



Service for the Lord's Day

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 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 "O Day of Peace" Parry/arr. Floeter
"Jerusalem the Golden" Holst/arr. Floeter

The Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "There Is a Higher Throne" Getty/arr. Larson

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 *PH* # 430.....“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,

Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,

As we in mission magnify the Crucified!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

***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: “What is the biggest change in Church you have experienced since you started attending a Church?” “What do you think the future Church might look like?”

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Readers Theatre (*see below*)

The Story About Investment

Narrator: Again, it's like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one's ability. Then the landowner went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money. After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying

Worker 1: 'You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.'

Narrator: The landowner said,

Landowner: 'Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!'

Narrator: The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying,

Worker 2: 'You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.'

Narrator: The landowner said to this one,

Landowner: 'Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!'

Narrator: Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward and said to the landowner,

Worker 3: 'Knowing your ruthlessness—you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.'

Narrator: The landowner exclaimed,

Landowner: 'You worthless, lazy lout! So you know that I reap where I don't sow and gather where I don't scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand. 'Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.'

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 "Meditation on 'O God Our Help in Ages Past'" arr. Albrecht

We Respond to God's Love

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Lord God - we give you thanks for all your gifts to us – for daily food - for health - for each breath we take - for the freedom to choose - and for the gifts of your word, your power, and your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider all that you are and how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust - may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer...

One: Help us O God, as followers of Jesus, to multiply all that you given us, to risk spreading your word and perhaps see it misunderstood, to gamble by loving those whom others think worthy only of hate, to take chances by doing good to those who have not done good to us. Help us be faith filled and to desire to increase your glory and your goodness in this world. Make us ones who share in both word and deed that which you have given to us. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer...

One: We pray, O God, for the church here today - that Your Spirit may encourage all of us to discover, develop, new and creative uses and gifts for this Your church, this your building and your ministry we engage in as your disciples, as we move into an unknown future, confident that You still have a purpose for its use and ours as well. Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit... for those who are oppressed and heavy laden.... for those who are sick or in despair... Minister O God by your Spirit, and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed - and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ - he who taught us to pray together, 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. (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: Happy are they who know where the real treasure is to be found.

Many: Happy are they who take from the treasure and share it.

One: Friends of God, prepare to leave this church with spirits lighter than when you came in;

Many: Trusting Christ to take an intimate interest in the costly investment Christ has made in the Church, past, present, and future.

One: Invest in others as Christ's love has invested in us;

Many: Rejoicing in the fellowship of God's Spirit.

One: The blessing of the eternal God is upon you: redeeming grace, enfolding love, enduring fellowship. Now and forever. Amen.

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude “For All the Saints” Vaughan Williams/arr. Hayes



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 ~ copyright © Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on his Kir-Shalom 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)

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

- 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, NOVEMBER 20 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.

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

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.



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

Linda Johnson

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen

Evelyn Reiner

Mardy Schilleman

Marilyn Schuster

Jenine Spack

The people impacted by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian

The families of Caleb Wipperfurth (CHS graduate who has died of cancer), 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.

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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