



# Service for the Lord's Day

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

August 29, 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**

#### **Call to Worship** [Responsive]

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

*One:* Give thanks to God with your total zest, Especially when you gather as a congregation.

***Many:* What God has done is absolutely amazing,**

*One:* We could bask in God's creation our entire lifetime.

***Many:* God's generosity never gives out.**

*One:* God's actions are God's memorial.

***Many:* This God of grace, this God of love, Remembers his ancient promises.**

*One:* God paid the ransom for his people, Fulfilling that covenant promise.

***Many:* The good life begins with the awe of God,**

*One:* Do that and you will know God's blessings.

#### **Music** PH # 420 ..... "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power,  
Crown Thine ancient church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

**Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces, Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

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

*One:* Let us pray... Great God, we confess that we have walked in our own way,

***Many:* wasting our days in trivial pursuits and destroying the precious gifts you have entrusted to us.**

*One:* We have grasped for bread that does not satisfy and turned away from the living water that brings life. Our worship enemies are within us.

***ALL:* Deliver us, we pray, from your indignation and anger as we seek new ways to relate to you and one another. Amen.**

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

### **The Scripture**

1 Kings 2:10-12

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

1 Kings 3:3-14

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your

enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**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**

"Smart Alecks and Wise Ones"

Rev. Hugh Drennan

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136245878.pdf>

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

**The Prayer Music** *PH* # 197 ..... "My Soul in Silence Waits for God"

**My soul in silence waits for God, Who my own hope has proved.**

**A rock and stronghold is my God, I never shall be moved.**

**In God alone my honor rests, Who brings deliverance sure;**

**My rock of strength is found in God, My refuge most secure.**

**All people are but vanity, The best of us a lie;**

**Both high and low estate combined Are lighter than a sigh.**

**In your own strength, then, place no hope, For riches, have no lust;  
Though for a moment they appeal, They are not worth your trust.**

**For truly God has spoken once, And twice to me made known:  
That strength and power belong to God, And unto God alone.**

**For so it is that sovereign grace Belong to You, O Lord;  
For You according to our work Shall everyone reward.**

### **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. Hugh Drennan

*One:* Friends, Always, and for everything, give thanks. Make melody to God with your whole heart.

*Many:* We rejoice in the gifts of God's Spirit As we go out to walk life's pathways.

*One:* Look carefully where you walk And make wise use of your time.

*Many:* We look to Christ to deliver us from foolishness, And write a new melody in our hearts.

*One:* The Living God sends us forth to serve, Assuring us that we will find life.

*Many:* Day by day we will feed on God's word, And moment by moment follow in Christ's way.

*One:* Amen.

*Many:* Amen.

## **Postlude**



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ Based on Psalm 111; The Pastoral Prayer ~ \*re-Worship 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 Angie Williams.
- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Hugh Drennan. Hugh, a previous pastor here, is now retired and lives with his wife Doreen in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. On his retirement business card the heading reads, “At play in the fields of the Lord.” That means he plays a lot of golf among other things.

### **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 SEPTEMBER 5 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,

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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 —**

Doreen Drennan  
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

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.

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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