



CHURCH OF THE CROSS
World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2019

10:00 am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Think About His Love"

By Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"Praise God, All You Nations"

Ghanaian Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment,
where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

Where two or three gather to worship God,
glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

When two or three gather to serve God's creation,
Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.

*HYMN No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

England

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim Letterer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of Hope—to love, to serve, to see and welcome your people. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak. It is our stiff-with-judgment backs we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when they reach out hoping to touch grace.

Love-lived-as-Compassion, forgive us. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us with the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 596

"You Are Holy"

Sweden

*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

Jim Letterer

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:19-31

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-22

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Our Biblical Stories: Week 2"

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 510

"We Gather Here"

England

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH²

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*CHORAL OFFERTORY

"A New City of Joy"

Joseph M.Martin

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Letterer

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 533

"In the Singing"

New Zealand

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Creating God, source of our being... You created the world and all that is in it without borders or walls and you called it all "good."

For this we praise you, saying...

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God;

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus, our sibling, born of Mary in a stable in Palestine... With joy we celebrate what you have done, and with dedication we follow you, transformed by your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Boundless God, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup... Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND LIFTING OF THE CUP

COMMUNING TOGETHER

Communion is open to all who are baptized from every Christian faith. Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by way of the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup of juice, partake of it, and then return by the side aisles to your seat. A server will bring communion to those less able to come forward. The bread is gluten/dairy free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION³

O God of mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. Having been nourished at your table, may we go into your wondrous and diverse world to tear down walls of exclusion... to confront powers and principalities... to live and love boldly in the promise of your resurrection. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 769 “For Everyone Born” New Zealand

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Shalom Chaverim" Traditional Israeli Melody

*POSTLUDE "More precious Than Silver" by Mark Hayes

¹Shuman, Thom M. Playing Hopscotch in Heaven (Kindle Locations 4148-4152, 4170-4175). Kindle Edition.

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³Communion Liturgy for World Communion Sunday, by Emily Brewer, October 1, 2017. Used with permission.

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 (Liataud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Terry H
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Charlie K

Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Nick L (grandson of Bob L's brother)
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)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Joan & George R
John R (former COTC member)
Ann S
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss

- **Family of Karen** (Julia E's friend)

Those who grieve

- **Family of Bill H** (Letterer's HS friend)
- **Family of Jack B** (Vanessa B's father-in-law and Alyssa B's grandpa)

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.



TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS WERE GIVEN BY:

The Keppels in celebration of Adam & Cristina's anniversary.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 6

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world.



Café Hours



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday morning 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.



BOOK CLUB

October 16 @ 7:30 pm – The Library Book
by Susan Orlean

COFFEE HOUR



Thank you to all who have helped host on Sunday mornings. Soon we will have the improved and updated kitchen section of the lounge. Please continue to help out on our Sunday mornings.

Thank you to the following who have helped serve in our 3rd quarter:

Susan Buchholz
Cathy Clemmer
Laura DeLaCruz
Karen Franz
Lois McPherson

Ann Moorman
Ann Scheerer
Judie Truelsen
Cathy Walker

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

➔ Sisseton School Supplies

Dear COTC members and friends,

Thank you for your unwavering support in donating school supplies for our young friends in Sisseton. We bring back pictures of their smiles, but we are the lucky ones who get the hugs and feel the gratitude. Please know you have made a difference in the lives of these precious children of God.

We will stop collecting supplies as of today and will resume the collection in late Spring. Your generosity is boundless and we are grateful.

Peace and blessings,
Dawn and Judie



➔ Food Pantry

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

Condiments

Canned Meats

Pasta Sauce

Boxed/Canned Potatoes

Pork N Beans

Boxed Pasta



➔ **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.



➔ **Elgin Crop Hunger Walk**

Session would like you to know Cheryl Wilkins is participating in the Crop Hunger Walk on October 20th. She invites you to join her at the walk or sponsor her. If you are interested in supporting, check with her in person or go to this link:

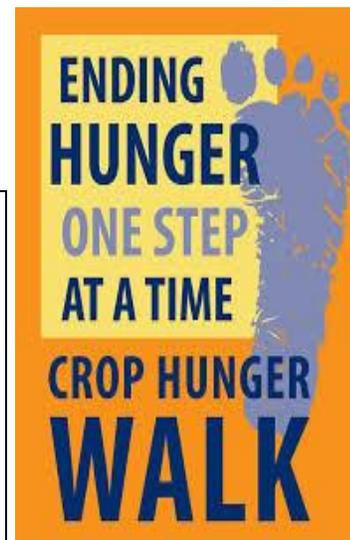
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/cherylwilkins>

Let's fight against hunger together!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

I'm excited to be part of it and would love to have you join me on this journey. The steps we take - and the funds we raise - will make a real impact!

- Cheryl



LOOKING AHEAD ...

Town Hall Meeting



Sunday, October 13

Immediately following Worship on October 13th, we are holding a Town Hall Meeting to discuss COTC Safety & Emergency procedures.

The meeting will include important information as to where emergency items are located, as well as best escape routes if needed.

Coffee/Fellowship will follow the Town Hall Meeting.

Sunday, November 3
Daylight Savings
ENDS



**Saturday,
November 9 @
11:00 AM**

Sunday, November 10
Stewardship Sunday
Worship & Brunch



Friday, November 15



Thursday, November 28
Thanksgiving Day