



What is the
Kingdom OF God?

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

**Let us come together rejoicing. For nothing can separate us from the love of God.
Not life nor death. Not prejudice nor power. Not our grief nor our fears.
Not the wrongs we have done nor the wrongs done against us. Love comes to us still.
When nothing feels certain, this truth remains:
The Spirit is our constant companion, ushering us toward life.
Let every heart be lifted! The kin-dom of God is so close.
Nothing can keep love from enfleshing among us.**

OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

*recorded by COTC on 2-25-18
GTG #450; Blue #339*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God, your kingdom confounds us. You challenge our assumptions about right living and stretch our understanding of what holds worth. You reorder our priorities and reverse our expectations until they reflect your vision of well-being for all.

Your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace. But we cling to the values of this world, which privilege products over people, success over service, and competition for resources over the common good. Open us to new ways of living which embody your desire for creation and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 29:15-30

Jim L.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Students of the Kingdom”

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OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:26-39

Jim L.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC “Ave Verum” *Duet ~ Jane and Dave L*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN “Seek Ye First” *recorded @ COTC on 3-5-17
GTG #175; Blue #333*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

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²Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg143

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



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
Virgil B (friend of Karen)
Andree C
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Margaret E (Joe L's company president's Mom)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Donna F (Sue's/Jim aunt)
Karen F
Lori F (George R's OES friend)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Ricky G (Sue/Joe's nephew)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jacob (relative of John/Cheryl)

Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
Judy M
Klee (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Farida R (Laura D)
Ann S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
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
Our World and all victims and their families of the COVID-19 pandemic
Those who grieve for:

- **Bruce B** (Mike L's dear friend)
- **Terri Y** (Sue L's dear friend)
- **Ed R** (George R's OES friend)
- **Harriet S** (George R's OES friend)

VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



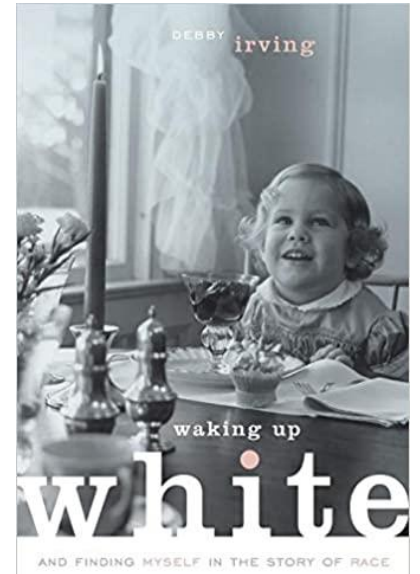
The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am.**

Ken G will provide Zoom access details so please contact him for access details.

Our study book is book Waking Up White by Debby Irving. Along with viewing the three-part documentary “RACE-The Power of An Illusion.” You will need to purchase the book on your own.

This study is an invitation for all of us to learn more about our own experience of race, along with the stories of people of color in American history and our world today. **EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.

TODAY, July 26, George R. will lead us through Waking Up White, sections “Rethinking Key Concepts” and “Twenty-five Year of Tossing and Turning” pgs 93-155



Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm.

We will be discussing "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall.

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

July 29	Matthew 14:13-21; Genesis 32:22-31	August 2
August 5	Matthew 14:22-33; Genesis 37:1-4,12-28	August 9
August 12	Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-18; Genesis 45:1-15	August 16
August 19	No CLASS – Pastor Julie on vacation	August 23
August 26	Matthew 16:21-28; Exodus 3:1-15	August 30
September 2	Matthew 18:15-20; Exodus 12:1-14	September 6



Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald.

The Men's Bible Study's next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:00 pm. We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details. If you do not have a copy of the book, *A Resilient Life*, consider ordering from Amazon.

PACK THE BUS



Join us for a school supply drive for District 54 low-income students!

1 Pack the Bus Event

No-contact drop-off
Saturday, August 1st
9 - 3pm at Target.

2621 W. Schaumburg Rd.

2 Drop-off at the Township

No-contact drop-off through the
end of August at:

1 Illinois Blvd. Hoffman Estates

3 Purchase Supplies Online

Ship supplies directly to the
Township. Access the wish
list at:

<https://bit.ly/3f2YTeo>

4 Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are
also welcome. Proceeds
will help District 54
purchase items not
received.

Questions? Check our website at schaumburgtownship.org or call
(847)884-0030 for more information!

Sample supply list on back!



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SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST ²⁰²⁰⁻2021

Supply list as of July 2020, subject to change.

Glue Sticks
Highlighters
Scissors
Markers
1" 3 ring hard binders, white (w/ clear plastic cover)
Pocket folders w/ fasteners
Back pack/school bag (3 ring binder needs to fit inside)
Crayons, 36, 24, and 16 count
Colored pens
Supply box, standard size
Pencils No. 2 lead
Dry erase markers
Post-It Notes/sticky notes, 3x3
Tissues (unscented/no lotion)
Colored pencils 24 count
Spiral notebooks (wide ruled)
Plastic zipper bags, quart and gallon sizes
Gym shoes
Art smock
Pink Erasers
Zippered pencil pouch
12" plastic ruler (inches and centimeters)
White glue bottles
Red pens
Binder dividers (set of 5)
Handheld sharpener with cover for shavings
Flash drive (4GB minimal)



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FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 9-1PM.**

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website schaumburgtownship.org. Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
- Tomato Products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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<http://a.co/9YbUnas>

*Please note the list will be updated regularly - we have no brand preference

