



Service for the Lord's Day

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 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 "Peace Is Flowing Like a River" with
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Janet Vogt

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Harold DeCou

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: We have gathered together to remember and tell the wonderful stories of our God—

Many: **stories we have heard many times before, and passed down from generation to generation;**

One: stories of faithfulness and love,

Many: **stories of friendships and reconciliation**

One: stories of mercy and compassion,

Many: **stories of murder and genocide, sexual abuse and betrayal, of miracles and new life.**

One: Some of these sacred stories are so shocking and explicit,

Many: **we ban them from our worship, never daring to read them out loud or in public.**

One: Yet, we are called not to ban these stories, but to tell all of them over and over so that we don't forget.

Many: **We tell these stories to remember who we are—the people of God.**

One: We tell these stories

***Many:* so that our children and our children’s children can also come to know and love the God we worship and serve.**

One: Let’s worship together!

The Opening Hymn *PH* # 2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The Prayer of Confession [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... We are keen to learn of you, LORD; your people are eager to hear what you have to say.

***Many:* We listen to those who pass on the old stories; the dark mysteries of ancient wisdom**

One: These are things we must hear and know,

***Many:* for the wisdom of our ancestors must not be lost.**

One: We will not deprive our children of these things.

***Many:* We will pass on the stories to the next generation, LORD,**

One: stories of the wonderful things you have done,

***Many:* so that they know how great, amazing, loving and compassionate you are. 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 read a banned book?”**

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

John 1:1-5

In the beginning, there was the Word; the Word was in God’s presence, and the Word was God. The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being, and apart from the Word nothing came into being that has come into being. In the Word was life, and that life was humanity’s light— a Light that shines in the darkness, a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

If you live on in me,
 and my words live on in you,
 ask whatever you want
 and it will be done for you. My Abba will be glorified
 if you bear much fruit
 and thus prove to be my disciples.
 As my Abba has loved me,
 so have I loved you.
 Live on in my love.
 And you will live on in my love
 if you keep my commandments,
 just as I live on in Abba God's love
 and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours,
 and your joy may be complete.
 This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater
 love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 And you are my friends, if you do what I command you...This command I give you:
 that you love one 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 Sermon

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Musical Response "Deep River"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: God, you are before all things; You are beyond all things; And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known. In Israel's ancient codes and prophetic oracles, in stories of women and men, of communities of people seeking identity, feeling their strength, and struggling with their weakness

Many: **you have made yourself known.**

One: In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken in rejection and disdain

Many: you have made yourself known.

One: Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us, disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs, acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we say:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: We greet the one who comes in your name, your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the cup of renewal. As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death, as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross, as he gave his life in acts of goodness, as he invited all to the feast of new hope,

Many: so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love.

One: Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with his vision of hope,

Many: and unite us in one body of peace.

One: Nourish us with your brokenness, Renew us with your poured out life, Empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.

Many: You are our life; You are our hope; You are our peace;

One: And we praise you in how we live and serve, even as we continue to learn to pray, saying...

ALL: 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.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. Please take a piece of bread, then an individual cup, partake of the elements, and then return to your pew. The table is open to all believers, children through adults.)

The Prayer after Communion [Responsive]

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into your hands. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you.

Many: 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* # 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: As we have been fed,

Many: We go to feed the hungry.

One: As we have been set free,

Many: **We go to set free the imprisoned.**

One: As you have been received,

Many: **We give.**

One: As you have heard,

Many: **We proclaim.**

One: And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. And all God’s people said:

Many: **Amen.**

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” arr. Carl G. Glaser



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ Re:Worship blog; The Prayer of Confession ~ © 2002 Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ part of a longer Eucharistic prayer written by Bill Loader, on William Loader’s Home Page; The Sending ~ written by Rev. Daniel B. Randall, and posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways website.

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 14 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 was held Sunday, July 31 following worship. That meeting was to hear their recommendation and ask questions. **The second meeting is scheduled for this 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 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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