



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

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 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" arr. James Koerts

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "In My Father's House" / "Mansion Over the Hilltop"

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

Many: **our hearts a shelter for the outcast; our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

Many: **to tell others of God's love, to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

Many: **chosen to serve the lost and lonely, gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

The Opening Hymn PH # 464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.

Melt the cloud of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and Heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

**Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.**

The Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Holy God, before time you named us through time you redeem us. You call us, precious in your sight

Many: May we love as you love.

One: Holy One, through the turbulent waters. Make us steady, your hands, holding strong the fragile and weak.

Many: May we love as you love.

One: God of justice, remove the barriers of our lives that keep us from one another, barriers we construct based on skin color, religion, or gender. May we hear, and follow, graciously.

Many: May we love as you love.

One: Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives be food for the hungry, bread, clothing, shelter, fire, water, and Word

Many: May we love as you love.

One: God of justice, remove the chaff of our lives that keep us from hearing, following, Your call.

Many: May we love as you love.

One: Loving God, take this day our fears, our worries, distractions, and all, turning them into wheat, bread, heart food.

Many: May we love as you love. 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 your favorite room in the place where you live?"

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

John 14:1-7

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith in me as well. In God's house there are many dwelling places; otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you? I am indeed going to prepare a place for you, and then I will come back to take you with me, that where I am there you may be as well. You know the way that leads to where I am going." Thomas replied, "But we don't know

where you're going. How can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I myself am the Way—I am Truth, and I am Life. No one comes to Abba God but through me. If you really knew me, you would know Abba God also. From this point on, you know Abba God and you have seen God."

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 Reflection

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

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

We Depart to Do God's Will

The Closing Music *PH* # 386....."O for a World"

O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, Equality achieved.

We welcome one world family And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; Outcasts belong, Who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, May the blessings of the One who is the Way be with you in the days to come.

Many: May God guide our feet wherever we go.

One: May the blessings of Jesus who is our Life be with you in the days to come.

Many: May he lead us by the hand to those who are our sisters and brothers in need.

One: May the blessings of the Spirit of Truth be with you in the days to come.

Many: May we journey with the Spirit to that way which is everlasting.

One: Go now out into the world to be the Light and Love of Christ, serving, caring, working for justice and peace in all you say and do.

Many: We go to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

***Song of Dismissal** *PH* # 432 “Canto de Esperanza”

May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,

Working for a world that’s new, Faithful when we hear Christ’s call.

Postlude “When We All Get to Heaven”



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ Lectionary Liturgies by Thom Schuman; The Opening Prayer ~ written by Terri and posted on RevGalBlogPals; The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ part of a longer Eucharistic prayer written by Bill Loader, on William Loader’s Home Page p.

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 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:

MOTHER'S DAY & 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 14 WORSHIP AT

10 AM – In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. We are still mindful of the presence of COVID along with the cold and flu. If you are not feeling well, we would encourage you to remain home and join us for worship on our Facebook Live-Stream. Masks are also available for those who would feel more comfortable wearing them for their own health and safety. We do encourage people to encourage people to get vaccinated and boosted. Thank you.



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 —

Barbara Baker (Judy Pearson's sister)
Charleen Janus
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Marilyn Schuster

Victims of the growing number of Mass Shootings and gun violence in our nation.

Those recovering from storm damage across the United States.

The family of Betty Mennenga (mother of Angie Williams), and other 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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