



# **Stewardship Sunday**

November 10, 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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by William B. Bradbury

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Be Joyful in the Lord" Donald Moore

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,  
**is humbled to become one of us.**

The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,  
**gives us more grace than we ever realize.**

The God who is wiser than we will ever know,  
**teaches us all we need to become God's children.**

\*HYMN No. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu Rutter

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?'—we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.**

**So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well—touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears—heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings—speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

Stu Rutter

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:1-4

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE (Choir)

Psalm 100

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Our Biblical Stories: Fearless Giving"

Rev. Julie Peterson

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>3</sup>

The First Answer of the Heidelberg Catechism

*Tune: Hymn #693 Though I May Speak*

Pastor Julie asks: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong—in life and death,  
Soul, body, all—not to myself  
But to my faithful Savior, Christ,  
Who with his blood has paid my price;**

**That from my sin Christ sets me free,  
Released from evil's tyranny,  
Protected, saved, and held within  
The love of God, whose will shall win.**

**Thus, in my heart I am assured  
Eternal life is made secure,  
And I may heed the Spirit's call  
To live for Christ, to give my all. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*Today we celebrate our opportunity to contribute to God's work through Church of the Cross. While the Choir is singing, you are asked to bring your offering and pledge forward to place in the basket.*

\*CHORAL OFFERTORY "More Than Enough" Michael Isaacson

\*DOXOLOGY

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>4</sup> Stu Rutter

**Holy One, on my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there is more than enough for all. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 612 "We Praise You, O God"

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "More Than Enough" (*reprise*) Michael Isaacson

\*POSTLUDE "Here is Love" by Robert Lowry

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<sup>3</sup>A musical setting of the First Answer of the Heidelberg Catechism, Text: Buz Wilcoxon, Tune: Gift of Love, Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts, Greening the Liturgy Volume 52.4, pg59

<sup>4</sup>Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website: <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/> (inspired by Matthew 14:15-21)

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**  
**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**

**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)  
**April V** (Chris V's cousin)  
**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.*

## TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS WERE GIVEN BY:

The Keppels to celebrate Nancy's birthday



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

**Your Stewardship Team hopes you will join us today.**

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 a catered celebration meal—a thank you for everyone's hard work in 2019. Please join us.**

## 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.

## BOOK CLUB



December 11 @ 7:30 pm – *The Magic Hour*  
by Kristin Hannah



# COTC 60<sup>th</sup> 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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	Caned 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 15<sup>th</sup>

The theme is "Cook's Choice"

Please sign up online or in the lounge.



# CALENDAR

## For the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday, November 10

**9:00 am** Sunday School for All  
**10:00 am** Worship  
**11:00 am** Stewardship Lunch

### Tuesday, November 12

**7:00 pm** Corporation team Meeting

### Wednesday, November 13

**12 noon** Lunch with Pastor  
**1:30 pm** Friendship Village Devotions

### Thursday, November 14

**9 – 11 am** Café Hours with Pastor Julie  
**7:00 pm** Choir practice

### Friday, November 15

P.A.D.S. Dinner

### Sunday, November 17

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

## November

19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21 Thursday	22 Friday	23 Saturday	24 Sunday
<b>7:00 pm</b> - Session Meeting	<b>12 noon</b> Lunch w/pastor	<b>9am</b> - Café Hours <b>7 pm</b> - Choir Practice			<b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday School for All <b>10:00 am</b> - Worship <b>11:00 am</b> - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

## WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	November 10	November 17	November 24	December 1
	Stewardship Sunday & Lunch		Christ the King/Reign of Christ	First Sunday of Advent
Worship Leader	Stu Rutter	P Groenewold	George Rogers	Jim Letterer
Disciple on Duty	K Groenewold	C Keppel	Dave Lesch	
Usher/Greeter	Karen Franz	De La Cruz	C. Lorentz	Bob Lovell
Counter		B Groenewold	Jane Lesch	
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				Pastor Julie
				Jim Letterer
Advent Candle Lighters				
Coffee Hour	Stewardship Lunch	Sue & Chris (free will)		



