



# Service for the Lord's Day

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 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:* 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 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:* **"If the next five years is a chapter in your life, what is the chapter about?"**

## **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

Isaiah 43:18-19

“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.”

Revelation 21:1-5a

*The Inclusive Bible*

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, “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 old ways are gone.” The One who sat on the throne said, “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 Reflection

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

*... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...*

## We Respond to God’s Love

**The Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive] ..... from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

*One:* We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**Many:** **The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

*One:* The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

**Many:** **rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

*One:* In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

**Many:** **to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*One:* In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

**Many:** **we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**Special Prayer Music** ..... “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

**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**

# 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!

**\*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: The Call to Worship ~ from the Mennonite Church Canada website; The Prayer of Confession ~ posted by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog (adapted); The Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on Kir-shalom.

*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.**

### **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 5 – 2:00 a.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!!  
Set your clocks BACK one hour!**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 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](mailto:office@OCPChurch.com) or [pscottmw@icloud.com](mailto: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.****

### **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.

# 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!*

## 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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