



Service for the Lord's Day

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 30, 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

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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 are the church that lives into God's future today.

***Many:* A church united across space and time.**

One: A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

***Many:* A church that lives by the work of God in Christ**

One: that was, is now, and is still to come.

***Many:* The one who is seated on the throne says to us:**

One: "See, I am making all things new!"

***Many:* A new heaven and a new earth,**

One: where the home of God is among God's people.

***Many:* God's future is epic, and it's good news.**

One: Remember God's future, for this is our story!

The Opening Hymn *WR* # 84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising day.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all of us away;
we fly, forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be now our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Eternal God, our Alpha and Omega,

Many: our beginning and our end,

One: we have gathered in this time and at this place

Many: to worship You.

One: In Your time,

Many: You created all things,

One: and wove into their fabric a yearning for fulfillment in You.

Many: It is this yearning within us which has pulled us here this morning.

One: Take these moments, O Lord of time and space,

Many: and complete them in us, through Your Holy Spirit.

One: May our labor bring forth a new creation in You.

Many: This is Your hour, Christ Jesus,

One: help us to make the most of each precious moment.

Many: For in Your name we have gathered, and 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: “Are you disappointed to see October come to an end?”

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

Revelation 21:1-5

Readers Theatre (see *below*)

Narrator: Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,

Voice: “Look! God’s Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God’s people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have ended.”

Narrator: The One who sat on the throne said,

Congregation: “Look! I’m making everything new!”

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

We Respond to God’s Love

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... We are glad and rejoice forever in you, O God. With joy we draw deeply from your well of salvation and pray that even as we have sung, you may fulfill our story—the story of your love. Though the world has been gripped by trouble since early days, and life has often been short and tormented, you have given us a vision of a day beyond the terrors: a day when the heavens and earth will be new again, a day when the sound of weeping will give way to delight, a time when all creation will live in peace and people will long enjoy the fruits of their labors. Help us to hold to that vision when the temples about us are falling, and our world is shaken. Strengthen us for the telling of your truth and for keeping to your path, that we might not weary in doing what is right, but through endurance may gain our souls, even as you desire for us to do.

Many: **Lord, hear our prayer...**

One: As we pray for a new heaven and a new earth this day, we especially are aware of those among us and those beyond these doors who are in deep need of your peace, of your healing touch, of your just and bounteous kingdom. We pray those who dwell in places of strife, need, and want....

Many: **Lord, hear our prayer...**

One: We pray for those who have been bereaved in the past week....

Many: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for those who are unemployed and those fear layoff or termination and all those struggling with a burden in the workplace and the marketplace....

Many: Lord, hear our prayer...

One: And finally, we pray for today for those of our brothers and sisters who face persecution because of their faith. For those who are deprived of their basic human rights, and those who are deprived of their lives because of their desire to worship and serve you...

Many: Lord, hear our prayer...

One Let us give thanks to the one to whom we pray, the one who brings both the snow and the sun; the one who heals this troubled world; the sick; and those who turn to Him in faith; the one who grants new life not only to us, but to the creation itself....

Many: Lord, hear our prayer...

One: Gracious God, we pray to you in the name of the one who came to show us the way, he who is our Lord and our Redeemer, our brother and our friend. We pray to you as one family, even as he taught us, praying...

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 *PH* # 332 "Live Into Hope"

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear—A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, God invites us into God's future, where the one who makes all things new

Many: has made Their home among us.

One: We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom

Many: tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more.

One: Remember God's future,

Many: for this is our story.

One: Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!"

Many: and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

One: Let us go into our future,

Many: Where God is making all things new!

One: Amen!

Many: Amen!

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ from the Mennonite Church Canada website; The Prayer of the Day ~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on Kirshalom.

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)

Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Our musician today is Angie Williams.

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.

**Sunday, November 6 – 2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!!
Set your clocks BACK one hour!**

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 WORSHIP AND COMMUNION AT 10 AM –

In-person worship continues this Sunday at Lake Ripley Cemetery, weather permitting. **We will be celebrating All Saints’ Day Liturgy, remembering our loved ones who died over the past year. If you wish to have the name of a loved one mentioned in the liturgy, please send us an email at office@OCPChurch.com or pscottmw@icloud.com. Special Music will be provided by Bill McInnes, a professional bagpiper. Bill works with Pastor Scott at Gunderson Funeral Home as a Service Associate.** We will invite you to bring your own lawn chairs as we gather outside. Please dress for the weather. **If the weather does not allow for us to gather outside, we will move indoors at the church.**



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

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, call 608-480-9448, or email him at numberonedad1989@gmail.com.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton
Margaret Hawkins
Linda Johnson
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Evelyn Reiner
Mardy Schilleman
Marilyn Schuster
Jenine Spack
Caleb Wipperfurth, CHS graduate who is battling cancer
The people impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian

The families of Jim Schilleman, 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Cambridge FFA/FFA alumni are having their "all you eat" pancake breakfast **Sunday Nov 13th** at the CHS commons from 7:30 till noon. Tickets are available at "The Pig" and both banks in Cambridge, from FFA members, and at the door. Come and support this children's education fund raiser.

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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