



# Service for the Lord's Day

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship  
July 25, 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

#### 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 one of life and a death.

*Many:* **But telling the story of death is not one we like to share.**

*One:* Yet it is a part of our faith story which we need to speak of with others.

*Many:* **In life and in death, we remember we belong to God.**

*One:* Friends, if we live we live to the Lord and if we die, and we will all die, we die to the Lord,

*Many:* **So whether we live or die, we are the Lord's!**

*One:* Let us boldly proclaim this story of life and death in our worship and lives!

#### Music PH # 526 ..... "For All the Saints"

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*One:* Let us pray... God, we bring our stories to this place and we wait to be held by yours.  
We bring our faithfulness:

**Many: shape it with grace**

*One:* We bring our success:

**Many: shape it with generosity**

*One:* We bring our weaknesses:

**Many: shape them with compassion**

*One:* We bring our possibilities:

**Many: shape them with hope.**

*One:* We confess, God, that the way is hard and we are tired.

**Many: Speak into our tiredness with your story of grace**

*One:* We confess that the way is unclear and we do not know the path

**Many: Speak into our wandering with your story of vision**

*One:* We confess that we are tired of waiting and we just want to make it happen

**Many: Speak into our impatience with your story of wisdom**

*One:* Let your story be our story and we pray this in Jesus' name

**Many: Amen.**

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

### **Special Music**

"Seek Ye First"

Setting: Joel Raney

Flute: Mare Stewart; Piano: Barb Brown

### **The Scripture**

Genesis 25:1-11

Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. Jokshan was the father of Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. The sons of Midian were Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, while he was still living, and he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastwards to the east country.

This is the length of Abraham's life, one hundred and seventy-five years. Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. His sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with his wife Sarah. After the death of Abraham God blessed his son Isaac.

**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** *PH* # 404 ..... “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.**

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

*One:* Let us pray... Loving God, You are our Creator and Sustainer. When You open Your hand, You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. And so we look to You whenever we are in need, trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness. As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish, we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.**

*One:* We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty. We think especially of the people in places around our nation and world, who like those in our own community who are facing critical food shortages; who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation. Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* We pray for those who are empty emotionally— who are lonely and long for companionship and love, who are caught in the grip of depression, or overwhelmed with grief. Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* We pray for those who are spiritually empty— who are troubled, but don’t know where to turn; who long for purpose and meaning, but don’t know where to look; who need You, but do not yet know You. Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

*One:* God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives. Pour out Your Spirit on us as well. Fill us with Your compassion and love, so that we would willingly share some of our abundance with those who have need. Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.

**Many: Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

*One:* We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came so that all of humanity might come to know the abundant life that comes from You, and taught his disciples 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** *SF* # 2051 ..... "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

*Repeat verse 1*

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

*One:* Friends receive this "Blessing for the Dailiness of Grief" by Jan Richardson:

Sorry I am to say it, but it is here, most likely, you will know the rending most deeply. It will take your breath away, how the grieving waits for you in the most ordinary moments.

It will wake with your waking.

It will sit itself down with you at the table, inhabiting the precise shape of the emptiness across from you.

It will walk down the street with you in the form of no hand reaching out to take yours.

It will stand alongside you in every conversation, nearly unbearable in its silence that fairly screams.

It will brush its teeth with you at night and climb into bed with you when finally you let go of this day.

Even as it goes always with you, it will still manage to startle you with its presence, causing you to weep when you enter the empty kitchen in the morning, when you spread fresh sheets on the bed you shared, when you walk out through the door alone and pass back through it likewise.

It is here you will know it best— in the moments that made up the rhythm of your days, that fashioned the litany of your life, the togetherness you will never know in the same way again.

But I will tell you it is here, too, that your solace lies. It will wait for you in those same moments that stun you with their sorrow.

I cannot tell you how, but it will not cease to carry you in the cadence that has forever altered but whose echo will persist with a stubbornness that will surprise you, bearing you along, breathing with you still through the terrible and exquisite ordinary days.

*One:* Friends, as we go, take comfort and know that God is with us, every step of our journey through life as we walk towards the edge of the great mystery of death. Go in peace.

**Many:** Amen.

## Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Cheryl Lawrie; The Pastoral Prayer ~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship.

*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.
- Thank you to Barb Brown, piano and Mare Stewart, flute, for our special music today.

## 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 AUGUST 1 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION 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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



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](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us) [www.cambridgecap.net](http://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.

# FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FOR CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES

(NO CLOTHING OR MEAL THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID-19)



**WHEN & WHERE: DRIVE-UP ONLY**

**MONDAY AUGUST 16TH, 4:00PM-7:00PM**

**NIKOLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL (NMS), 211 SOUTH STREET CAMBRIDGE**

**PULL INTO CIRCLE AND WE WILL BRING SUPPLIES OUT TO YOU BASED ON GRADE**

**CALL/TEXT/EMAIL KRISTIN GOWAN FOR MORE INFO: 608.213.5819, KGOWAN@CAMBRIDGE.K12.WI.US**

## **TO DONATE:**

**CASH OR CHECK ARE  
MOST HELPFUL THIS YEAR:**

PAYABLE TO CAMBRIDGE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

BRING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICE 403 BLUE JAY WAY

## **DONATIONS DUE**

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11TH**

DROP OFF AT THESE  
CAMBRIDGE LOCATIONS:

(BINS OUTSIDE IF OFFICE CLOSED)

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE  
NIKOLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY

## **MOST NEEDED SUPPLIES:**

BACKPACKS,  
SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS (TI 30x),  
GRAPH COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS,  
MECHANICAL PENCILS, BINDERS,  
SHARPIES MARKERS,  
EXPO MARKERS, POST-IT NOTES,  
JUMBO GLUE STICKS, SCISSORS,  
EARBUDS, HEADPHONES



**THANK YOU!**

**HELPING OUR CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS START THE YEAR EQUIPPED TO SUCCEED!**

**PLEASE NOTE...** We are trying to update our prayer list. 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**

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