

Way of the

CROSS

Matthew 16:21-28

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Julie Peterson

From whirlwind and burning bush, in still of night and in sheer silence—

God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground—

God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Come, God is calling.

Let us worship the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*recorded @ COTC 3-8-20
GTG #49; Blue#488*

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, and God of love!**

**The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.**

**Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet’s word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.**

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cathy W.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers which privilege some and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us we pray. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to look upon our neighbors in need, and open our hearts to respond with compassion, so we might follow the way of Christ.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

GTG#390 (*repeat each line 1x*)



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

Exodus 3:1-15

Cathy W.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Challenge of Discipleship”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(*Grant us Peace*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

Cathy W.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“O Love”

COTC Choir 5-13-18

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

“Will you Come and Follow Me”

recorded @ COTC on 9-18-18, GTG #726



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4. Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call
 5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true when You but call



your name? _____ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er
 your name? _____ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 my name? _____ Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er



be the same? _____ Will you let My love be shown, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare _____
 be the same? _____ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found _____
 be the same? _____ In Your com - pa - ny I'll go _____



— will you let My name be known? _____ Will you let My
 — should your life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you let Me
 — and do such as this un - seen, _____ and ad - mit to
 — to re - shape the world a - round _____ through my sight and
 — where Your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in Me? _____
 an - swer prayer in you and you in Me? _____
 what I mean in you and you in Me? _____
 touch and sound in you and you in Me? _____
 live and grow in You and You in me. _____

BENEDICTION

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg 158

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

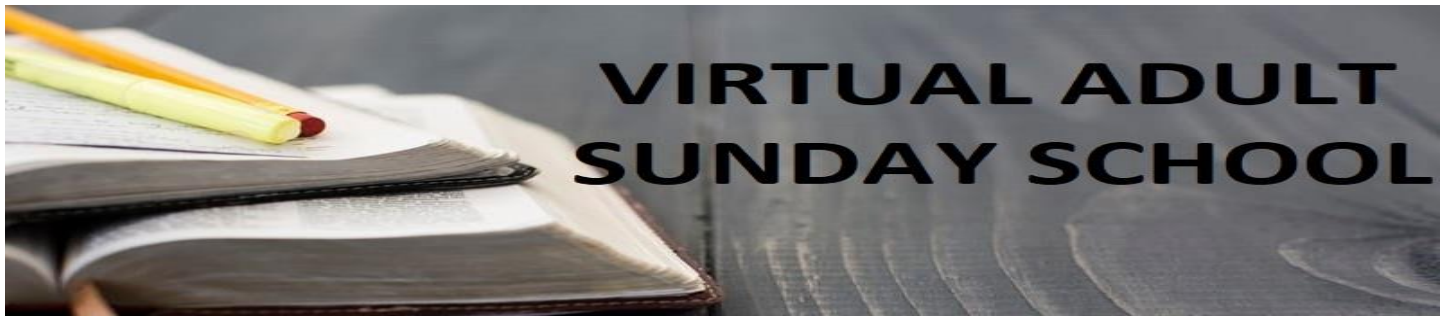


DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

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

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Addie (Donna H's friend)
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 (Jim/Sue's 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)
James and Sandra (friends 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)
Shannan (Terri H's niece)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
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
Those who grieve
Our world and all victims/families affected by COVID-19



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

Our study book is “The Color of Compromise. The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism” by Jemar Tisdie. The book tells the story of how people of faith have historically - up to now - worked against racial Justice. **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.

Sunday, August 30th, the class will begin by having a general discussion on the new book and planning for future classes.



Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid. 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.

September 2	Matthew 18:15-20; Exodus 12:1-14
September 9	Matthew 18:21-35; Exodus 14:19-31
September 16	Matthew 20:1-16; Exodus 16:2-15
September 23	Matthew 21:23-32; Exodus 17:1-17
September 30	Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20



Men's Bible Study will meet two times in September, the 9th and the 23rd. Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

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

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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