



1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "Blessings and Honor" By Terry Osman

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise the Lord, For He is Good" Welsh Folk Song

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

We do not live by bread alone,
so we gather to feast on God's sustaining Word.

We come at the Spirit's leading
to offer ourselves in service to Christ.

Come, find strength for the journey.
Let us worship the One, True God.

*HYMN NO. 618, vs 1, 3, 5 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

CALL TO CONFESSION Ken Groenewold

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Holy God, you call us to worship and serve only you. Yet, when other things demand our attention, we stray from the path Jesus tread. We serve powers which privilege the comfort of some over the well-being of the many. We serve a culture which values competition over collaboration. We serve our own desires without considering the needs of our neighbors.

Forgive us Lord. Send your Spirit to guide us back to you. Free us from the clutches of sin and death and draw us close so we might respond to the grace we know in Christ and follow the ways of justice and righteousness.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 595 (*sing 2x*) "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*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

Ken Groenewold

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:12-19 THE MESSAGE

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Temptations"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN NO. 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH² *Affirming The Church's Mission, Iona Community*

**This we believe—we worship one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned,
by whose presence we are renewed.**

**This we believe—it is central to the mission of Christ we participate
through word and action to rejoice in the diversity of human culture,
to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the
love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in the
converting experience.**

This we believe—through the power of the Holy Spirit the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God’s people shall change for good the course of human history, the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight.

This we believe—God has called the Church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God’s new order, to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven.

This we believe—Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays we may be one so the world may believe.

And to this we are committed for the Love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Deep, Deep Love" Frombach/Dengler

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ken Groenewold

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 533 “In the Singing”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE²

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³

May the God of discipleship be with you.
And also with you!

Let us begin our Lenten journey with open hearts.
We offer our hearts to the One who walks with us.

Let our voices resound with thanksgiving to the One who shows us faithful care.

We rejoice in our God of hope and love.

You held nothing back, Gardener of grace... With the faithful who have gone before us, with companions through this journey today, we offer glad songs of deliverance:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of steadfast love.

Creation sings your praises as on that first morning.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who brings grace to us. Hosanna in the highest!

You alone are holy, Hope of our lives... As we begin to follow him to Jerusalem, as we would choose to embrace his suffering, we speak of that free gift called faith:

Christ died, going into the wilderness of the grave;

Christ was raised, shattering the grip of sin and death;

Christ will come, so we might follow him to the New Jerusalem.

You hold nothing back from us as the Spirit comes to rest... 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 COMMUNION⁴

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "God be with You till we Meet Again" William B. Tomer

*POSTLUDE "Meditation on Southwell" By David Lasky

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg64

²A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group 2015, reprinted with permission pg87-88, 105

³Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies ©2019, reprinted with permission

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **TODAY**
immediately following the Worship Service
for the sole purpose of electing Glenna Morgan to the Deacons.
Glenna will fill the vacancy in our class of 2021 Deacons.

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.

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.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

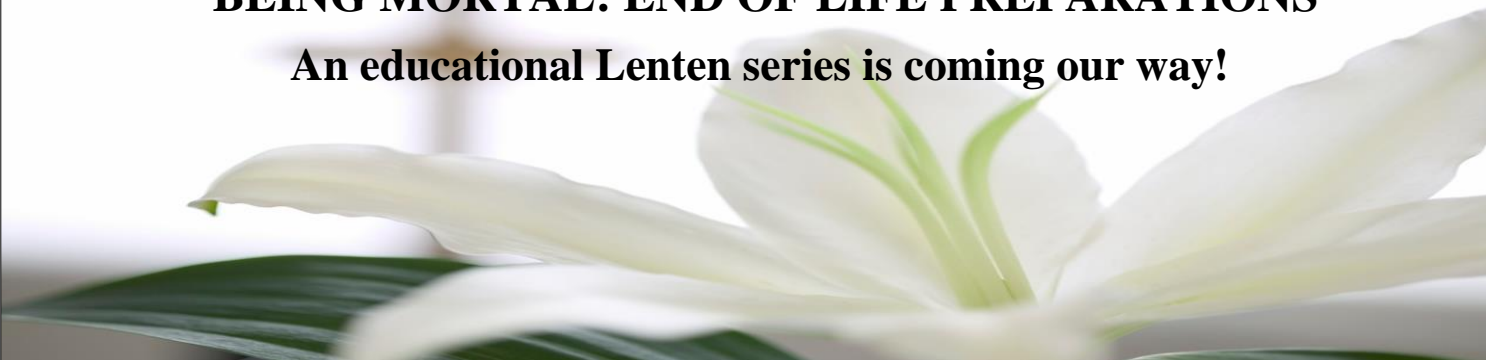
Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Ed (Terri H)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Sushma B
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Chuck C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
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)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)

Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Steve (Jane L's brother)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann Moorman's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
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

- **Friends/Family of Rita** (Maulding's friend)
- **Friends/Family of Cathy** (Groenewold neighbor)
- **B. Sanjeeva Rao** (Sushma's father)

BEING MORTAL: END OF LIFE PREPARATIONS

An educational Lenten series is coming our way!



