



Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 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

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

One: On that day, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says the Lord.

***Many:* Send down the fire of your justice!**

One: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

***Many:* Send down the rain of your love!**

One: Your old shall dream dreams,

***Many:* and your young shall see visions.**

One: On this day, as you did so long ago, Send down your Spirit

***Many:* and once more breathe life in your people!**

One: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

***Many:* And we shall be people of God.**

The Opening Hymn *PH* # 316 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will—To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.**

(Repeat verse 1)

The Opening Prayer [Responsive]

Let us pray: God of Wind and Fire, on this Pentecost Sunday, we are more aware than ever of our deep need for you. It's true—we do not know how to pray. We do not know how to form on our lips the words to express the prayer that lingers on our hearts

Many: Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit—comforter, teacher, inspiration, and translator of every soul's deepest needs.

One: Guide and bless all of us today God. Free us from whatever safeguards we have placed around us to keep our lives, our worship, and our way of being the church predictable.

Many: Free us to encounter you in a new way, that your Spirit might truly dance in our midst and inspire us to love and service in Christ's name.

One: God, fill us with the breath of your Spirit

Many: that we might be filled with a new vision of how to be your church in this new time.

One: Bless us as we seek to be faithful to you in all we say and do as your people.

ALL: 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 summer activity?”

We Listen for God's Word

The Prayer for Illumination [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... O God, you draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world.

Many: By the same Spirit that binds us together speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and stretch us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 20:19-22

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, “Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I’m sending you.” After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

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

We Respond to God’s Love

The Musical Reflection

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Loving God, We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought.

Many: **Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

One: We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Many: **Holy Spirit: Help Us.**

One: We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Many: Holy Spirit: Help Us.

One: We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose faith in You has become hard and dry.

Many: Holy Spirit: Help Us.

One: We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong and brings harm to others and Your sacred image in all people

Many: Holy Spirit: Help Us.

One: We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Many: Holy Spirit: Help Us.

One: Loving God, We ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain.

Many: Holy Spirit: Help Us.

One: In Jesus' name we pray and continue to pray the prayer Jesus taught, praying:

The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors'...)

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

We Depart to Do God's Will

The Closing Music *PH* # 324..... "Open My Eyes That I May See"

**Open my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Come out! Jesus commands,

Many: **And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the brightness of a new day.**

One: Come out! Jesus cries,

Many: **And unbinds us from the chains of our past.**

One: Come out! Jesus calls,

Many: **And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.**

One: So: Go out!

Many: **Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!**

One: So: Go out!

Many: **Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips and in our loving arms.**

One: So: Go out!

Many: **Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!**

One: Friends, let us Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind to be Christ's presence in the world.

Many: **We go in God's name to love and serve, bringing healing and hope to a hurting world**

One: Go out in peace and God go with you. And all God's people said:

Many: **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



Our liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker. Posted on **Liturgies Outside**; The Opening Prayer ~ written by Sue, and posted on the RevGalBlogPals website; The Pastoral Prayer ~ posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday site; The Sending ~ **from Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent, written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dillely.**

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 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. **The next deadline for receipts is Sunday, June 18.**

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 4 WORSHIP & COMMUNION AT 10 AM –

In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. **Please wear something red for Pentecost.** 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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