



# Service for the Lord's Day

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Father's Day – Hybrid Worship

June 20, 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.*

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 questions, and your story wherever you are on your journey in life. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence.

**Prelude** ..... "The Old, Old Story Medley" arr. Harold DeCou

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

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

**Many:** And also with you.

*One:* In the beginning, God created humankind and all creatures, great and small,

**Many:** because God loved a good story.

*One:* God rejoiced in the unfolding story of humankind,

**Many:** watching them love and care for one another.

*One:* As the earth began to populate, something changed in the storyline.

**Many:** People became wicked, evil crept into relationships.

*One:* What God once saw as good, and had blessed,

**Many:** Now grieved God.

*One:* So God decided to wipe the pages of the story of humankind and creation clean,

**Many:** And start fresh, introducing a new story of humankind.

*One:* May we be open to the telling of this story of good and evil, wickedness and brokenness,

**Many:** but also one of grace and redemption.

*One:* Friends, this is the story of us, the one we love to tell.

**Many:** And God is fully present in and through it.

**Music** ..... “How Great Thou Art”

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
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**The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... You do not want us to be ignorant of your dreams and hopes for us, God of holiness,

**Many:** so you speak to us through the sacred faith stories we love to tell, so we might pay careful attention to your words;

*One:* you tell us stories about our ancestors in the faith,

**Many:** so we might become mentors to the next generation.

*One:* Filling us with Your Spirit of generosity, grace, and love

**Many:** you make us ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives, and to open our hearts to those who are in need.

*One:* Give us the courage to tell Your story through our daily lives

**Many:** in the words we speak and the actions we engage in at home, at school, at work, in our worship and in the larger community around us.

*One:* In Christ’s name, we pray,

**Many:** Amen.

**We Listen for God’s Word**

**The Scripture**

Genesis 6:1-8

When people began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that they were fair; and they took wives for themselves of all that they chose. Then the Lord said, ‘My spirit shall not abide in mortals for ever, for they are flesh; their days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterwards—when the sons of God went in to the daughters of humans, who bore children to them. These were the heroes that were of old, warriors of renown.

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, ‘I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.’ But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

**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!

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

### **The Prayer Music** ..... "In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone, While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.

*Refrain:*

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

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

*One:* Let us pray... Our heart-felt prayer today, O God, is this:

**Many: Bless our family, and help us be a blessing to it...**

*One:* Touch all those who are fathers to us – or to others. We give you thanks for the ways we have been blessed by good character, wisdom, helpfulness, or care. Anoint with your healing goodness our brothers and our sisters, Smile upon our children and help them to grow...

**Many: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*One:* We thank you God for our family. We thank you God for your family – for the family you have given us by our birth, for the family you have bestowed by our rebirth... And we pray for your special presence with those who grieve and have entrusted their parents to your loving care,

**Many: Reassure them that in you the bonds of love are still connected, and nurtured, and will be sustained...**

*One:* We pray for those for whom this day carries special challenges, and for the gifts of healing, forgiveness, and your peace where needed.

**Many: Lord, hear our prayer...**

*One:* In the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray as a family saying,

### **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

**Closing Hymn** ..... "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:

*Refrain:*

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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

*One:* Friends, it is said: "God loved stories so much that God created humans.

**Many: We love to tell the story God is telling in and through all of us.**

*One:* So you might think this blessing lives in the story that you can see, that it has curled up in a comfortable spot on the surface of the telling. But this blessing lives in the story beneath the story. It lives in the story inside the story.

**Many: It lives in the story of each and every one of us.**

*One:* This blessing is where the story begins. And where the story begins is in and through your life lived out every day in each and all of your relationships at home, online, at work, at school, at leisure, while out socially or shopping, and here in worship. So go to tell the story in all you say and do, and may the Love of God, the Peace of Christ, and the Grace of the Holy Spirit go with you.

**Many: Amen!**

**Postlude** ..... "We've a Story to Tell" arr. Humphrey Turner



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ Written by Pastor Scott; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Thom Shuman, (adapted); The Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. John DeBevoise. Posted on the Palma Ceia Presbyterian; The Sending ~ Jan Richardson, The Painted Prayerbook - "Where the Story Begins" (adapted).

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 JUNE 27 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](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)  
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

**Pastoral Office Hours:** Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wednesday or by appointment

**Business Office Hours:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday

(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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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**

#### **Music—**

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