



# Service for the Lord's Day

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship

June 27, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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## **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** ..... "I Love to Tell the Story"

### **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:* The story we love to tell is about a journey God calls us to go on in life.

***Many:* A journey through deserts and wilderness, crossing rivers, seas, and borders.**

*One:* It is a story of Exile and Exodus, Death and Resurrection.

***Many:* Our ancestors in faith followed, trusting God's presence along the way.**

*One:* Our families traversed similar geographical landscaped in search of a new land.

***Many:* We are still a migrant people, wandering through life, and trusting God is with us.**

*One:* Friends, our story we love to tell is an immigrant tale about hope in finding a safe, welcoming place for all.

***Many:* This is God's story we love to tell in our worship and through our lives.**

**Music** *PH* # 335 ..... "Though I May Speak"

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain; As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.**

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

*One:* Let us pray... Our God, you have given us in your word the stories of persons who needed to leave their homelands—

**Many: Abraham, Sarah, Ruth, Moses.**

*One:* Help us to remember that when we speak of immigrants and refugees,

**Many: We speak of Christ.**

*One:* In the One who had no place to lay his head, and in the least of his brothers and sisters, you come to us again, a stranger seeking refuge.

**Many: We confess that we often turn your away.**

*One:* You have chosen that the life of Jesus be filled with events of unplanned travel and flight from violence, economic hardships and enemies.

**Many: You have shown us through the modeling of Jesus how we are called to relate to persons from different nations and cultures.**

*One:* You have called us to be teachers of your word through our relationships with others, family, friends and strangers.

**Many: We ask you, our God, to open our minds and hearts to the challenge and invitation to model your perfect example of love. Amen.**

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

### **The Scripture**

Genesis 12:1-4

God said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people, and the home of your parents, and go to a place I will show you. I will make of you a great people. I will bless you and make your name so great that it will be used in blessings. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. And all the people on the face of the earth will be blessed through you." Abram, who was 75 years old when he left Haran, began the journey as YHWH had instructed, and his nephew Lot went with them. 5 Abram took Sarai his spouse, Lot, all their possessions, possessions, and all the dependents they acquired in Haran, and set out for Canaan.

When they arrived in Canaan, Abram and his family traveled through the land until they arrived at the sacred place at Shechem and came to the oak grove of Moreh. The Canaanites occupied the land at that time. YHWH appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." Abram built an altar where YHWH appeared to him. Then they moved off toward the hill country east of Bethel and set up camp, with Bethel toward the sea and Ai to the east. Abram built an altar to YHWH and invoked the Name of YHWH. After that they traveled in stages toward the Negev.

At this time there came a famine to the land. The famine was so severe that Sarai, Abram, and Lot went down to Egypt to live a while.

Leviticus 19:33-44

"Do not mistreat the foreigners who reside in your land. The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own citizens. Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner in the land of Egypt. I am YHWH."

**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

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

**The Prayer Music** *PH* # 367 ..... “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;

*Refrain:*

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of His friends, Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

*Refrain*

**Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are near and far away.**

*Refrain*

**These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you.**

*Refrain*

**Loving puts us on our knees, Serving as though we are slaves,  
This is the way we should live with You.**

*Refrain*

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with You.**

*Refrain*

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

*One:* Let us pray... Creator God, all of humankind was created in your image, and you called us good. In your lovingkindness, you made covenants with us throughout history, beginning with your promises to Abraham and Sarah. The whole of creation belongs to you;

***Many:* hear us as we pray for one another and creation, trusting in your faithfulness.**

*One:* God of justice and mercy, we pray for all our leaders, in our congregations and our church, and in our local, state, and national political offices. May they hear your call to do justice and to love kindness.

***Many:* May they learn to see you in all those whom they serve.**

*One:* Bountiful God, we thank you for the beauty and ecological diversity of your creation. We confess that we have not cared for it as your good gift to us. We hoard resources, creating shortages and living in a mindset of scarcity.

***Many:* Help us learn to share water and land with each other and with your creation.**

*One:* We extract more resources than the earth can support, causing environmental degradation that effects the most vulnerable around the world, from people fleeing floods and droughts to animals living in ever shrinking habitats.

**Many: May we strive to restore the earth, safeguarding it for future generations.**

*One:* God of compassion, hear the cries of the oppressed throughout the world, from those languishing in jail without a trial in our own cities to those fleeing destruction abroad. We pray especially for immigrants and refugees within our borders, who have escaped violence and lack of opportunity, only to face discrimination and fear here where they hoped to be safe.

**Many: May we remember that these are also children of God, our siblings.**

*One:* Listening God, you hear the names of those in our community who are in special need of your care. We offer them up to you in a time of silence. Lord, in your compassionate mercy...

**Many: Hear our prayer.**

*One:* We remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before, and joined the great cloud of witnesses. We ask your blessings on those who mourn,

**Many: bringing them your peace and comfort in times of sorrow and grief.**

*One:* Hear our prayers, God of grace, and help us to fulfill them, working according to your purpose, in peace, justice, and mercy, in all we do; through Jesus Christ the Lord who taught us to pray, 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** *PH* #343 ..... "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

**Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.**

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

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

*One:* Friends, the God who loves story so much that God created humankind, sends us forth to tell the story of our common journey through life. As we go, we remember these word of St. Francis: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

**Many: where there is injury, pardon;**

*One:* where there is doubt, faith;

**Many: where there is despair, hope;**

*One:* where there is darkness, light;

**Many: where there is sadness, joy;**

*One:* O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

**Many: to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

*One:* For it is in giving that we receive;

**Many: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

*One:* Friends, we go now in the name of God to tell the story in all we say and do. And may the grace, mercy and peace of Christ, whose story we love to tell, be with you.

**Many: Amen!**

**Postlude**



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ adapted from Justice for Immigrants, "Prayer and Liturgy Suggestions," originally posted on the Justice for Immigrants website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ prayers of the people from the PCUSA website: Immigration Sunday Resources; The Sending ~ Prayer of St. Francis.

*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 Angie Williams.

## 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 JULY 4 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION AT 10 AM** – Hybrid in-person sanctuary worship continues. If you wish to partake in communion, you are invited to have your own form of bread and beverage.



### 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.

**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 Strobusch)  
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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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

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