



# Service for the Lord's Day

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

September 5, 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** .....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Converse/arr. Schaum and Shackley

### **The Opening Prayer** [Responsive]

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

**Many:** And also with you.

*One:* What does the Lord require of you?

**Many:** To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*One:* What does God command of us?

**Many:** To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*One:* God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**Many:** But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

*One:* Let us worship the God who

**Many:** believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

*One:* Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,

**Many:** but will be beside us every step of the way.

**Music** PH # 376 .....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, Never more Thy temples leave,  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

*One:* Let us pray... Holy God, we come together to worship,

**Many:** a people who would like to think that we love you with all our hearts and souls,  
with all our might,

*One:* but there are so many other things in our lives that clamor for our attention that we often  
relegate you to Sunday mornings

**Many:** and other times when we want you to rescue.

*One:* Most of us really do want you to be the one in whom we live and move and have our  
being.

**Many:** We really do want to hear your voice above all of the other voices in our lives.

*One:* But we get bogged down in the daily routine.

**Many:** We forget who we are.

*One:* We forget who you are.

**Many:** We forget what the church is supposed to be.

*One:* So here we are, standing before you today, with our human foibles and our short  
attention spans, asking that you would make yourself known to us, that you would help  
us to recognize the presence of the Holy, that you would continue to challenge us,  
inspire us,

**Many:** and make us into the people you want us to be. Amen.

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

### **The Scripture**

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine

on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

**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**

"Outrageous Love"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://www.ocpchurch.com/files/136282924.pdf>

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**The Communion Song** *SF* # 2048 ..... "God Weeps at Love Withheld"

God weeps at love withheld, at strength misused, at children's innocence abused,  
and till we change the way we love, God weeps.

God bleeds at anger's fist, at trust betrayed, at women battered and afraid,  
and till we change the way we win, God bleeds.

God cries at hungry mouths, at running sores, at creatures dying without cause,  
and till we change the way we care, God cries.

God waits for stones to melt, for peace to seed, for hearts to hold each other's need,  
and till we understand the Christ, God waits.

### **The Invitation**

*One:* Jesus invited all to the feast of peace. Jesus risked everything in compassion. Jesus promised to make himself known in the breaking of the bread.

### **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:* God, you are before all things; You are beyond all things; And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known. In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles, in stories of women and men, of communities and nations seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness

**Many:** you have made yourself known.

*One:* In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken in rejection and disdain

**Many:** you have made yourself known.

*One:* Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us, disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs, acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we say:

***Many:* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*One:* We greet the one who comes in your name, your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the wine of renewal. As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death, as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross, as he gave his life in acts of goodness, as he invited all to the feast of new hope,

***Many:* so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.**

*One:* Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with his vision of hope,

***Many:* and unite us in one body of peace.**

*One:* Nourish us with your brokenness, Renew us with your poured out life, Empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

***Many:* You are our life; You are our hope; You are our peace; And we praise you.**

*One:* In communion we join ourselves to all your people and we 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**

*(While we are returning to sharing the elements of communion for those attending in-person, we wish to continue to invite you gathered with us at home to join us in the Sacrament. If you wish to partake with us during the service while watching live on Facebook or at a later time, 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... We thank you, God of compassion, that you have nourished us with the bread of life and the wine of hope. As in Christ your love flowed out to those around him, so let your love flow through us to others. As in Christ your life was broken, so let your life meet us in our brokenness and release hope in us and others, through Jesus our hope and our life. Amen.

## **We Depart to Do God's Will**

**Closing Hymn** *SF* # 2172 ..... "We Are Called"

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

*Refrain:*

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!**

*Refrain*

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!**

*Refrain*

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

*One:* Hear this: the Lord our God is the one and only Lord. Therefore go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself. And may God give you justice and freedom; May Christ Jesus set you free for love; and may the Holy Spirit go where you go and protect you on your way.

**Many: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,**

*One:* In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Many: Amen!**

**Postlude** ..... "Blessed Assurance" Knapp/arr. Shackley



The liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Katie Cook, in Sacred Seasons; Communion Liturgy ~ written by William Loader, May 2003; The Sending ~ Copyright © 2000 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net.

- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.

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**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 12 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](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

Jack & Jenine Spack

The people and refugees of Afghanistan

The families of the military members who were killed in Afghanistan

The people impacted by Hurricane Ida

The people of Haiti following the earthquake

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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