poole

Pastor: Pastor Scott Marrese-Wheeler: (608) 417-0231 cell;

Pastor@OCPChurch.com

Facebook: Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Follow Rev. Scott on Twitter: @2revsScott

