



# Service for the Lord's Day

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

August 21, 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** ..... "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place"

**The Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** ..... "We Are One in the Spirit" arr. Lani Smith

**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 one Spirit we were all baptized

**Many:** **into one body.**

*One:* The body does not consist of one member

**Many:** **but of many.**

*One:* If one member suffers,

**Many:** **all suffer together with it;**

*One:* if one member is honored,

**Many:** **all rejoice together with it.**

*One:* We are the body of Christ

**Many:** **and individually members of it.**

*One:* As the Body of Christ, let us worship God.

**The Opening Hymn** *PH* # 343 ..... “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ’s service, Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God’s people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other’s burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life  
That surround each person’s sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

**The Opening Prayer** [Responsive]

*One:* Let us pray... Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for empowering us to claim membership of the body of Christ,

*Many:* **a gift received through the fullness of your grace.**

*One:* Empower us anew, we pray, with tongues of fire and hearts of love

*Many:* **to proclaim the reconciling word among people.**

*One:* Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers,

*Many:* **we all suffer.**

*One:* May we, as the body of Christ in this place,

*Many:* **be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of the Lord’s favor for all people.**

*One:* We give thanks that all of us are Christ’s body,

*Many:* **and rejoice in each one being a part of it.**

*One:* Accept our adoration and praise for these great gifts, we pray, in Jesus’ name.

*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:* “What is one thing you did when you were younger but can no longer do as you have grown older?”

## **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**

Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

Honor and enjoy your Creator while you're still young,  
Before the years take their toll and your vigor wanes,  
Before your vision dims and the world blurs  
And the winter years keep you close to the fire.  
In old age, your body no longer serves you so well.  
Muscles slacken, grip weakens, joints stiffen.  
The shades are pulled down on the world.  
You can't come and go at will. Things grind to a halt.  
The hum of the household fades away.  
You are wakened now by bird-song.  
Hikes to the mountains are a thing of the past.  
Even a stroll down the road has its terrors.  
Your hair turns apple-blossom white,  
Adorning a fragile and impotent matchstick body.  
Yes, you're well on your way to eternal rest,  
While your friends make plans for your funeral.  
Life, lovely while it lasts, is soon over.  
Life as we know it, precious and beautiful, ends.  
The body is put back in the same ground it came from.  
The spirit returns to God, who first breathed it.  
Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, all is vanity.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit. And that Body is not one part; it is many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," does that make it any less a part of the body? If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the body were all eye, what would happen to our hearing? If it were all ear, what would happen to our sense of smell? Instead of that, God put all the different parts into one body on purpose. If all the parts were alike, where would the body be? They are, indeed, many different members but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," any more than the head can say to the feet, "I do not need you." And even those members of the body which seem less important are in fact indispensable. We honor the members we consider less honorable by clothing them with greater care, thus bestowing on the less presentable a propriety which the more presentable do not need. God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to the lowly members, that

there may be no dissension in the body, but that all the members may be concerned for one another. If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members share its joy. You, then, are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it.

**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** "Dealing with Our Aging Body" Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

**The Musical Response** *PH* # 322 ..... "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;**

**Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;**

**Humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, move among us 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](http://www.ocpchurch.com). (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



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

**Closing Music** *PH* # 279 ..... "Lord of Our Growing Years"

*To the tune of "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" PH # 430*

Lord of our growing years, With us from infancy,  
Laughter and quick-dried tears, Freshness and energy:  
Your grace surrounds us all our days; For all Your gifts we bring our praise.

Lord of our strongest years, Stretching or youthful powers,  
Lovers and pioneers When all the world seems ours:  
Your grace surrounds us all our days; For all Your gifts we bring our praise.

Lord of our middle years, Giver of steadfastness,  
Courage that perseveres When there is small success:  
Your grace surrounds us all our days; For all Your gifts we bring our praise.

**Lord of our older years, Steep though the road may be,  
Rid us of foolish fears, Bring us serenity:  
Your grace surrounds us all our days; For all Your gifts we bring our praise.**

**Lord of our closing years, Always Your promise stands;  
Hold us, when death appears, Safely within Your hands:  
Your grace surrounds us all our days; For all Your gifts we bring our praise.**

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

*One:* Friends, You are the body of Christ. May you have the heart of Christ, tender for mercy. May you have the eyes of Christ to see a world in need. May you have the feet of Christ to bring good news. Go in peace! And God go with you, this day and every day. And all God's people said:

*Many:* Amen.

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

**Postlude** ..... "Postlude on Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>"



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online; The Opening Prayer ~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on Liturgies Online; The Pastoral Prayer ~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship; The Sending ~ posted on Literature & Liturgy.  
<https://iesusscribes.wordpress.com/>.

*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, AUGUST 28 WORSHIP AT 10 AM AT LAKE RIPLEY

**PARK** – We will gather at Lake Ripley Park to celebrate the sacrament of baptism for Jacob Wagner and Duncan Meier, son of Matt & Megan, and brother of Lydia. We will begin worship on the beach and then, for those who wish, form a circle in the water and on the shore for the baptisms.

**DO YOU NEED A HANDYMAN?** – OCPC friend David Ludington is interested in doing some handyman work. If you have some little projects around your house, please talk to David at church or email him at [numberonedad1989@gmail.com](mailto:numberonedad1989@gmail.com).



### 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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