

**‘I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR
HEARTS, AND I WILL WRITE
THEM ON THEIR MINDS.’**

November 14, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

*475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 885-1199*

Welcome all ~ Share God’s Love ~ Offer Hope ... all in Jesus’ name!

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE “Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart” *Morecambe Setting by J.R Powell* Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” *Thomas Tallis*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 16:7-9, 11* Pastor Julie

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

You show me the path of life.
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*OPENING HYMN “My Soul Cries Out with A Joyful Shout” *GTG #100*

CALL TO CONFESSION Cathy W.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{1/2}

We must admit, Holy Listener, we are more likely to be irritated by the lives of others, rather than being provoked to love them. When we are called to encourage those around us, too often our actions and words discourage them. Offered lives of peace and hope, we wander around filled with anxiety and despair. We confess we turn to our own assurance and comforts instead of seeking You. We look to the ways of the world to measure ourselves instead of Your commandments and wisdom.

Forgive us, Rock of Redemption. Forgive us when our actions of holiness are empty and meaningless. Forgive us when we have mistaken an institution for authentic relationship. Cleanse our hearts, so we might be more loving. Keep us on the path of faithfulness, so we might find those whom we are called to serve. Give us your words, so we might confess your hope offered to all who are broken, who are lost, who cry out to You. Call us into the work of Your love, justice, and mercy. In the name of Christ we pray. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Day by Day”

*K Sandell-Berg, W D Young
words—Richard of Chichester*

**Day by day, day by day, oh, dear Lord, three things I pray.
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Day by day by day by day by day.**

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

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

Cathy W.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Do Not be Alarmed”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

*HYMN

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!”

GTG #839

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

Cathy W.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY	“Sing for Joy”	<i>Henry Purcell, arr. Hal Hopson</i>
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		Cathy W.
*CLOSING HYMN	“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”	<i>GTG #837</i>
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION	“Go Now in Peace”	<i>Israeli Traditional</i>
*POSTLUDE	“Allegro”	<i>by V.Norsa</i> Robert K.

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

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**A Special Congregational Meeting for Church of the Cross
is called for November 14 immediately following worship.**

The meeting is called for the sole purpose of electing new officers for the positions of Deacon & Elder.

Deacons: Class of 2022 ~ Lois McPherson

Class of 2024 ~ Nancy Keppel, Sue Letterer, Jeff Peterson

Elders: Class of 2022 ~ Stu Truelsen

Class of 2024 ~ Charlie Keppel, Ken Groenewold, Sue Liautaud

Nominating Team for 2022 ~ George Rogers, Ann Scheerer, Cheryl Wilkins




Prayer
REQUESTS

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Sushma B
Andree C
Connie (Karen F's friend)
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-in-law)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Jennifer DLC
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Abby F (Chris/Mike's granddaughter)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)

Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Charlie K
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Chris L
Pam L
Phyllis L
Luca (Ann S's grandson)
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
George R
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Ralph T (Jim/Sue's friend)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Carter W (Dave W's grandson)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those who grieve

LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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



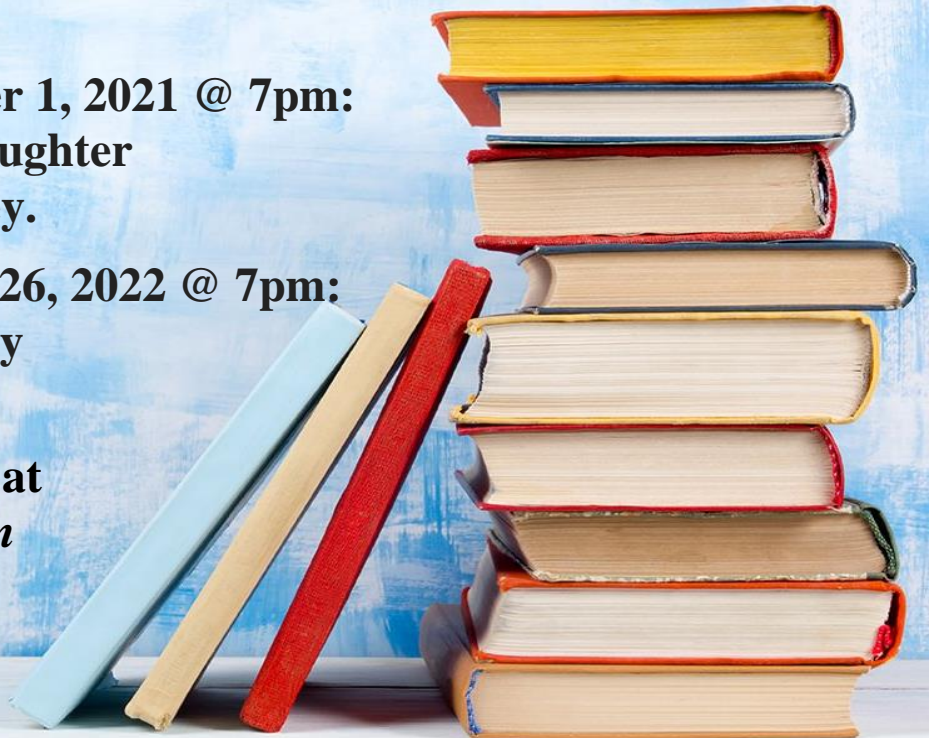
November 17	John 18:33-37; Revelation 1:4b-8
November 24	Luke 21:25-36; Jeremiah 33:14-16
December 1	NO CLASS ~ Julie on vacation

ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 @ 7pm:
The Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 7pm:
The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles

Please email Judie at
judietrue@gmail.com
for Zoom details





POINSETTIA SALE

**Purchases can be
made on Sundays in
the Narthex on
November 21,
November 28 &
December 5.**

\$15 per Poinsettia

CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

**We are collecting donations
to provide Aldi's Gift Cards for
Lakeview Elementary School
families that are in need.**

**Please make checks payable to COTC
and indicate "Christmas Gift Card" in
the memo line.**

**Donations will be accepted through
Sunday, December 5th.**



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