



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

God is the practice of radical imagination.

God is the freedom to dream of abundance and flourishing.

God is the practice of adaptability and change.

God is the power to break patterns which destroy life and relationships.

God is the practice of justice that transforms.

God is the work which mends, heals, and builds anew.

We remember and rejoice. This is the God who dwells with us.

Among us and within us, God is here.

OPENING HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

GTG #721; Blue #377

**Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.**

Refrain: **O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.**

**You, know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. ... Refrain...**

**You, need my hands full of caring, through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. ... Refrain...**

**You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. ... Refrain...**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{1 & 2}

Cathy W.

**Savior Christ, we confess that though we have heard You call our name, we
have been reluctant to follow You. We are stubborn to live into Your ways of
justice, ways which call us to dismantle structures which empower us over others.
We hesitate to turn away from systems that benefit us. We squirm when called to
repentance, unwilling to abandon the worldly systemic sin which creates wealth
and power for some, and requires others to go without.**

**Forgive us. Call us into repentance, and call us by name, so we may turn our
hearts to You. Holy Wonder, Crafter of the Universe, wild and free is Your Spirit.
Come and rouse our longings. Stir our imaginations. Liberate our thinking.
Where we have grown more attached to the familiar than to your hopes for us, help
us to release control. May we be willing to take the risks necessary to bring about
the world we desire.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG#582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Jesus Loves Me"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-32a

Cathy W.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Following"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08

Cathy W.

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“I Feel the Spirit”

The Choir


PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cathy W.


CLOSING HYMN

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”


GTG #53



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de-spair in wan - der-ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



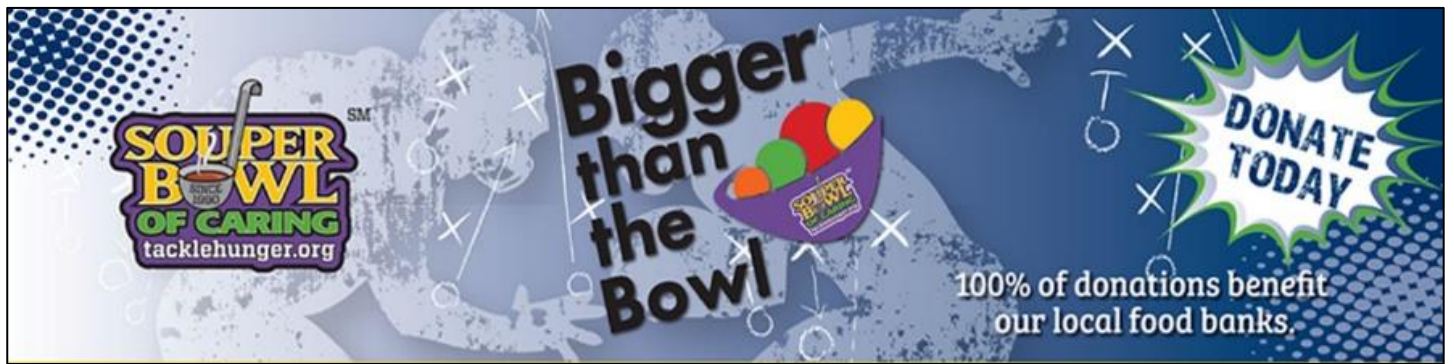
Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

BENEDICTION

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²Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

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On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th, Church of the Cross will be participating in the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring.

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

You can mail a check to the office or use the Donate function on our website to support our local food pantry.

Please choose the ‘Other’ option and put “Souper Bowl” in the comments if you donate via the website.



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



Prayer REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Joyce A (friend of George R)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
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)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Lori F (George R's OES friend)
Gabi (Mother of Sue/Joe's son-in-law)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)

Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Lois McP
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Ann & Geoff S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Those who are caregivers
Those devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those affected by the devastating forest fires
Those who grieve

- **Family of Billy Costello** (Julie's friend)
- **Family of Joel** (friend of Jim/Susan)



ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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 Zoom session.

January 27	Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
February 3	Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 10	Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
February 17 (<i>Ash Wed</i>)	Mark 1:9-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22



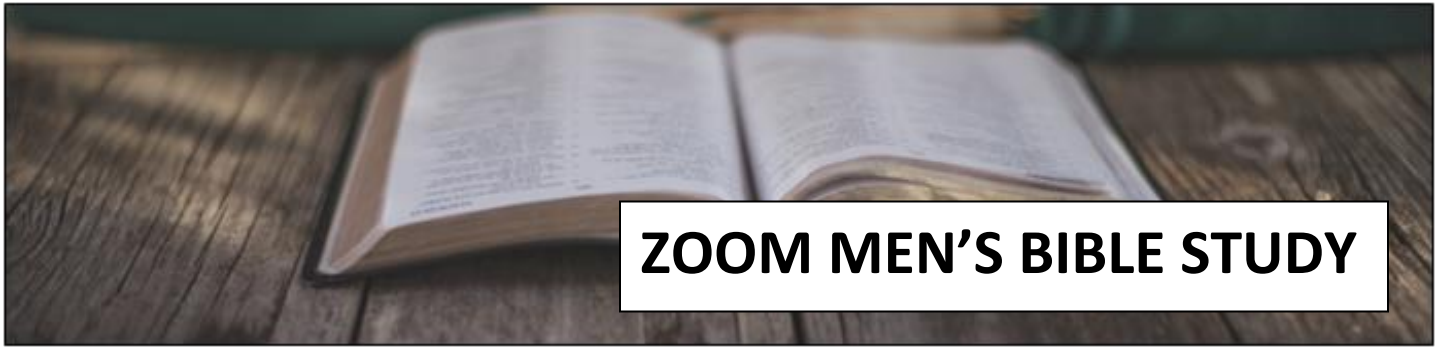
ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting is on:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Our current book is **An Irish Country Doctor** by Patrick Taylor

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



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on February 10th & February 24th. Meetings start at 7 pm.

Our current study is on the book **ISAIAH Trusting God in Troubled Times** by Howard Peskett.

We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details.



ZOOM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Our current study book is Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World

by Walter Brueggemann.

EVERYONE is invited to join the study!

Let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES

Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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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