



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

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 Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arr. Brian Glyncannon

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name. . . 'Samuel'; Fishermen once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: **Here I am. Send me.**

One: Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: **Here I am. Send me.**

One: Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: **Here I am. Send me.**

One: The Voice beckons from humble places. . . in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: **Here I am. Send me.**

One: A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice; A struggling church hears the Voice and turns; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: **Here I am. Send me.**

One: In our worship, we listen for the Voice still speaking and calling us to serve in the world, doing justice, showing mercy, and walking together with God.

The Musical Selection“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

The Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... God of Righteousness, grant us your life-giving presence. Guide us in our time of worship, and remain with us as we step out into the world,

Many: that we may face injustice with courage and love.

One: May we come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. The timing may feel off; the end of the road might be out of sight,

Many: yet we trust in your holy presence.

One: How long? Not long,

Many: because no lie can live forever.

One: How long? Not long,

Many: because you still reap what you sow.

One: How long? Not long. Because the arm of the moral universe is long,

Many: but it bends toward justice.

One: How long? Not long, because you are our God,

Many: and all may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

The Scripture

Matthew 25

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the

goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 "Where Is Christ Leading Us in 2022?" Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136683829.pdf>

The Musical Response "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.

We Respond to God's Love

Affirmation of Faith *(A reference for prayerful reflection only)*

From *The Confession of 1967* (United Presbyterian Church)

“In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.”

From *The 1986 Confession of Belhar* (South Africa)

We believe that the unity of the people of God must be shown and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God, and are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name and are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

We believe in the triune God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. We believe that God is the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people. We believe that God, in a world full of injustice and disagreement, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged.

The Pastoral Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... Gracious God, you care for us;

***Many:* we need nothing more.**

One: Hear the cry of those who are hungry;

***Many:* hungry for justice, and dignity, hungry for freedom, and love.**

One: You lead us into a haven of peace and rest. Hear the cry of those who are alone; those who grieve a relationship broken by death or human failing, those who live in the isolation of a hospital room, a prison cell, a frail body, a confused mind.

***Many:* You breathe new life into us and lead us in new ways.**

One: God whose breath is life itself, we pray for a just and caring use of your creation; a fair sharing of its abundance, an ethical searching of its mysteries.

***Many:* You are with us, and comfort us, even when the darkness of the world looms large.**

One: We pray for those who seek the truth; those who cannot speak, and those who cannot be heard, that the light of your Word may shine in the darkness which overshadows their lives.

***Many:* In the face of those who trouble us, you provide for us, and pour out your blessings.**

One: Hear the cry of those oppressed by racial injustice or trampled by religious intolerance, disoriented by homelessness, defeated by unemployment; Lord in your mercy,

***Many:* Hear our prayer.**

One: God of justice and compassion you are with us always and have promised to sustain us all our lives.

Many: **Enlarge our vision of life, and make us bold in our hope,**

One: Creator, in whose image we are all created, let our cry come to you; and with the saints in every age we pray,

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.**

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

In response to God’s generosity, and in support of the ongoing ministry and mission at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, we invite you to share your financial support in several ways.

1. For those worshipping in-person, a basket is placed at the entrance to the sanctuary for you to leave your offering.
2. You may also mail in or drop-off your offering at Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523.
3. You may also donate online, using these directions: Use the app, **Vanco Mobile**. Search for “Vanco Mobile” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us (Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge) using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website www.ocpchurch.com. (Click on the button with the green heart.) Thank you!



We Depart to Do God’s Will

Closing Musical Selection “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

**Kneels at the feet of His friends, Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.**

Refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor, Varied in color and race,
Neighbors are near and far away.

Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should love.
All are neighbors to us and you.

Refrain

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: As the Savior so taught us, let us go now and overcome... Overcome racial hatred

Many: with love and understanding.

One: Overcome sexism

Many: with mutual honor and respect.

One: Overcome social inequities

Many: with fair and equal educational and employment opportunities.

One: Overcome mean-heartedness

Many: with a kind word or good deed.

One: Overcome war, poverty, hunger, and suffering throughout our urban streets and lands abroad

Many: by sharing the love of Christ Jesus with your neighbor.

One: Go now and with the Love, Grace, Mercy and Justice of God,

Many: we shall overcome!

One: And all God’s people said:

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude “Here I Am, Lord” arr. Jane Holstein



The liturgy this morning is from: Call to Worship ~ written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on her Liturgy Outside website; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Rev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, adapted from “Our God is Marching On!” (speech delivered at the Alabama State House by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, March 25, 1965). sermonizing.wordpress.com; The Sending ~ adapted from The AfricanAmericanLectionary.org. Posted on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Worship Resources, on the Disciples of Christ Council on Christian Unity website.

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 Marian Korth.



Matthew 25

Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):

A bold vision and invitation

We are a Matthew 25 church!

Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31–46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor

To learn more and for ideas on how to get involved and do your vital part as a member of a Matthew 25 church, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- Please pick up your 2022 Offering Envelopes, now available in Fellowship Hall. If we've missed your name, please notify the office.
- Giving statements for 2021 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!
- 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:

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 23 WORSHIP AT 10 AM

— In-person worship continues this Sunday in the sanctuary. The Dane County Mask Mandate has been extended to Tuesday, February 1. **Until then, masks are required of all people who enter the building.**



UPDATE!

The food pantry is currently seeking donations of: Coffee, Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat, Laundry detergent, Toothpaste, Body wash, Dog and cat food

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 support of your Cambridge neighbors!

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jack & Jenine Spack

The families of Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, 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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