



Service for the Lord's Day

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 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 "Amazing Grace" arr. Melody Bober

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

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 deep gratitude we come to worship God.

Many: **We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

Many: **love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, forgiveness, gentleness are all of God.**

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

Many: **We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.**

The Opening Hymn PH # 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

The Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God of Healing and Transformation,

Many: we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.

One: We bring you our sorrow

Many: and ask for the bread of joy;

One: we bring you our despair

Many: and ask for the bread of hope;

One: we bring you our weariness

Many: and ask for the bread of inspiration.

One: Meet us here.

Many: We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may be one with you. 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: "What was the most enjoyable thing you did this summer?"

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

Deuteronomy 15

At the end of every seventh year, cancel all debts. This is the procedure: Everyone who has lent money to a neighbor writes it off. You must not press your neighbor or his brother for payment: All-Debts-Are-Canceled—God says so.

Matthew 6:9-13

"Pray, then, in this way: Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?”

Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

“The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn’t pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market.

“The poor wretch threw himself at the king’s feet and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

“The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, ‘Pay up. Now!’

“The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, ‘Give me a chance and I’ll pay it all back.’ But he wouldn’t do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

“The king summoned the man and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn’t you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?’ The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that’s exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn’t forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy.”

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

“Debt Forgiveness”

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

The Musical Response *PH* # 347 “Forgive Our Debts as We Forgive”
(to the tune of “Amazing Grace”)

**“Forgive our debts as we forgive,” You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.**

**How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew;
What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease,
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.**

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* # 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: That peace will rise like bread

Many: we can always hope.

One: That justice will flow like wine

Many: we can always hope.

One: That the table will make strangers kin

Many: we can always hope.

One: That our hope will rise like bread

Many: we can always pray.

One: Friends, let us go filled with the hope that God is present in the world, in and through each of us and all of us, bringing healing and peace. And all God's people said:

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Douglas E. Wagner



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ posted on The Presbyterian Church in Canada website; The Opening Prayer ~ from Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ part of a longer Eucharistic prayer written by Bill Loader, on William Loader's Home Page.

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, SEPTEMBER 11 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.

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.



UPDATED WISH LIST!

The Cambridge Food Pantry has been seeing a sharp increase in food insecurity among our neighbors, and like everywhere in America, the high cost of food and other household items is having an impact on our inventory.

With the growing number of neighbors in need and the low supply of food on our shelves, I am reaching out to ask for your help.

With the winter months ahead of us, the need will only increase, please consider helping your neighbors by donating to the food pantry.

The food pantry is currently seeking donations of: Soup (variety of canned soup), Corned Beef Hash, SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, other canned meals and pastas, Crackers (Saltines, Ritz, etc.), Baked Beans, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Pancake Syrup, Shampoo and Conditioner, Men's and Women's Deodorant, Razors, Bath Soap, Laundry Soap, Toothpaste.

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 generous support!

Kerry Marren, Community Activities Program, Cambridge Food Pantry Coordinator

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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