



# Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 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**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "Prayer for Ukraine"

### **The Lighting of the Peace Candle**

#### **A Moment of Silence for Prayer**

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

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

*Many:* And also with you.

*One:* In a world filled with violence and war,

*Many:* we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

*One:* In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

*Many:* we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

*One:* In a world filled with hunger and greed,

*Many:* we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

*One:* Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

*Many:* the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

### **The Opening Hymn** PH # 138 ..... "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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

*One:* Let us pray: We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been taken away.

**Many:** For the people who love them in death as in life.

*One:* For all people who have grieve the death of a family member - man, woman or child, due to a war or conflict.

**Many:** We pray for all who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return.

*One:* We pray for the wounded and the disturbed, the grieving and the homeless, and for all who suffer and are sacred for life due to violence, war and conflict.

**Many:** We pray for women and children and men whose lives are disfigured by war and violence.

*One:* We pray for peace-makers and peace-keepers,

**Many:** who seek to keep this world secure and safe.

*One:* God of truth and justice hear our prayers

**Many:** for all who strive for your peace, and all who yearn for your justice

*One:* Help us, who today remember the cost of war, to work for a better tomorrow;

**Many:** and as we honor the past, may we put our faith in Your future,

*One:* a peaceable kingdom, where all weapons will be beaten into instruments of healing and hope,

**Many:** And death, pain, suffering and sorrow will be no more.

*One:* For you are the One who makes all things new!

**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:** “Do you have a family member who died in a war? Could you share their name?”

## **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

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.\* Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 5:4

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

**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

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/137370998.pdf>

**The Musical Response** PH # 450 ..... "O Day of Peace"

## We Respond to God's Love

### The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... For all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all who have lost loved ones due to war, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all who continue to suffer due to war, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all who long for Your peace, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all who dedicate their lives to Your peace, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all who bring Your comfort to veterans and their families, we pray...

**Many:** Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

*One:* For all of us – called to be messengers of Your peace, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who live in despair, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who seek healing of body, spirit and soul, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who live with great losses due to gun violence, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all of us – called to be messengers of Your hope, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all whose journey remains incomplete without You, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Restorer of Life, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who seek completeness in You, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Restorer of Life, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all whose wounds are bound up in the prison of addictions, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who have not yet experienced Your healing love, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who rely on Your healing presence in their lives, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all who bring Your healing to veterans, their families and all whose lives have been impacted by violence, war, and death, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

*One:* For all of us – called to be messengers of Your healing love, we pray...

**Many: Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

*One:* Let us take a moment to remember all whose needs remain in our hearts this day.

*(Silence)*

## **The Lord's Prayer on a Time of War and Violence**

*One:* Let us pray, the prayer Jesus taught us, reflecting on its meaning in a time of war and remembrance:

**Many: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

*One:* slow to anger, and of great mercy, lover of all peoples of the earth,

**Many: Hallowed be thy Name.**

*One:* Remind us that "all the nations are as nothing before thee," their governments but a shadow of passing age;

**Many: Thy kingdom come on earth.**

*One:* Grant to thy children throughout the world, and especially to the leaders of the nations, the gift of prayerful thought and thoughtful prayer; that following the example of our Lord, we may discern what is right, and do it;

**Many: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

*One:* Help us to protect and to provide for all who are hungry and homeless, especially those who are deprived of food and shelter, family and friends, by the tragedy of war;

**Many: Give us this day our daily bread.**

*One:* Forgive us for neglecting to "seek peace and pursue it," and finding ourselves in each new crisis, more ready to make war than to make peace. "We have not loved thee with

our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;"

**Many: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*One:* Let us not seek revenge, but reconciliation; Let us not delight in victory, but in justice; Let us not give ourselves up to pride, but to prayer;

**Many: Lead us not into temptation.**

*One:* Be present to all thy children ravaged by war: Be present to those who are killing and to those who are being killed; Be present to the loved ones of those who are killing and to the loved ones of those who are being killed;

**Many: Deliver us from evil.**

*One:* Subdue our selfish desires to possess and to dominate, and forbid us arrogance in victory;

**ALL: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



## **We Depart to Do God’s Will**

**Closing Music** *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** [Responsive] ..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*One:* Send us into the world's turbulence as instruments of Your peace,

**Many: and send us as agents of Your justice, that all might know the truth of Your ways..**

*One:* Send us as artists who bear the joyful burden of Your creativity,

**Many: that we might bring light into the darkness, and hope among the despairing.**

*One:* And grant us the joy of fellowship, with Your Spirit and with one another, this day and forever.

**Many: Amen!**

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

**Postlude** ..... "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ from On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace, MCC Peace Sunday Packet 2008; The Prayer of the Day ~ posted on the Third Space website. (Adapted); The Pastoral Prayer ~ posted on the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board website; The Lord's Prayer in a Time of War and Violence ~ written by Wendy Lyons, and posted on Progressive Church Planting; The Sending ~ written by Rev. Mark S. Burrows, Associate Professor of the History of Christianity, Andover Newton Theological School.

*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 Tordera.

### **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:**

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5 WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION AT**

**10 AM** – In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. **It is also Gun Violence Awareness Sunday. Please wear something red (Pentecost) or orange (Gun Violence Awareness).** 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**

#### **Music—**

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## Psalm of Lament 32

by Ann Weems

O God, explain to me  
the cruelty of your world!

Make sense of those  
who make no sense!

Tell me why the innocent die,  
and evil people live  
to kill again!

Tell me why the faithful  
are shunned,  
and the self-righteous  
point their fingers!

Tell me why the wounded  
are wounded,  
and sorrow falls  
on the shoulder of sorrow!

Tell me why the abused  
are abused,  
and the victims  
victimized!

Tell me why the rains  
come to the drowning,  
and aftershocks  
follow earthquakes.

O God, is this any way  
to run a world?

O Merciful One, let us rest  
between tragedies!

Speak to us  
for we are your people.

Speak to us of hope  
for the hopeless  
and love for the unloved  
and homes for the homeless  
and dignity for the dying  
and respect for the disdained.

Speak to us, O God,  
of the Resurrected One!  
Speak to us of hope,  
for in spite of  
the tidal wave of tears,  
we remember your story  
of new life!

Tell the world again,  
O God of creation!  
Tell us that winter will fade,  
and spring will wash us new,  
and the world will green again,  
and we will be new creations  
in the garden of our God.  
Free us from these tentacles  
of sorrow,  
and we will fall on our faces  
and worship you,  
O God of goodness,  
O God of a new green world!