



# Service for the Lord's Day

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Recognition of Graduates

May 22, 2022

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.

**The Gathering Music** ..... "Take My Life and Let It Be" arr. Eithun

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "Borning Cry" arr. Albrecht

**The Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**A Moment of Silence for Prayer**

**The Call to Worship** [Responsive]

*One:* The Lord be with you.

**Many:** And also with you.

*One:* Children of God, what does the Lord requires of us.

**Many:** To leave our empty talk and pride behind. We must walk the walk.

*One:* In our worship, let us prepare to step out in faith, even into troubled waters.

**Many:** Only God knows where we might need to go.

*One:* Don't be afraid.

**Many:** Jesus will guide our steps along the way,

*One:* Teaching us to walk humbly,

**Many:** To love boldly,

*One:* To serve God with body, soul, mind, and strength.

**Many:** With humility and courage let us follow where the Spirit leads us.

**The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 411 ..... “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Arise, your light is come! The Spirits call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God’s power will make us strong.

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

*One:* Let us pray... Holy One, where we are, where others are.

*Many:* **You are also present.**

*One:* As we gather, as others gather, in other places near and far,

*Many:* **may we always feel you present and constant.**

*One:* Holy One in so many places in our world, people are grieving, praying, calling on you,

*Many:* **hear those voices, our voices, their cries, our cries, we pray.**

*One:* And strengthen, comfort, challenge, guide and direct us wherever our path in life leads us, this day, and every day, we pray,

*Many:* **Amen.**

**Two+** (A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.)

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20

**Question:** In what year and from what high school did you graduate?

## **We Listen for God’s Word**

**The Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.

*Many:* **By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**The Scripture**

Revelation 21:1-8

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.” Also

he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

**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**

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

**The Musical Response**....."My Faith Looks Up to Thee" arr. Shackley

**We Respond to God's Love**

**The Recognition and Blessing of Our 2022 Graduates** [Responsive]

**Pastor:** Friends, today we celebrate with Trevor and Jacob who are taking another step in their faith journey, as part of the Class of 2022 from Cambridge High School. We invite you and your parents to please come forward at this time.

In Micah 6:8, we hear these words of the prophet: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

In John 13:34, Jesus said to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

As your children, Trevor and Jacob, now reach this new milestone in their life and faith journey, we ask you to join them and us in reaffirming our shared calling to love God and our neighbor as ourselves; to do justice and show compassion and kindness, and to reflect the love of Christ in all we say and do.

As the Parents of Trevor and Jacob, will you continue to live into this calling, continuing to offer your love and support of your child throughout their transition from high school to college?

**Parents:** We will with God's help.

**Pastor:** Will we as the congregation of OCPC, continue to pray for and support Trevor and Jacob and their parents, and will we continue to show them the Light of Christ as we work for justice and peace in our ministry in the church and larger community?

**Congregation:** We will with God's help.

**Pastor:** Jacob and Trevor: As those about to graduate, do you intend to continue in your relationship with God, being open to discover the Christ in your midst while reflecting Christ's love, grace, compassion and peace in your new adventures at college, in the new community where you will dwell and with the new people you will live with.

**Graduates:** I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Creating One in whose sacred image all humanity was created, we ask your blessing on these young adults, Trevor and Jacob, as they enter a new period in their faith and life. Bless them on their journey and watch over them. Guide them along your Way. Help them to feel your presence wherever they find themselves in their lives. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

As gift to each of you, we, your church family, offer you each these fleece blankets. I would invite as the parents of Jacob and Trevor to wrap your child in the blanket.

Graduates, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe and comforted. Soon you will be launching a new life away from the safety and security of your home and family. As you go out into the world, may this blanket be a reminder of your parents' love, your church's love, and God's love for you. May it help you remember you are never alone.

**Parents:** We come this day before God to bless you and thank our creator for the gift you have been to us. You have given our lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling. As parents, we have come to understand more deeply the nature of God's love, of joy, of forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift that you have been to our lives. Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will always be a part of us. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. May this blanket remind you of our love, the warmth of church, and the power of the Holy Spirit. When you wrap yourself in this blanket may you remember that God is always with you.

**Graduates to Parents:** You have given of your heart and of your home. You have loved and cared for me, even when it was difficult. I bless you this day for the sacrifice you made to give me life. I thank God this day for the power and selflessness of your love. I honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom, and your love. Wherever I go, your love, example, and faith will continue to guide me. I thank God for blessing my life with you.

**Graduates to the Congregation:** We thank you for the many ways over the years you have shared your faith with us. We thank you for this blanket that will always remind us of our church home and the love of God in Christ you have shown us.

**Congregation:** Wherever you wander, no matter how dark the night, may the warmth of this blanket represent for you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace with God's blessing and serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**The Response** *SF* # 2051.....“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

I was there to hear your boring cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

*Repeat verse 1*

**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. 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!

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

**Closing Music** *PH* # 391 ..... "Take My Life"

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, Always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose, Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.  
 Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.  
 Take myself, and I will be Ever, Only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

**The Sending** [Responsive] ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*One:* May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest.

**Many:** May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.

*One:* May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.

**Many:** May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

*One:* May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

**Many:** May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

*One:* May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.

**ALL:** Amen.

**We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World**

**Postlude** ..... “Lead On, O King Eternal” arr. Shackley



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Mary Jo Bowman, Mount Solon, Virginia; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Julie and posted on RevGalBlogPals; The Sending ~ offered at Baccalaureate Mass at Xavier University by Fr. Michael Graham SJ.

*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 Karen Brunk.

**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. **The next deadline for receipts is Sunday, June 12.**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:**

### **ASCENSION OF THE LORD – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 29**

**WORSHIP AT 10 AM** – In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. We still recommend using masks but it will be optional for those vaccinated and boosted, If someone is not vaccinated, we request that you still wear a mask. Everyone must still be mindful of their own health and the health of others.



### **UPDATE!**

**The food pantry is currently seeking donations of:** Cereal, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Granola Bars, Crackers/Saltines, Cookies, Body Wash, Laundry Soap.

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated!

For more information on how you can make a difference this holiday season, or to volunteer at the food pantry, please email: [foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us](mailto:foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us) or call Kerry at (608)423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry website can be found at <https://cambridgecap.net/programs/nutrition/food-pantry/>

Thank you for your continued support of your Cambridge neighbors!

## PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton  
Don Hawkins is in the Edgerton Care Center  
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen  
Jenine Spack

The families of Jack Spack, Ken Bilstad, 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 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz. Clerk of Session: Judy Pearson

Class of 2023: Randy Johnson

Class of 2024: Mare Stewart, Mark Touhey

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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