



# *Service for the Lord's Day*

*All Saints' Sunday – Daylight Saving Time Ends*

*November 7, 2021*

*10:00 a.m. at Lake Ripley Cemetery*

**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**

"Highland Cathedral"

Bill McInnes (Bagpipes)

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

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

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

*One:* A global pandemic that has claimed the lives of over 5 million people. A global climate crisis wrecking environmental havoc with devastating storms, flooding, wildfires, as the earth's temperatures continue to rise. A epidemic of gun violence and mass shootings continue to sweep through our nation claiming the lives of 30,000 children, women and men each year. Stress, anxiety, worry and fear continue to impact our mental health. Cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses continue to shut down our bodies. Poverty, systemic racism, injustice and oppression continue to infect our institutions and communities. The ways of death in this world are many. The fear of death envelopes us. The words of death surround us.

***Many:* But we come now to hear a different Word, a true Word, a life-giving Word.**

*One:* We are gathered here this morning standing firm in the Word which wipes away all tears,

***Many:* where a banquet table has been set,**

*One:* where death has been swallowed up forever.

***Many:* We do not fully understand or believe it.**

*One:* And yet here it is: the power of Christ's life within us and among us.

***ALL:* So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!**

**The Scripture** Revelation 21:1-5a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See I am making all things new."

**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 Reflection** ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136478679.pdf>

**The Music** "Abide with Me" Bill McInnes (Bagpipes)

**The Service of Remembrance and Communion**

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*One:* This morning we pause to remember those whom we have loved and lost in our church, our community, our nation and in the larger world. The COVID-19 Virus has claimed the lives of over 5 million people worldwide. While we do not know all their names, we know that God does, and we pause to remember them. (*Silence*)

We also lift up the names of loved ones and friends whom we have loved and who have died over the past year. We pause to remember their name, their face, their voice, and the memory that binds them to us in this season of remembrance. **Mary Olson, Mary Trailer, Albert "Lee" Roland, Jr., Betty Willmore, Doreen Drennan, and former Parkside members, Marge Kelsey and LeEldra Morgan.**

***Many:* May God's eternal love surround them.**

*One:* We pause and remember the pain of loss, the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health, the loss of a way of life we took for granted. We have all experienced so much loss over this past year, and especially during this pandemic. We pause to gather up our collective pain and offer it to God, asking that from God's hands we receive the gift of peace.

***Many:* Refresh, restore, renew us O God, and lead us into your future.**

*One:* We also take time to remember ourselves during this time. We pause and remember these past weeks and months, the disbelief, the anger, the down times, the poignancy of reminiscing, missing the hugs and handshakes of family and friends, who are unable to be safely with us in our life celebrations and grief. Yet, we give thanks for all the new and creative ways people have found to offer us their support and compassion during these difficult and challenging times.

***Many:* Let us remember that dawn defeats darkness.**

*One:* And finally, we pause and remember our faith and the gift of hope, which the Faith story offers to us. We remember that God shares our life and promises us a place and time of no more pain or suffering.

***Many:* Let us remember the One who shows the way, who brings the truth and who bears the light.**

## **The Music**

"Amazing Grace"

Bill McInnes (Bagpipes)

## **The Invitation**

*One:* Friends, Come to the table as all saints come, as God's people always do, with love hope and questions...Come to the table with your mourning – old or new or delayed – and your celebration of memories, and your imagination of possibilities for times yet to come, because here you are welcome, in a weeping, laughing communion of saints, in a weeping, laughing communion ... of us. And so now we come, clothed in our own sad times, and our cloud of witnesses to hope – all the saints we have known, the saints we will know, and the saints we are.

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*One:* God-with-us in life and in death, bless us and bless these gifts. May the Spirit rest upon this time and this table, surrounded tenderly by our memories of saints as on sacred times and tables long ago. so that this loaf may be broken love, and this cup a well of blessing, for we pray in the words of our ancestors that we claim as our own ...praying...

***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

### The Prayer [In Unison]

Spirit of Christ, stay with us where we stay, as familiar as our daily plates and cups. Go with us where we go, safe and full of love as the mask across our lips. May we, your eager and sometimes awkward saints, carry in us a Communion from which all can share – comfort for loss, courage for speaking, compassion for healing. We give you thanks for both the shelter and the road. Amen.

## We Depart to Do God's Will

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

*One:* Maybe in this there is a glimpse of the kingdom a foretaste, a hint, a promise. Let it hold you and let it send you so you will never be at peace until all are fed, until all know home, until all are free, until justice is done, until peace is the way, until grace is the law, until love is the rule, until God's realm comes, until God's realm comes, until God's realm comes.... And all God's people said:

*Many:* Amen.

### Postlude

"MacPherson's Lament"  
"Scotland the Brave"

Bill McInnes (Bagpipes)



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog; Communion Liturgy ~ by Maren Tirabassi; The Sending ~ written by Cheryl Lawrie.

*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)*

- Thank you to Bill McInnes, bagpiper, for our special music today.

### 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, NOVEMBER 14 WORSHIP AT 10 AM** – Hybrid in-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. Masks will be required.

**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.

## **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, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for "Vanco Mobile" 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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



**THANKSGIVING BASKETS:** The Cambridge Area Food Pantry is once again looking for donations to help with their growing number of Thanksgiving Food Baskets. While Second Harvest Food Bank will help with the main items, the various churches are providing different items to supplement those items. OCPC is providing paper products (plates and napkins) along with box brownie mixes. **If you wish to assist us with these donations, we ask that you either make a financial donation towards the paper products or purchase box brownie mix.** You can bring either to the church on Sunday or stop by the office in the morning, Monday – Thursday. Currently, the Food Pantry is planning on 55 baskets with a **deadline of Sunday, November 14.**



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](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us) [www.cambridgecap.net](http://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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### **SESSION** (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

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**

#### **Music—**

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