



Service for the Lord's Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Outdoor Worship
October 31, 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

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

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

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

***Many:* Come Holy Spirit and lead us.**

One: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

***Many:* The Way of change and testing, the Way of the desert and the wilderness.**

One: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

***Many:* Come Holy Spirit and make us your own.**

One: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

***Many:* The Way of new learning and questioning and growing in Christ's Love.**

One: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (*Jeremiah 31:31-34*)

***Many:* Come Holy Spirit and shape us anew.**

One: Lead us in the Way. The Way Christ walked:

***Many:* The Way of joy in life and sacrifice, the Way of the Creation and the Cross.**

One: On this Reformation Sunday, let us worship God.

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... As we celebrate the Reformation, let us also pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ. For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over the will of God,

Many: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those who work to create unity among all the churches and seek to find ways to walk together,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For us, when we promote sectarianism above our Oneness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God’s will for us,

Many: O God, we ask forgiveness.

One: For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew itself,

Many: O God, we give you thanks.

One: For the church, that we may be worthy and willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all.

Many: Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Psalm 46

From Psalms for Praying © 2007 Nan C. Merrill

The Beloved is our refuge and our strength,
a Loving Presence in times of trouble.

Therefore we need not fear though
the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the
heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble
with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams
make glad the Holy City,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

The Beloved is in the midst of it,
it shall not be moved;
Our loving Creator is an
ever-present help.

The nations may be at war,
countries left in ruins,
yet is the Voice of the Almighty
heard, slowly breaking through
hearts of stone.

The Beloved is ever with us,
the infinite Heart of Love.

Come, behold the works of the Beloved,
how love does reign even in
humanity's desolation.

For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease,
shining light into fearful hearts; loving
even those who oppress the weak,
refining hearts of steel!

"Be still and know that I am Love.
Awaken! Befriend justice and mercy;
Do you not know you bear my Love?
Who among you will respond?"

O Blessed One, You know all hearts,
You are ever with us;
may Love ever guide our lives!

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 Hymn of Response *PH* # 280 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we’d first begun.

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision. You invite us to extend that love to the world around us— to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before You now. In Your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We offer these our prayers, even as we pray as Jesus taught us 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* # 438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

When we asunder part It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet again.

The Sending Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

Many: Amen.

Postlude



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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.

Sunday, November 7 – 2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!! Set your clocks BACK one hour!

- 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, NOVEMBER 7 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION AT 10 AM –

Hybrid in-person worship continues this Sunday at Lake Ripley Cemetery, weather permitting. **We will be celebrating All Saints’ Day Liturgy, remembering our loved ones who died over the past year. If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned in the liturgy, please send us an email at office@OCPChurch.com or pastor@ocpchurch.com. Special Music will be provided by Bill McInnes, a professional bagpiper. Bill works with Pastor Scott at Gunderson Funeral Home as a Service Associate.** We will invite you to bring your own lawn chairs as we gather outside. This will allow us to spread out and not have to wear masks. Please dress for the weather. If the weather does not allow for us to gather outside, we will move indoors at the church and masks will be required.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DOREEN DRENNAN (September 9, 1933 – October 19, 2021) – It is with great sadness that we share with you the death of Doreen Drennan, wife of Hugh Drennan and mother of Ann Febock. Her Funeral Service is scheduled for Saturday, November 6 at the Lake Mills Moravian Church. Service time is 11 a.m. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of the service. A luncheon will follow the service. Pastor Scott will be co-officiating with Pastor Dave Sobek of the Lake Mills Church. Memorials can be made to OCPC, Lake Mills Moravian Church, Rainbow Hospice or a charity of your choosing. <https://www.claussenfuneralhome.com/obituary/doreen-hebbe-drennan?lud=26609FC30A8A8FC4BC7D2169BE457CD8&fbclid=IwAR1AJKJ-skK4RL8YVraXkETvY4G5D9YtQfjXgNIYft2QAWK1CfqOVxoLGYg>

Congregational Meetings: The Session has called for two meetings of the congregation. The purpose of these meetings is to consider changes to the By-laws. The Session is recommending that the Board of Deacons be incorporated into the work of the Session. The Session believes with our aging congregation and decreasing membership numbers, and the ongoing pandemic, we can no longer fill positions on both boards. The Session will assume the responsibilities of the Deacons. **The first meeting was held October 31 following worship.** That meeting was to hear their recommendation, and ask questions. **The second meeting is scheduled for November 14 following worship.** This meeting will be to vote on the recommendation and also to (hopefully) hear the report of the Nominating Committee to replace two members of the current Session.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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 —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

Judy Pearson

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

The thousands Afghan families/persons now in Fort McCoy, 400 needing "a welcoming placement" in Wisconsin

The family of Doreen Drennan, and other 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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