



Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship

July 4, 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 "Finlandia: Song of Peace" Jean Sibelius arr. Roger C. Wilson

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 isn't always the whole of our story.

***Many:* Sometimes we leave out parts of the story that we would rather not share.**

One: The Sacred Storyteller does not seek to hide the details that reflect the harsh, hurtful, and ugly parts of our human drama.

***Many:* In God we trust,**

One: so we can be open, honest and truthful about the pain and suffering we have inflicted on one another, and on God.

***Many:* We come together to bear witness to the grace and forgiveness of the One in whose image we are all created.**

One: Because of this Good News, we love to tell the whole of our story.

Music "This Is My Song"

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... O God, On this Fourth of July, when we say “all men are created equal” we confess that the sin of racial hatred and prejudice distorts your divine plan for our human lives:

Many: **You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful:**

One: In every person, every race is your image. But too often we fail to recognize your image in all:

Many: **Forgive us.**

One: You created us in divine freedom, to be free:

Many: **In every decision, every choice is your possibility of justice.**

One: But too often we fail to choose to advocate for your justice for all:

Many: **Forgive us.**

One: You created us for divine abundance, to tend and share:

Many: **In every garden, every social structure is your seed of community.**

One: But too often we fail to create that community which includes all, and gives to all equal access to your abundant life:

Many: **Forgive us.**

One: Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil

Many: **Open our hearts to desire good over evil**

One: Strengthen our wills to choose good over evil,

Many: **So that we may create among us your beloved community. Amen.**

The Words of Assurance of Forgiveness [Responsive]

One: Friends: Hear the good news: God’s gift of grace in Jesus Christ forgives us and sets us free to live full human lives in community. We may go forth confident of the grace to see with new eyes beyond racial prejudice; to imagine with renewed fervor justice and mercy for all, and to create with a new will a community where all are given access to God’s abundant life.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

We Listen for God’s Word

The Scripture

Genesis 16:1-16

Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, ‘You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.’ And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived for ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram’s wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. Then Sarai said to Abram, ‘May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!’ But Abram said to Sarai, ‘Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.’ Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?' She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.' The angel of the Lord said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' The angel of the Lord also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' And the angel of the Lord said to her,

'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;
you shall call him Ishmael,
for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.'

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Creating God, source of our being, we give you thanks and praise for you have brought forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. In the beginning you created people in your likeness. In your likeness, you created people who multiplied and became many— people of many genders, races, nationalities, and abilities. You created the world and all that is in it without borders or walls and you called it “good.” For this we praise you, saying

***Many:* Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest!**

One: Blessed is the one Who comes in the name of God;

***Many:* Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Jesus, our sibling, born of Mary in a stable in Palestine, you confronted the powers and principalities of your time, and welcomed as your friends those who society had cast aside. For love and liberation of your people, you risked your life and were executed by the brokenness of empire. Yet even death could not put an end to the love you embody. Out of death, you arose to new life to live again among your people. With joy we celebrate what you have done, and with dedication we follow you, transformed by your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Many:* Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Boundless God. Pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup. Through these ordinary gifts that sustain us our bodies,

***Many:* Nourish us and transform us, That we might remember that we belong to each other and to you.**

One: Through this remembering,

***Many:* Let us be reconciled to each other and to you.**

One: Through this remembering,

***Many:* May we tear down all boundaries and walls that we have built,**

One: Through this remembering,

***Many:* May all peoples in all places and times be united in you as we share this meal**

One: and continue to teach us to pray the words you taught your disciples to pray...:

***ALL:* 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.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(If you are participating at home, 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 God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. Having been nourished at your table, may we go into your wondrous and diverse world to tear down walls of exclusion, to confront powers and principalities, to live and love boldly in the promise of your resurrection. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

Closing Hymn “O for a World”

O for a world where everyone Respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity. Set your minds on the ways of God, not clinging to your own life, but taking up your cross and following Jesus. And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant; May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory; And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

Many: We go in peace to tell the story of God’s love in all we say and do.

One: In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Many: Amen!

Postlude “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory” arr. Mary McDonald



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ Prayer of Confession and Assurance from the United Church of Christ 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 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 JULY 11 WORSHIP AT 10 AM – Hybrid in-person sanctuary worship continues.

DONATE ONLINE 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,

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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 Strohmusch)
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 2023: Randy Johnson

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Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

Class of 2023: Judy Pearson, Mare Stewart

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