



# Service for the Lord's Day

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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** ..... "Stand by Me"

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "Shall We Gather at the River"

**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:* What does the Lord require of you?

**Many:** To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God

*One:* What does God command of us?

**Many:** To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

*One:* God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**Many:** But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.

*One:* Let us worship the God

**Many:** who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

*One:* Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,

**Many:** but will be beside us every step of the way.

**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... You are the God who hears: hear our prayer today for all who lament or repent. For those among us who face discrimination every day because of their skin color,

**Many: We lament.**

*One:* For those among us with white skin who benefit from racist systems sometimes even without realizing it,

**Many: we repent.**

*One:* For those among us who have struggled and waited so long for the Promised Land of freedom and equality,

**Many: we lament.**

*One:* For those among us who have acted in racist ways and have hurt people of color,

**Many: we repent.**

*One:* For those protesting injustice who face police brutality and a justice system rigged against them,

**Many: we lament.**

*One:* For those who think racism is someone else’s problem, and not a problem for humanity, or those of us in the Church,

**Many: we repent.**

*One:* God of hope, show us how to work for justice together, standing up for what is right, stepping in when something’s wrong, shouldering each other’s burdens, holding each other accountable,

**Many: righting the wrongs we’ve done, speaking truth to power.**

*One:* We pray for change, lasting change, for protection for those who cry out for justice by marching in the streets, for a de-escalation of violence and for government leaders who listen.

**Many: Deliver us from evil, within and without, in Jesus’ name we pray, 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 Ever Been Stopped by The Police?”**

# **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**

Song of Solomon 1:5

I am black and beautiful, O daughters of Jerusalem,  
like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.

Philippians 2:1-8

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus... Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a servant, he became fully human... it was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges.

**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** ..... "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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

**Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison]..... *from* Reclaiming Jesus: A Declaration of Faith

**WE BELIEVE** each human being is made in God's image and likeness. That image and likeness confers a divinely decreed dignity, worth, and God-given equality to all of us as children of the one God who is the Creator of all things. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God in some of the children of God. Our participation in the global community of Christ absolutely prevents any toleration of racial bigotry. Racial justice and healing are biblical and theological issues for us, and are central to the mission of the body of Christ in the world.

**THEREFORE, WE REJECT** the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts... We, as followers of Jesus, must reject white supremacy and

**commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Further, any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin—one that goes back to the foundation of our nation and lingers on. Racial bigotry must be antithetical for those belonging to the body of Christ, because it denies the truth of the gospel we profess.**

**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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



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

**Closing Music** *Fav* # 152 ..... "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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

*One:* Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything

together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

*One:* Friends, go out into the world in peace, carrying the healing Light of Christ with you wherever you go to whoever you encounter each day. And all God’s people said:

**Many: Amen.**

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

**Postlude** .....“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Carol Penner and posted on Leading in Worship; The Pastoral Prayer ~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship.

*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.

## **WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 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 this Sunday, July 31 following worship.** This 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 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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Class of 2023: Randy Johnson

Class of 2024: Mare Stewart, Mark Touhey

### **CHURCH STAFF**

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