



Service for the Lord's Day

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 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 Bible Tells Me So"

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Mary McDonald

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: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

Many: **May our hearts be open to trust you.**

One: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

Many: **May our eyes be open to see you.**

One: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

Many: **May our hands be open to serve you.**

The Opening Hymn PH # 361 "How Firm a Foundation"

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no, never, forsake.

The Prayer of the Day [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... O Still Speaking God, throughout history and the wide world you have gathered people around your Word to instruct and inspire.

Many: We give thanks for all who have received your vision and shaped diverse and faithful communities to follow in your Way.

One: Continue to open that vision to us, that we may become transformed by the renewing of your Word in our hearts.

Many: Enable us to grow in love and understanding for each other.

One: Create in us, O God, clean hearts and minds; Let us join with you in your suffering and your triumph.

Many: We desire to be your children and we claim these blessings in your name. 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: “What one verse from Scripture gives you strength, brings you peace, or offers you hope?”

We Listen for God’s Word

The Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

Many: Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your word, that still lives and speaks to us. Amen.

The Scripture

Jeremiah 36

In the fourth year of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, Jeremiah received this Message from God: “Get a scroll and write down everything I’ve told you regarding Israel and Judah and all the other nations from the time I first started speaking to you in Josiah’s reign right up to the present day.

So Jeremiah called in Baruch son of Neriah. Jeremiah dictated and Baruch wrote down on a scroll everything that God had said to him.

Baruch son of Neriah did everything Jeremiah the prophet told him to do. In the Temple of God he read the Message of God from the scroll.

Baruch took the scroll to the Temple and read out publicly the words of Jeremiah...Everyone could hear him.

The moment Micaiah...heard what was being read from the scroll— God’s Word!—he went straight to the palace and to the chambers of the secretary of state where all the government officials were holding a meeting...

Micaiah reported everything he had heard Baruch read from the scroll as the officials listened.

Immediately they dispatched Jehudi to Baruch, ordering him, “Take the scroll that you have read to the people and bring it here.”

So Baruch went and retrieved the scroll. The officials told him, “Sit down. Read it to us, please.” Baruch read it.

When they had heard it all, they were upset. They talked it over. “We’ve got to tell the king all this.”

They asked Baruch, “Tell us, how did you come to write all this? Was it at Jeremiah’s dictation?”

Baruch said, “That’s right. Every word right from his own mouth. And I wrote it down, word for word, with pen and ink.”

The government officials told Baruch, “You need to get out of here. Go into hiding, you and Jeremiah. Don’t let anyone know where you are!”

The officials went to the court of the palace to report to the king, having put the scroll for safekeeping in the office of the secretary of state. The king sent Jehudi to get the scroll. He brought it from the office of the secretary of state. Jehudi then read it to the king and the officials who were in the king’s service.

It was December. The king was sitting in his winter quarters in front of a charcoal fire. After Jehudi would read three or four columns, the king would cut them off the scroll with his pocketknife and throw them in the fire. He continued in this way until the entire scroll had been burned up in the fire.

Neither the king nor any of his officials showed the slightest twinge of conscience as they listened to the messages read.

Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah tried to convince the king not to burn the scroll, but he brushed them off. He just plowed ahead and ordered...the arrest Jeremiah the prophet and his secretary Baruch. But God had hidden them away.

After the king had burned the scroll that Baruch had written at Jeremiah’s dictation, Jeremiah received this Message from God: “Get another blank scroll and do it all over again. Write out everything that was in that first scroll that Jehoiakim king of Judah burned up.

“And send this personal message to Jehoiakim king of Judah: ‘God says, You had the gall to burn this scroll and then the nerve to say, “What kind of nonsense is this written here...”’

So Jeremiah went and got another scroll and gave it to Baruch son of Neriah, his secretary. At Jeremiah’s dictation he again wrote down everything that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. There were also generous additions, but of the same kind of thing.

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 Fear of Words: ‘Fahrenheit 451’ and Book Burnings”
Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Musical Response *PH* # 339 “Be Thou My Vision”

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

We Respond to God’s Love

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. Lord, 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 this our pray, in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors'...) *Traditional*

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 Music *PH* # 331 "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written"
(to the tune of "Angels, from the Realms of Glory")

Thanks to God whose word was written In the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation Showing God to every age.
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose word is published In the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished By the change of time or place.
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate Heights and depths of life did share.
Deeds and words and death and rising, Grace in human form declare.
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered By the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, Life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking: Praise God for the living Word.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem,

Many: so God sends us into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.

One: Go now to be light for the world! And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always.
Amen.

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Michael Burkhardt



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgies Outside; The Prayer of the Day: from Reformation and Reconciliation, written by LT Leticia Rouser. Posted on the Worship Ways page of the United Church of Christ website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship; The Sending ~ taken from "O Merciful God: God of Wisdom: Prayers for the Fourth Sunday in Lent," written by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and the Rev. Susan A. Blain.

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 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

SUNDAY, JULY 24 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 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
Margaret Hawkins
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jenine Spack
Caleb Wipperfurth, CHS graduate who is battling cancer

The family of Donald Hawkins and 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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