



Service for the Lord's Day

12th Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship

August 15, 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: One of the stories we love to tell

***Many:* is of the Church.**

One: In the beginning, early followers of Jesus gathered in people's homes.

***Many:* In time, gathering spaces became buildings called "churches."**

One: Some were structures made of wood, stone or brick.

***Many:* Some were dug out in the side of a hill overlooking a lake, like ours.**

One: Over the centuries, the buildings have, like us, aged and then closed.

***Many:* Each one has a story, though their story may no longer be remembered.**

One: Churches have come and gone, but the Word of the Lord last forever.

***Many:* The story we love to tell is not tied to a church building,**

One: It is told in and through our lives wherever two or more are gathered.

***Many:* We are the church, the living sanctuary of God.**

One: This is the story we are called to tell by our love and through our lives together.

Music *PH* # 430 “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!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Holy Lord, whose presence inspires and consoles,
Many: You continue Your promise from generation to generation.

One: With the dawning light of day
Many: You awaken creation to the wonders that await.

One: As the sun sets
Many: You pause on the mountain-top to offer a vision of what lies ahead.

One: Living presence of God, whose living amongst creation continue to inspire that we might live in the promise of God and mark our lives with a love that reaches beyond emotion:
Many: for Your love asks for activity, in worship and service.

One: Embracing Spirit of God, whose embrace offers both impetus and consolation,
Many: You provoke within us the recognition of our need of forgiveness.

One: With your overwhelming grace we recognize the many ways in which
Many: we fail to demonstrate Your love from within.

One: Forgive us when we are demanding of attention, and want to know the answers now;
Many: when we are reluctant to stand alongside those in need of our support;

One: when we have not been willing to allow others to speak their story.

Silence

One: Loving Lord, in your forgiveness
Many: You answer our questions of how and who to love, drawing the breadth of your community wider.

One: So as we find our place within Your community
Many: we offer this our prayer to you in Christ’s name. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Acts 2:43-47 & Acts 4:32-35

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved...

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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# 338 "Kum ba Yah"

Kum ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba Yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's craying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

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 *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, may the God who is community

Many: be with us as we seek to be a community of faith

One: may God bless our dreams and may God shatter our dreams

Many: may God help us to be real and to find depth in weakness and brokenness

One: may God help us to face and grow through conflict

Many: rather than pretend by being nice

One: may we look at each other through soft eyes

Many: and truly respect each other as human beings

One: may God help us let go of control

Many: and the need to fix one another

One: may God help us discover we are needy in our own souls

Many: and give attention to our own hearts

One: may God grant us the gift of an extraordinary love

Many: that flows from the heart of God that covers a multitude of wrongs.

One: As followers of Christ, let us go out together, to live and love as the community we are called to be in the name of God - Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Many: Amen!

Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Pastor Scott; The Prayer of the Day ~ Rev. MaryAnn R. Rennie, posted on the Starters for Sunday on the Church of Scotland website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ *re-Worship website; The Sending ~ written by Anna, and posted on the Grace website worship archive.

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 —

- **Our office administrator, Ruth, continues to be on vacation through August 16. Please submit any information she may need this coming week because she will also need to be out of town August 21-23!**
- 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 22 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!





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 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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