



Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

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 story. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence. We invite you to sign the pew pads, which will be passed from the back of the sanctuary to the front. Please fill out the information, share with the others in your row, and then pass it to the row in front of you. Thank you. After worship, please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Prelude

Announcements of Our Church Life and Ministry

The Centering Song *SF* # 2164 (sing 3 times; the last time, a cappella) "Sanctuary"

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

Call to Worship [Responsive] Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Frightened and worried about loss of power, comfort, and the known, leaders in Jerusalem and Rome put Jesus on trial.

People: When the world became scared, it lashed out against Jesus.

Leader: In our journey to Jerusalem, changes and the unknown can frighten us as well.

People: When we become scared, we sometimes lash out or hide.

Leader: We yearn for what was, what is known.

People: But Jesus offers a different way.

Leader: The kingdom Jesus speaks of is the realm of God unfolding within and around us even today.

People: Jesus comes into the world to testify to the truth of expansive love and justice.

Leader: May our worship and our lives reflect the Light and Love of the Living Word of God, Jesus the Christ.

* Please stand as you are able.

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] from **The Declaration of Barmen (part 2)*

The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of Christ's own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

Special Music "In Christ Alone" Mare Stewart, Lisa Leadholm—flute;
By Getty and Townend Barb Brown—piano

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: We pray to the Lord... *People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Prayer Response PH #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory Music "Above All" Mare Stewart, Lisa Leadholm—flute;
By Lebranc and Baloché Barb Brown—piano

***Offertory Response** Sing the Faith # 2036 "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

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"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] Elder Melanie Rumpf

Generous One, we pray that the gifts we offer might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 339..... “Be Thou My Vision”

***The Sending** [Responsive]..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: God sends us forth as people of the covenant.

People: Our hearts are filled with compassion which we will share with others.

Leader: Jesus calls us to share hope with all we meet.

People: Our hands will bring food for the hungry and build shelters for the homeless.

Leader: The Spirit of hospitality is engraved upon our spirits.

People: We will welcome everyone we meet with the grace and love of Christ reflected in our words and actions.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. And all God's people said:

People: 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



*About The Barmen Declaration...It was written 1934, and “was a call to resistance against the theological claims of the Nazi state. Almost immediately after Hitler's seizure of power in 1933, Protestant Christians faced pressure to ‘aryanize’ the Church, expel Jewish Christians from the ordained ministry and adopt the Nazi ‘Führer Principle’ as the organizing principle of church government. In general, the churches succumbed to these pressures, and some Christians embraced them willingly. The pro-Nazi ‘German Christian’ movement became a force in the church. They glorified Adolf Hitler as a ‘German prophet’ and preached that racial consciousness was a source of revelation alongside the Bible. But many Christians in Germany—including Lutheran and Reformed, liberal and neo-orthodox—opposed the encroachment of Nazi ideology on the Church's proclamation. At Barmen, this emerging ‘Confessing Church’ adopted a declaration drafted by Reformed theologian Karl Barth and Lutheran theologian Hans Asmussen, which expressly repudiated the claim that other powers apart from Christ could be sources of God's revelation. Not all Christians courageously resisted the regime, but many who did—like the Protestant pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Roman Catholic priest Bernhard Lichtenberg—were arrested and executed in concentration camps. The spirituality of the Barmen Declaration profoundly influenced many of the first generation of pastors and laypeople who formed the United Church of Christ in 1957.” (UCC.org)

The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship~ Posted in Call to Worship, Invocation, John, John 18, John 18:28-40, Uncategorized; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Christine Sine, and posted on the Godspace website.

<http://godspace.wordpress.com/>; Prayer for Illumination ~ Meda Stemper – <http://WorkingPreacher.com/NarrativeLectionary>; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Sending ~ Lectionary Liturgies Blogspot by Rev. Thom Shuman.

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.

- Thank you to Barb Brown, piano, Lisa Leadholm, flute, and Mare Stewart, flute, for our special music today.
- Our liturgist today is Elder Melanie Rumpf.
- Our musician today is Barb Brown.
- Our ushers/greeters today are the Letos.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**
- Printed copies of sermons are available in the box on the wall outside of the church office and on our website www.OCPChurch.com.

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.)
- **The Mission Committee reminds all folks to share their loose change in the Least Coin Crock, as a reminder of the prayers they say. Think of all the coins we would have if every time you prayed, you set aside a coin. These funds are to be used for local mission work. This is a year-long mission collection.**
- Help us save “pig points.” Please turn in your receipts from Piggly Wiggly in the brown bag in the narthex, so that we can receive a rebate. All funds received are used for local mission projects.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Today after worship – Children’s Library Open
- Deacons
- Next Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday
- 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library Open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Library Day

- **VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —**
- Liturgist – Julie Anderson
- Ushers/Greeters – Larry & Sylvia Jensen
- Fellowship – Charleen Janus
- Nursery – Deacons



MARCH 2018 Update

Thank you to all who continue to support the Cambridge Food Pantry through donations and volunteer time. Your time and dedication to the Pantry is appreciated! Interested in volunteering? Register online at the CAP website – www.cambridgecap.net and click on volunteerism tab then go to volunteerism Cambridge Food Pantry volunteer opportunities and then hit volunteer sign up. Anyone without internet access can also sign up by calling the Pantry at 423-8142.

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. The Cambridge Food Pantry is located under the blue canopy at the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry could use the following items---Toilet Paper, Ketchup, Mustard, Jellies or Jam, Snack Chips, Cereal, Hearty Soups, Canned Ravioli, Pancake Syrup



Community Café – Thursday, April 5th is the next Cambridge Community Café! Join the Cambridge FFA and Cambridge 4-H Club who will be serving Taco Bar with all the trimmings with Soft Tacos and Taco Chips and Desserts. Meal will be served 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Ken Bilstad
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strobusch)
David Gunnulson
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Scott Kramer family (friends of Charlie Porter)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Richard Nye (son-in-law of Ann & Dale Febock, Tara's husband, deploying to Iraq)
Andy Schieffer (Rose Ann West's nephew-in-law)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Joan Spaulding (former member Ralph Spaulding's wife)
Mary Trailer
Betty Willmore
Jim Willmore

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

The family of Rosemary Mandli (Jerry Mandli's mother—family Karin, Jake, Conner, Matthew and Luke); Jim Fergusson (Nancy Kristiansen's brother); Egil Kristiansen (Jan Kristiansen's brother); Hal Shaw (friend of Marilyn Schuster); Carl Martin (Meg's husband Bob Stilling's uncle); Lawrence Janus (Charleen's husband); Corinne Hommen (mother of Kris Runge), 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

Church School: Children through grade 7 meet at 10:00 a.m. Sunday
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Video of Worship Service: Cable 98 or 987 Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Mon.-Tues. 8 a.m. & Noon
(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

Fellowship & Refreshment: Following worship service each week

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Tuesday 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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SESSION (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Mark Touhey

Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

BOARD OF DEACONS (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Linda Porter

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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