



Service for the Lord's Day

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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 "O God Our Help" / "For All the Saints" – arr. Page

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Let All Things Now Living" – arr. Floeter

The Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: God of the prophets, call to us today

Many: Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us

Many: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You

Many: Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: God of all creation, help us to know Your ways

ALL: We gather to hear Your call.

The Opening Hymn *PH* # 554 "Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,

By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into Light.

**By law God enforces, The stars in their courses, The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.**

The Call to Reconciliation

One: All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope. Join me as we pray,

The Prayer of Confession [Responsive]

One: O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows

Many: **against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change.**

One: God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains

Many: **against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.**

One: Forgive us, Creating One, for not trusting You, who opens a path forward into an unknown future.

Many: **Forgive us, Creator God, for clinging to a past we long for and open up our hearts, minds, lives to the future you call us to live into as Christ's followers. Let your Spirit renew and remake us as your people. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, hear this Good News of the Gospel: God is just and forgiving. God receives us as we are, lifts us up and calls us again to be people upholding justice and peace. Receive God's pardon and peace, knowing that all failings and faithlessness is forgiven. Thanks be to God for this Good News.

Many: **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 Thanksgiving dessert?"

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

Mark 13:1-4

Jesus left the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look! What awesome stones and buildings!" Jesus responded, "Do you see these enormous buildings? Not even one stone will be left upon another. All will be demolished." Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives across from the temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? What sign will show that all these things are about to come to an end?"

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

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection... .. "For All the Saints" – arr. Bouman

We Respond to God's Love

The Affirmation of Faith – 20th Century South African Creed

One: Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

***ALL:* We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.**

The Installation of Elder Randy Johnson

Special Prayer Music *PH* # 404....."Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;

When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call,

Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we too have known Your love, and experienced Your care and provision. You invite us to extend that love to the world around us— to care for others as deeply as we care for ourselves. And so we bring the needs of our world before You now.

***Many:* In Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the many who do not have enough: enough food to eat, or shelter to keep warm; enough employment, or money to pay their bills; enough medicine or medical care.

***Many:* Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We also pray for those who have more than enough, but who still struggle to find meaning and purpose in life; who indulge in dangerous or self-serving activities to dull their pain or loneliness.

Many: **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: God, Your grace reaches out to all of us. You call us to live as citizens of heaven, working together with one heart and mind. Strengthen us to live in a manner worthy of the Good News we have received, offering our lives in service of Your kingdom, where the last are first, and the first are last, and there is grace enough for all.

Many: **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught the disciples to pray, 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

We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Music *PH* # 339 "Be Thou My Vision"

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem,

Many: **so God sends us into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope.**

One: Go now to be light for the world! And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always.

Many: **We go in peace to love and serve in Christ's name.**

One: Go in peace. Amen.

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 "Be Thou My Vision" – arr. Whitworth



Our liturgy this morning is from: The Prayer of Confession ~ posted by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog (adapted); The Sending ~ taken from “O Merciful God: God of Wisdom.”

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:

25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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.

Cambridge Food Pantry WISH LIST

Cereal

Hearty Soups

Canned Meals (Ravioli, etc.)

Instant Potatoes

Corned Beef Hash

Hamburger Helper

Salad Dressing

Ketchup

Cake Mix and Frosting

Sugar

Shampoo and Conditioner



A drop box is located outside
the food pantry doors for
your donations.



Thank
YOU!

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Dale Febock
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Marilyn Schuster
Dick Trailer

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

Those recovering from fire and storm damage across the United States.

The families of: Fred Trailer (Dick's brother); Stub Lund; Barbara Baker (Judy Pearson's sister); 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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