



Service for the Lord's Day

7th Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship

July 11, 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 "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Shackley

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: In telling our sacred faith story, we find ourselves surprised

Many: to be standing on holy ground.

One: The Sacred Storyteller adds unexpected twists and turns to our human drama,

Many: appearing to us in a burning bush

One: or sometimes as a stranger carrying an umbrella on a rainy day on street.

Many: In showing hostility to others, we entertain angels unaware.

One: God loves a good story,

Many: one that is still being told in our everyday lives.

One: May our eyes be open to the sacred presence all around us, and in our worship today!

Music "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,

Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God of fire, You are a force beyond human understanding, with the power to sear through the veins of creation with passion and vigor, or to extinguish life in consuming flame.

Many: Your presence is dangerous for there is no predicting where you might burn,

One: and yet comforting for the light and warmth offer an invitation to draw closer.

Many: Redeeming God, out of the flames of your creation, your voice calls, marking us as your own.

One: Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice, and listen instead to our own needs and desires and those that challenge our faith from within the world.

Many: Forgive us for those times; when we have ignored the needs of others; when we have failed to place our feet upon your path; when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.

Silence

One: Loving Lord, in your forgiveness you offer again your invitation to know your love, to be loved, and to respond to your call.

Many: In hearing your voice may we find our place within your creation. AMEN.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Exodus 3:1-5

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

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

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136103877.pdf>

We Respond to God's Love

The Prayer Music “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Gracious God, In love You created us, and in love You sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,

Many: knowing that You hear us, and will respond.

One: We pray for the world around us, for the many who continue to suffer and call out for help: for those without enough to eat in the Cambridge area, and everywhere; for those caught up in violence and political uprisings; for those picking up the pieces after a natural disaster; for those desperate to find work to support their families.

Many: Gracious God, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

One: We also pray for family and friends who are suffering:
those struggling physically or emotionally,
those working to overcome mental illness;
those facing challenges at home or at work;
those grieving the death of a loved one.

Many: Gracious God, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

One: God, You have called us to pray for our enemies;

Many: to bless, rather than curse, those who deliberately seek to harm us.

One: We bring their names before You now— those who have hurt us, physically or emotionally; those who have spread rumors about us, or turned our friends against us.

Many: We ask You to bless them.

One: Open our hearts so that we may see them as You see them, and be able to respond to them with Your love.

Many: Gracious God, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

One: We pray for Your church around the world, that it would be a living demonstration of Your coming kingdom:

Many: offering hospitality to all, ready to help in times of need,

One: showing love to friends and enemies alike, seeking to live in peace with all.

Many: Gracious God, hear our prayer, and in Your love, answer.

One: God, we praise You for Your faithful love, and for the mercy You have shown toward us.

Many: Open our eyes to recognize Your presence in our lives.

One: Give us grace to hear Your call, and courage to follow without hesitation,

Many: knowing that Your way is the pathway that leads to life and love.

One: In the name of Jesus, who taught his followers 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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, Go out into the world to join God in the work of love, of peace, of justice.
Take in the breath of life. Take off your shoes. Know that you are ever in the presence
of the Holy and Living God. Go in peace.

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 "Amazing Grace" arr. Floeter



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie (minister of Corstorphine: St. Anne's Parish Church in Edinburgh) for the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday; The Pastoral Prayer ~ *re-Worship website; The Sending ~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog.

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 JULY 18 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 Strohubusch)

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 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

Class of 2023: Randy Johnson

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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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