



Service for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Hybrid Worship
September 12, 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.

Prelude

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.

The Special Music "Morning Has Broken" Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart—flute;
Arr. Douglas Smith Bobbi Rumpf—violin; Barb Brown—piano

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Come before God not leaving the world behind,

Many: but drawing it into the Sacred Presence.

One: We gather on this day of remembrance and lamentation,

Many: to praise and pray, to mourn and repent.

One: Come before God with your hearts open to the Holy One

Many: and your arms open to your neighbors.

One: We gather on this day to proclaim our allegiance to God,

Many: to follow in the risky way of Jesus Christ.

One: God alone is worthy of our ultimate loyalty.

Many: Praise be to God, whose mercies are new every morning!

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

Music "O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered" Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Written for the 10th anniversary of 9/11 (Permission is given for its use by the author.)
To the tune of PH # 15 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

O God, our hearts were shattered On that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered To grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it Had just been torn apart.

We heard of those who perished – Of heroes' sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish The gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; We hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, "Can peace be found here?" "We can't let terror win!"

Some sought to answer terror The only way they knew—
With anger toward the stranger And calls for vengeance, too.
Yet this is not your answer, Nor what you what you would create.
May we live toward a future Where love will conquer hate.

God, give us faith and wisdom To be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen To truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; Grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction Will be the victor here.

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: As we prepare to join ourselves in prayer, we light a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on September 11th in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification. It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and marking their pain as our own. Remembrance is a sacred moment when we raise up and hold to the light of the eternal moment, the good who have passed.

We light a candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day. We light a candle to remember those who have died in the war in Afghanistan, both soldiers and civilians (*Silence*)

We light a candle, in penitence, recognizing that we have not done enough to address the sources of anger, hate, dehumanization, rage and indignation that lead to acts of violence. (*Silence*)

We light a candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children, and all the children of God. (*Silence*)

One: Let us pray...

ALL: God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Special Music

"Above All"
Lebranc & Balocke

Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart—flute;
Bobbi Rumpf—violin; Barb Brown—piano

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Isaiah 2:4

God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they train for war any more. O people of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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!

Special Music

"In Christ Alone"
Getty & Townend

Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart—flute;
Bobbi Rumpf—violin; Barb Brown—piano

The Sermon

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136308809.pdf>

We Respond to God's Love

The Prayer Music *PH* # 450 "O Day of Peace"

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

**Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.**

**Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God, we offer to you what has been spoken, what has been left unspoken, and what is too enormous to speak. We offer you our honesty knowing that no human emotion or struggle is foreign to you. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Restorer of life, we trust in your ability to heal. We open to you the woundedness within us, within our church, within our nation, within our world. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Shepherd, through the most shadowed valley, we trust in your steadfast love. We place in your hands our fear, our confusion, our quickness to accuse, our despair over the suffering of others, our reluctance to be led by you. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Bringer of Peace, we trust in your reconciling power. We lift to you all of those things within us and within our world that thwart your purpose of shalom. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Love that pursues, we trust that you will not let go of your creation. We remember those who have died believing that communion with you is eternal; that nothing can stop your love. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We remember all the people of this world: many faiths, many nations, many cultures. We are so small, so powerful, so beautiful, so dangerous, so intelligent, so foolhardy, so compassionate, so judgmental, so inventive, so instinctive, so hopeless, and so hopeful. We need you, and we need each other.

Many: Help us to remember that we are all created in your image.

One: Teach us the kind of love that never lets the other go. We especially pray for those who lost their lives on September 11, or who have died following those tragic events of 20 years ago. We pray for the soldiers who have died fighting a seemingly never-ending war, and their families who grieve their death each day. We pray for the children, women, and men of Afghanistan whose lives have been caught up in a violent conflict, who have died because of it, and those whose lives continue to be impacted because of a war not of their making. We pray for those who flee violence, persecution, oppression, and injustice in other countries and here in our own country and community. (*Silence*) God who brings life from death,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: And now may the Good Shepherd, who brings life from death, and who makes a way when we can see no way through the violence, killing, death and suffering, bless us and make us a whole people, even as we continue 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.

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

In response to God's generosity, and in support of the ongoing ministry and mission at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to share your financial support in several ways.

1. For those worshipping in-person, a basket is placed at the entrance to the sanctuary for you to leave your offering.
2. You may also mail in or drop-off your offering at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.
3. You may also donate online, using these directions: Use the app, **Give+**. Search for "GivePlus Church" in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it's installed, find us (Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge) 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!



We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Hymn *PH* # 386 "O for a World"

O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong, Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Jesus taught us,

Many: “**Blessed are the peacemakers. For they shall be called children of God.**”

One: May the blessing of the God of peace and justice

Many: **be with us;**

One: May the blessing of the Son who weeps the tears of the world's suffering

Many: **be with us;**

One: And may the blessing of the Spirit who inspires us to reconciliation and hope

Many: **be with us from now into eternity.**

One: And all God's people said:

ALL: **Amen!**

Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ from Service of Remembrance and Lamentation, on the Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA; The Prayer of the Day ~ Liturgy by Rev. Eileen W. Lindner and Rev. Marcel A. Welty, adapted. Posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ from the United Church of Christ website; The Sending ~ Posted on the World Council of Churches website.

- Thank you to Barb Brown, Lisa Leadholm & Mare Stewart, flutes, and Bobbi Rumpf, violin, for our special music today.
- Our musician today is Ann Engelstad.

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)

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 19 PARKING LOT WORSHIP AT 10 AM –

Weather permitting, you are invited to bring your own lawn/bag chair, and coffee or other morning beverage. Our hope is to provide a way for some of our OCPC members who do not feel comfortable coming inside at this time, to join us outside. We will be broadcasting over our FM transponder for those who wish to remain in their vehicle.



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 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.

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 men, women and children of Afghanistan who were killed in this war.

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 2023: Judy Pearson, Mare Stewart

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