



Service for the Lord's Day

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 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 "All Are Welcome" Haugen arr. Hayes
"Nearer My God to Thee" arr. Floeter

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" arr. Unke

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: God calls to us from our safe places, God calls us to leave those safe places.

Many: **We are happy when we affirm our heritage, Our faith heritage that gives us a reason for being.**

One: God's creation continues, God continues to make new things.

Many: **And we are invited to be part of that new creation, To create good things for all.**

One: So, it is now time to worship God, To worship with all our talents, with everything we have.

Many: **We are the instruments God has made, We will use them to sing God's praise.**

The Opening Hymn *PH* # 488“The God of Abraham Praise”

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, The God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, Forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, High surging where it will;
In prophet’s word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Established is Your law, And changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, On sea, or land.

You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name,
The first, the last, beyond all thought, And still the same!

The Prayer of Confession [In Unison]

O God, you are just and righteous. All too often we are neither just or righteous. Too often we do not trust your promises. Too often we want to go “Our way” rather than “Your way.” You call us to change and greatness but we want to just play it safe and think security is keeping things the same. Forgive our lack of courage and stuckness. O God, give us new visions and the courage to undertake them and change. 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 the most difficult change you had to make in your life?”

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

Genesis 12:1-9 Abram and Sarai

(The Message)

God told Abram: “Leave your country, your family, and your father’s home for a land that I will show you. I’ll make you a great nation and bless you. I’ll make you famous; you’ll be a blessing. I’ll bless those who bless you; those who curse you I’ll curse. All the families of the Earth will be blessed through you.”

So Abram left just as God said, and Lot left with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot with him, along with all the possessions and people they had gotten in Haran, and set out for the land of Canaan and arrived safe and sound.

Abram passed through the country as far as Shechem and the Oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites occupied the land.

God appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your children." Abram built an altar at the place God had appeared to him.

He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent between Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. He built an altar there and prayed to God.

Abram kept moving, steadily making his way south, to the Negev.

Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

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

"Keep On Moving"

Rev. Hugh Drennan

The Musical Response "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Shackley

We Respond to God's Love

The Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hugh Drennan

O God, you are the God of all nations, all families, all people. You continue to call us from where we are to go where you want us to be. Help us to dream the dreams you have for us and to walk where you want us to walk. Give us the courage to face the challenges that face us with faithful discipleship even when it is scary. Help us to always know that you are with us on our journeys and will support us and give us all the gifts we need to be your faithful followers. Amen.

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. (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Music "Praise God for Memories" ~ Lavon Bayler

To the tune of: PH # 447 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Praise God for sacred mem'ries That bring us here today. Let happiness surround us
As we rejoice and pray That God will always bless us Wherever we may go,
As in the past God guided Our way and helped us grow.

We stand in awe before you, God, for you have led Our ancestors before us
When to this land they fled. You helped them build a nation, Inspiring them to form
Communities of faith where True caring was the norm.

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.

You challenged them to follow The Christ, whose healing touch
Restored the lost and broken While loving them so much That prejudice was challenged
And hope was offered all. God, renew our vision That we may heed your call. Amen.

The Sending [Responsive]Rev. Hugh Drennan

One: Be happy, God chose you, Chose you to be God’s family.

Many: God sends us to brand new places And God is with us every step of the way.

One: God sends us to risky spots But gives us all that we need risk those risks.

Many: Because of that we have hope Even when we lack the vision to see the whole plan.

One: Jesus told us to follow Him And that is what we seek to do.

Many: We have inherited the grace of God. We rejoice in everything God has given us.

One: Amen.

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude “To God Be the Glory” arr. Shackley



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. Hugh Drennan. Hugh, a previous pastor here, is now retired and lives in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. On his retirement business card the heading reads, “At play in the fields of the Lord.” That means he plays a lot of golf among other things.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.

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 25 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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