



Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

Many: **God has anointed us to bring good news to the poor,**

One: To proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind,

Many: **to set the oppressed free.**

One: and to proclaim the year of God's jubilee! So let us together worship

Many: **the God of justice and peace!**

Special Music *PH* # 559

"We Gather Together"

Tim McNurlen

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Besides us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

The Opening Prayer [Responsive]

One: Let us pray... In a cynical and despairing world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice

Many: to proclaim your hope.

One: In a violent and angry world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice

Many: to proclaim your peace.

One: In a dismissive and disinterested world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice

Many: to proclaim your compassion.

One: In a lonely and inhospitable world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice

Many: to proclaim your love.

One: In a grieving and weeping world, O God, give us a quietly prophetic voice

Many: to proclaim your joy.

One: May we be so captivated by your hope, O God, that we cannot help but to whisper, to sing, and to enact, the message of your reign which is always coming into our world; And may our quietly prophetic lives,

Many: be channels of your restoring grace wherever we may go. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

"Read Aloud Time"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/136703478.pdf>

The Musical Response "Emmanuel"

We Respond to God's Love

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. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: 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. Lord, in Your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer.

One: We offer you our lives and these prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to love one another, and to pray, saying...

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 Special Music *PH* # 527 "Near to the Heart of God"

Tim McNurlen

There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, Sent from the heart of God;
Hold us, who wait before Thee, Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

There is a place of full release, Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace, Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: Friends, we are the body of Christ. May we have the heart of Christ,

Many: **tender for mercy.**

One: May we have the eyes of Christ

Many: **to see a world in need.**

One: May we have the feet of Christ

Many: **to bring good news.**

One: Let us go in peace! And may the Light of Christ shine through all we do and say every day.

Many: Amen.

We Carry the Light of Christ Out into the World

Postlude "Holy, Holy, Holy"



The liturgy this morning is from: The Opening Prayer ~ written by John van de Laar; The Pastoral Prayer ~ Christine Longhurst, re:Worship; The Sending ~ posted on Literature & Liturgy.

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 musicians today are Karen Tordera and Tim McNurlen.

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:

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 30 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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