



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "God Will Make a Way" by Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Let Us Gather" Traditional

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 65 selected verses*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains; You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

With all creation, let us worship God!

*HYMN No. 611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION George Rogers

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Almighty God, we confess that sometimes we only pay lip service to your commandment to love one another. We say we love one another, but do not minister to the needs around us. We say we love one another, but fail to see those who are struggling under oppression.

We say we love one another, but we ignore the calls for justice and focus on our own lives. Forgive us. Call us into a consistent life, where our values of love, justice, and peace align with both our words and our actions. Call us into your way of life, in which we truly love one another, meeting the needs of others, and welcoming the stranger among us. Call us to follow you, in all we say and do.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

George Rogers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our Biblical Stories: Week 5”

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN No. 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound”

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

DEDICATION OF ORDINARY TIME BANNERS

Because God created the world and called it good, we use material gifts in worship.

The Gospels show how Jesus used common things—nets and fish, jars and ointment, a towel and basin, water, bread, and wine—in his ministry of teaching, healing, and feeding.

In the Gospel of Mark (1:16-18), we hear these words: *As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

We are here today because we have chosen to follow Jesus and live in His ways.

Jesus continues to teach us as we engage his Word, lift our voices in praise and prayer, and follow his path.

As we reflect on images inspired by our Lord, we are renewed and strengthened in his teachings.

God of wisdom and truth, today we dedicate our new Ordinary Time banners to your honor and glory.

Give us faithful resolve each and every day to answer Jesus’ call to “Come! Follow me.”

We give thanks for the giftedness of the artist, Delores Dorland, whose art now enhances our worship space and our worshipfulness.

We give thanks to you, Holy One, for the beauty of your creation and our Lord's Word which inspired these banners. May they continue to inspire our faithfulness to you.

Let us pray...

As we dedicate these banners, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus the Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and Glory now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*CHORAL OFFERTORY "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION George Rogers

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 757 "Today We All Are Called to be Disciples"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" Sicilian Mariners

*POSTLUDE "Blessed Be Your Name" by Mark Hayes

¹Shuman, Thom M. Playing Hopscotch in Heaven (Kindle Locations 5016-5022). Kindle Edition.

²Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



*Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin
and hymns are available from an usher.*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
George (friend of Ken G)
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liautaud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Terry H
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Charlie K

Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Mary Jo (Jim B's co-worker)
Glenna M
Judy M
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jerry N (friend of Judie T)
Jann & Mickey P (Jeff P's parents)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Joan & George R
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

**If you are a visitor today, please fill out one of our visitor cards.
If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.**

Please drop your card in the offering plate.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held November 3rd immediately following the Worship Service for the purpose of electing the following officers:

Elders: Jane Lesch – 2nd term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Fritz Michaelis - 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Jim Vakoc – 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)

Deacons: Susan Buchholz – 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Karen Franz – 2nd term ending in 2021 (2-year term)
Chris Lorentz – 2nd term ending in 2022 (3-year term)

At-Large Members of the Nominating Team:

Donna Haffron - 1 year, 2020
Nancy Keppel – 1 year, 2020
Sara Murray - 1 year, 2020

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

**Your Stewardship Team hopes
you will join us on Sunday,
November 10.**

This is our opportunity to celebrate our financial support to Church of the Cross for 2020.



This year you can also make your pledge online. Just go to the Sign-Up Sheets on Church of the Cross's website and choose *Fearless Giving*, submit your giver # and a few other options. If you need a giver #, please contact the office.

Our pledges allow Church of the Cross to nurture our spirits by providing us with the opportunity to worship God, study God's Holy Word, offer our services and support for our members and our community, and have fellowship with one another. Please pray about your commitment to provide financial support to the church.

Worship will be followed on November 10th with a catered celebration meal—a thank you for everyone's hard work in 2019. We need to know how much food to order, so please use the sign-up form in the lounge or online to let us know how many of you are coming.

Café Hours



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at, Tous Les Jours

20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (*corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot*)

Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.

COTC 60th Anniversary in 2020

It may not seem that long, but Church of the Cross has been bringing hope in the name of Jesus Christ for 60 years!

Sue Letterer has agreed to chair an anniversary committee to plan our celebration... and Sue needs help. If you are a history buff, or simply interested in being a part of planning our celebration for our 60th anniversary, please let Sue know right away.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

➔ Food Pantry

The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. The pantry items needed now are:



Canned potatoes	Canned Yams	Cranberry Sauce
Instant Potatoes	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Tomato Sauce

➔ Feed My Starving Children

Our next date is November 9th

Please sign up online or in the lounge.



➔ Public Action to Deliver Shelter

Our next date is November 15th

The theme is “Cook’s Choice”

Please sign up online or in the lounge.



CALENDAR

For the week of October 27th

Sunday, October 27

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship

Wednesday, October 30

12 noon Lunch with Pastor

Thursday, October 31

9-11 am Café hours with Pastor
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am – 12 noon – Leadership Meeting

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Ends

9:00 am Sunday School for All

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Congregational Meeting

11:15 am Coffee/Fellowship

November

5 Tuesday	6 Wednesday	7 Thursday	8 Friday	9 Saturday	10 Sunday
7:00 pm - Deacons Meeting	12 noon Lunch w/pastor	9 am -Café Hours w/Pastor 7:00 pm - Choir		9 am - Feed My Starving Children	9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Stewardship Sunday Lunch

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	October 27	November 3	November 10	November 17
	Stewardship Kick-off	All Saints Remembrance Day	Stewardship Sunday & Lunch	
Worship Leader	George Rogers	Cathy Walker		P Groenewold
Disciple on Duty	K Groenewold	Jim Vakoc	K Groenewold	C Keppel
Usher/Greeter	Karen Franz	Stu Truelsen	Karen Franz	De La Cruz
Counter	John Baker	B Groenewold		B Groenewold
Communion Set Up		Carole Bauer		
Communion Servers		Pastor Julie		
		Cathy Walker		
Coffee Hour	Karen Franz	Glenna	Stewardship Lunch	

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Session

Elders, Class of 2019

Adelaide Grant-Acquah
 Jane Lesch
 Fritz Michaelis

Elders, Class of 2020

Ken Groenewold
 Mike Lorentz
 Cathy Walker

Elders, Class of 2021

Sue Liautaud
 Stu Rutter
 Cheryl Wilkins

Deacons

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Karen Franz
 Chris Lorentz
 Sue Letterer

Deacons, Class of 2020

Laura DeLaCruz
 Naana Grant-Acquah
 Bob Groenewold

Deacons, Class of 2021

Ann Moorman
 Judie Truelsen
 Ann Scheerer

Corporation Officers

Jim Letterer President
 Larry Amos Vice President
 Ken Groenewold Treasurer
 Pat Groenewold Secretary
 Nancy Keppel Member at large
 Sue Liautaud Member at large
 Terry Maulding Member at large