Lent is a time when we reflect on our humanity as it relates to the life-giving promise of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We know our time on earth is limited and yet we often put off planning for the reality of our own life's earthly ending. On each of the last four Sundays in March we will be holding seminars to help us prepare for the ultimate reality of being mortal. These seminars will run from approximately 11:45am – 1:15pm.

This is the schedule of presenters and topics:

- March 8 – Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services will provide information on burial, cremation, costs, etc.
- March 15 – Rev. Magdalena Garcia of VITAS Healthcare will teach us about hospice and palliative care services.
- March 22 – Attorney Bill Kelley will discuss necessary legal documents for powers of attorney, living wills, and more.
- March 29 – Pastor Julie will walk us through preparation for our own funeral or memorial service.

Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join us in these discussions. These educational events are open to the public. PLEASE RSVP online so we can prepare our materials!!!

Schedule for 2020 Lent services:

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- **Palm Sunday Service**
5 April @ 10 am
 - **Maundy Thursday**
9 April @ 7 pm
 - **Easter Sunday Service**
12 April @ 10 am



You are invited to Church of the Cross's
Ladies Tea on March 14th @ 11:30 am.

Our theme this year is "The Language of Flowers"

Please rsvp online or in the lounge.

Church of the Cross
60th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, May 31st

1960 **60** 2020
YEARS



We are celebrating Church of the Cross's 60th Anniversary on Sunday, May 31st.

Please spread the word with former members you are still in contact with. Ask them to call the church office to let us know they are interested in having their names added to the event contact list. OR, point them to the website where they can add their names to the event contact list. Click on the EVENTS tab, scroll down to the "60 YEARS" link to click and submit contact information.

Thank you for getting the word out!!



The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. The most needed pantry items now are: Boxed Pasta; Large Cans of Soup; Canned Meats; Peaches & Pears



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 (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.



Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm - A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline

Calendar

For the week of March 1st

Sunday, March 1

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship & Communion
Congregational Meeting
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Tuesday, March 3

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Thursday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 8

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Pastor Julie is on study leave March 2-4.

Call any Deacon or Elder if you have a pastoral care emergency.

March

10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12 Thursday	13 Friday	14 Saturday	15 Sunday
	No Lunch with pastor 7:30 pm - Book Club	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir		11:30 am - Ladies tea	9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Worship Resource Schedule

Date	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22
	1 st Sunday in Lent	2 nd Sunday in Lent	3 rd Sunday in Lent	4 th Sunday in Lent
Worship Leader	K Groenewold	C Walker	J Buchholz	George Rogers
Disciple on Duty	Jim Vakoc			
Usher/Greeter	Buchholz	Amos	Keppel	B Lovell
Counter	B Groenewold	Jane Lesch		B Groenewold
Communion Set Up	Chris Lorentz			
Communion Servers	Pastor Julie			
	Ken Groenewold			
	Chris Lorentz			
Coffee Hour	Glenna	George Rogers	Judie Truelsen	

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Nursery Attendant: Delores Catalano

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Session

Elders, Class of 2020

Ken Groenewold
Mike Lorentz
Cathy Walker

Elders, Class of 2021

Sue Liautaud
Stu Rutter
Cheryl Wilkins

Elders, Class of 2022

Jane Lesch
Fritz Michaelis
Jim Vakoc

Deacons

Deacons, Class of 2020

Laura De La Cruz
Naana Grant-Acquah
Bob Groenewold

Deacons, Class of 2021

Karen Franz
Ann Moorman
Glenna Morgan
Judie Truelsen

Deacons, Class of 2022

Susan Buchholz
Chris Lorentz

Corporation Officers

Jim Letterer President
Larry Amos Vice President
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Pat Groenewold Secretary
Terry Maulding Member at large
Hank Morgan Member at large
Stu Truelsen Member at large
Jim Vakoc Member at large