



# Service for the Lord's Day

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 24, 2022 10:00 a.m.

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## **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** ..... "Let There Be Peace on Earth" - Miller & Jackson

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "O Day of Peace" (Jerusalem) - Parry - arr. Floeter

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

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

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

*One:* Jesus said, "Put away your sword, for those who live by the sword will die by the sword."

God, we lift to you our hearts because

**Many:** **"We desire to put away these weapons."**

*One:* Our words and actions deeply affect those around us because

**Many:** **"We desire your peace."**

*One:* We need your spirit, your new breath in us and your fire to change us because

**Many:** **"We hope to lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside."**

*One:* We lift up to you our church family, our own families, our co-workers, our friends, our enemies for protection because

**Many:** **"We all suffer from the illness of guns and gun culture infecting our land."**

*One:* Guide our feet along this path we long to tread for

**Many:** **"We long for a new beginning free of gun violence!"**

**Special Music** ..... Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Norbert (Nib) Studelska, guitars

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

*One:* Friends, Gandhi said: The spirit of non-violence necessarily leads to humility. Non-violence means reliance on God, the rock of ages. If we would seek God’s aid, we must approach God with a humble and contrite heart.

Let us pray...O God of all people, We know that you are as near as our next breath wherever we go,

**Many:** **you are already there.**

*One:* Thank you for creating us in your image,

**Many:** **and claiming us as your children.**

*One:* O Lord, we confess that we have forgotten who we are;

**Many:** **that each of us belongs to you.**

*One:* We confess that we have forsaken your peaceable kingdom,

**Many:** **and allowed gun violence to shatter our communities and nation.**

*One:* Forgive us O God. Remind us that your love is

**Many:** **more powerful than any gun and that your spirit will sustain us as nothing else can.**

*One:* Let us desire, as you desire, forgiveness rather than revenge,

**Many:** **reconciliation rather than retribution.**

*One:* Give us the courage to live

**Many:** **not by the gun but by your spirit.**

*One:* Open our hearts to you so that

**Many:** **we also may open them to each other.**

*One:* Guide us on the path of peace.

**ALL:** **In the name of all who love you, we pray. Amen.**

*One:* Friends, The way of peace is the way of love. Love is the greatest power on earth. It conquers all things, even our cultural of gun violence. 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:** “Have you or someone you know been a victim of gun violence?”

## **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**

Isaiah 2:4

God will judge between the nations and render decisions for many countries. They will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation will not raise the sword against another, and never again will they train for war.

Micah 4:3

God will judge between many peoples  
and arbitrate between mighty and distant nations;  
They will beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
one nation will not raise the sword against another,

**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 Prayer for Disassembling a Gun and Blessing the Chop Saw**

*One:* Beloved God, in baptism you call us to lives of discipleship, turning from the ways of sin and renouncing evil and its power in the world.

*Many:* **You call us to faithful, active discipleship, showing God's love to all.**

*One:* Grant that today, we may enter into this work of dismantling guns as witnesses

*Many:* **to your love, justice and creative power to heal this broken world you love so much.**

*One:* May we listen and show mercy to all who come here seeking to rid themselves of firearms.

*Many:* **May we, today, be instructed in God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

*One:* Eternal One, may this ordinary tool help us today to dismantle guns

*Many:* **and render them unable to cause suffering, pain or death.**

*One:* May this saw chop up and cut these instruments of death and pain, and bring about a new purpose for the pieces that remain,

*Many:* **a time for peace, when we no longer learn the ways of war. Amen.**

## **Forging the Message**

"Transforming Guns to Garden Tools"

Rev. Jeff Wild

**Special Music** ..... Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Norbert (Nib) Studelska, guitars

## **We Respond to God's Love**

### **The Litany of Remembrance** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us remember all who have been harmed by violence. We acknowledge the strength of those who survived and of those still struggling to heal.

*Many:* **For their sake and for ours, we commit ourselves to building each other up and to healing – together.**

*One:* Let us remember the families and loved ones of those who have died from gun violence.  
**Many:** **We acknowledge their pain and their deep grief. They too, are part of our community, and need our love and help towards healing.**  
*One:* Let us remember the perpetrators, and the families of those who commit violence.  
**Many:** **We acknowledge that their lives, too, are devastated and their hopes dashed. For their sake and for ours, we remember that pain goes in many directions from each act of violence.**  
*One:* We will stand up to violence. We stand together expressing our unity, our connection to each other and to the divine; our hope for healing and for transformation.  
**Many:** **Let the Spirit of our Creator move through us. Help us to transform and heal our communities. And let us begin by transforming ourselves. Amen.**

## **We Depart to Do God’s Will**

**Special Music** ..... Sam Marrese-Wheeler and Norbert (Nib) Studelska, guitars

**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.**

**Postlude** ..... “Today We Are Called to Be Disciples” (Kingsfold) - arr. Floeter”



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Litany of Remembrance ~ Written for Vigils Against Violence by Pat Long and Vandy Bradow; 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)*

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Rev. Jeff Wild. Jeff is a retired ELCA Lutheran minister having served Advent Lutheran Church in Madison along with churches in Racine and Janesville. Having read the book, “Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence” by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin, and having presided at funerals for around 10 people who had used a guns to complete suicide, he decided to take up blacksmithing so he could disassemble guns, heat them to over 2200 degrees, and rework the gun parts into garden tools. This is part of a national movement called “Guns to Gardens” based on Isaiah 2:4 “And they shall beat their weapons into plowshares”. We welcome Jeff to our own “Guns to Gardens” event this morning, as together we live into God’s call to be peacemakers by transforming guns into life-giving instruments of healing and hope.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Thank you to Sam Marrese-Wheeler and his uncle, Norbert (Nib) Studelska, guitars, 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, JULY 31 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.

**Congregational Meetings:** The Session has called for two meetings of the congregation. The purpose of these meetings is to consider changing our Bylaws as follows: “There shall be an annual meeting of the congregation ~~in the church edifice during the month of January~~ ***(on the church property sometime during the weeks of late May or early June)*** for the transaction of any business properly coming before the such a meeting. A report shall be available at least one week prior to the annual meeting.”

**The first meeting will be held Sunday, July 31 following worship.** That meeting will be to hear their recommendation and ask questions. **The second meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 following worship.** This meeting will be to vote on the recommendation.



## **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  
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

## 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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Class of 2024: Mare Stewart, Mark Touhey

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