



Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 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.

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 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arranged by Anna Laura Page

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Friends, Jesus became human like us, though not to reign as a king over us,

Many: but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love.

One: Jesus said the first would be last

Many: and the last would be first.

One: Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another,

Many: and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

One: This is the way of our Sovereign One who we alone worship and worship through our service even to the most vulnerable and "least of these."

Music PH # 559 "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Besides us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Compassionate One, You call us to service;

Many: **to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world.**

One: You call us to open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create,

Many: **but the injustice, hate and suffering that we as humans generate towards one another.**

One: You call us to open our ears not only to the chattering of the events of this coming week,

Many: **but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we encounter in our daily lives.**

One: You call us to open our hands not only to those we choose to share our lives with,

Many: **but in welcome, love and fellowship to all people.**

One: You call us to open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words,

Many: **but the truths you lay upon our hearts, Your Word for this, your world.**

One: You call us to service,

Many: **to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, Your world. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters* again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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

"The Kingdom of God"

Rev. Hugh Drennan

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136531574.pdf>

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]

One: We trust in Jesus Christ,

Many: **Fully human, fully God.**

One: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

Many: **preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,

Many: **suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

One: God raised this Jesus from the dead,

Many: **vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

One: With believers in every time and place,

Many: **we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn of Response *PH* # 333 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray... Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life. Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom, that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Show your righteousness, God of justice, that all who are oppressed and marginalized, forgotten, and cast aside would be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace, that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way to reconciliation, compassion, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Take us by our hand, God of companionship, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Give your stillness, God of calm, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health. May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all, that we, like our forebears in faith, would be unswerving in our witness to your grace that is ours through the gift of faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord.

Many: Amen.

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, **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. (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



We Depart to Do God’s Will

Closing Hymn *PH* # 142 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall,
 We’ll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!
 We’ll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

The Sending Rev. Hugh Drennan

One: As we have been fed,

Many: we go to feed the hungry.

One: As we have been set free,

Many: we go to set free the imprisoned.

One: As we have been received –

Many: We go to share.

One: As we have heard –

Many: We go to proclaim the love, grace, and peace of Christ in all we say and do.

One: And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. And all God’s people said:

Many: Amen.

Postlude “Praise and Glory” arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram



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)

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Hugh Drennan. Hugh, a previous pastor here, is now retired and lives 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.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.

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. **Deadline to turn in receipts for this year is December 19.**

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS —

Anyone who would like to help is invited to join us at the church on Saturday, November 27 at 9 a.m. Thank you to Mare Stewart for coordinating with the other volunteers to decorate the sanctuary.

POINSETTIAS: This year, we are inviting people to donate a poinsettia. We will not be ordering them through a particular place or organization. If you would like to purchase one, we invite you to do so, bringing them to the church on Sunday, December 5.

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28 WORSHIP AT 10 AM –

Hybrid in-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. Assuming the Dane County Mask Mandate is lifted, the following rules will apply:

1. **Masks will be optional for everyone who is vaccinated (hopefully with Booster shot as well).**
2. **Masks will be REQUIRED of everyone not vaccinated.**
3. **With Cold and Flu Season upon us, and with the virus still impacting people's health, if you are not feeling well, please stay home from worship and join us via our live-stream <https://www.facebook.com/OCPCambridgeWI>**

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Thank you to everyone who donated items, especially brownie mix, to the Thanksgiving Baskets.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting a community Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. on Sunday November 21, followed by a pie reception. You may attend it in person at their church, (**Please bring your mask to wear** inside the building.) or watch it live on Charter Channel 987, or livestreamed on the Grace Lutheran Church Facebook page.



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 —

Ken Bilstad
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jack & Jenine Spack

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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