



Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

7:00 pm

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

From dust we came, and to dust we shall return.

While we are here, we worship the Living God.

We have nothing and yet possess everything.

We are dying, and yet we are alive!

OPENING HYMN

“Be Still My Soul”

GTG #819 (choir version)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to your God to order and provide,
in every change, he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

RESPONSIVE EVENING PRAYER²

Pastor Julie

Holy One, you have embodied us. You, our wise creator, have shaped us with bones and coated us with flesh; and in features as in voice you have made each one unique.

You have embodied us.

Our body is a home we can never leave; for though our hearts may take us to heaven and our minds lead us to hell, our feet are firmly grounded.

You have embodied us.

You have embodied us and more than this, you have made us your body joining us to flesh and blood, hearts and minds, purposes and passions not our own.

You have joined us to the starving poor in India, to Pentecostals in Zimbabwe and Mennonites in Paraguay; to threatened Christians in the Middle East and respected

believers in Cuba, and, to the widows and orphans whom Jesus loves and to the beggars and prostitutes among whom Jesus sits through the world.

You have embodied us.

You are the womb from which all came, you are the life on which all depends, you are the destiny which lies before us, you are the Eternal Word whom Jesus embodied.

You have embodied us, Holy One, and so we trust, we praise you, we pray to you as we have been taught...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TAIZÉ SONG (*sing 2x*)

"Wait for the Lord"

GTG #90

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Ken G.

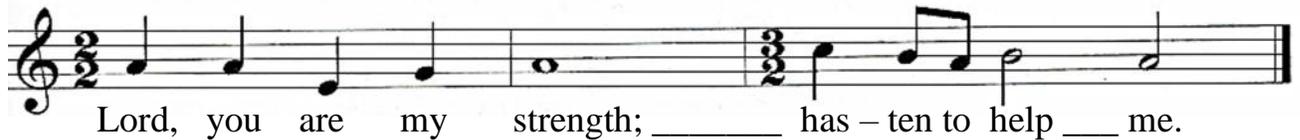
RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Sung Refrain



Lord, you are my strength; _____ has - ten to help ___ me.

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

Sung Refrain (see above)

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Sung Refrain (see above)

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain with your bountiful Spirit.

Let me teach your ways to offenders, and sinners shall be restored to you.

Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

Sung Refrain (see above)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For you take no delight in sacrifice; if I would give it. You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise.

Sung Refrain (see above)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Julie

RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (2x)

GTG # 595

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord**

BOLD TEXT is read by the congregation.

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SCRIPTURE READING Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 11:22b-25
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EVENING MEDITATION

Pastor Julie

HYMN “Kum ba Yah” (*vs 1, 4, 1*) GTG # 472; Blue #338

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah!
Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah!
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum by yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

~~ PRESENTING OURSELVES TO GOD ~~

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE²

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING²

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to God.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for the life you lived among us, speaking our language, learning our ways, sitting at our tables, listening to our complaints and never giving up on us, never giving up on us.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for never compromising the truth by which you lived, for refusing to be swayed by popular opinion, for confronting institutionalized prejudice and never selling your soul, never selling your soul.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for loving the unlovable, touching the untouchable, forgiving the unforgivable, recognizing the gold beneath the dross, the potential beneath the pain, and never taking an easier path, never taking an easier path.

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise for in the face of our small-mindedness you, Jesus, have shown us God and God's kingdom in fascinating beauty and converting power. So we gladly celebrate your life, as in concert with the church in heaven and earth we join the song of your ending praise.

So we gladly celebrate your life, as in concert with the church in heaven and on earth we join the song of your unending praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Oh, Holy Jesus, it is not by virtue we are here, but by your gracious invitation. It is not to continue an ancient tradition but to be nourished our living Lord. It is not only to celebrate your presence among us but to catch a glimpse of heaven, because, in this sacrament, you give us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet where we shall see you face to face and enjoy the freedom of eternity when the limitations of earth are no more.

God our Maker; as you gave your people water from a rock in the desert and fed them with bread in the wilderness, let your Holy Spirit fill his bread and this cup with the fullness of Jesus so we, in stretching out our hands, receive through faith, food for our souls. In the intimacy of this sacrament, as heaven and earth become one, enable us to know you more deeply and resolve to love, honor and serve you more faithfully in this world, until your kingdom comes again. Amen.

COMMUNING TOGETHER

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ken G.

Holy God show us how to faithfully trust You and your power in our lives. Show us how to have faith in our hearts and trust You hear and answer our prayers. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus throughout our mortal lives until that day when you bring us home and our earthly bodies return to the dust from which You created us. Give us strength to serve this world in faithful service until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES ~ *A Time of Silent Contemplation*

Pastor Julie

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“O Lamb of God”

by Twila Paris

CLOSING HYMN

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

GTG #833; Blue #384

**O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.**

**O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.**

**O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.**

**O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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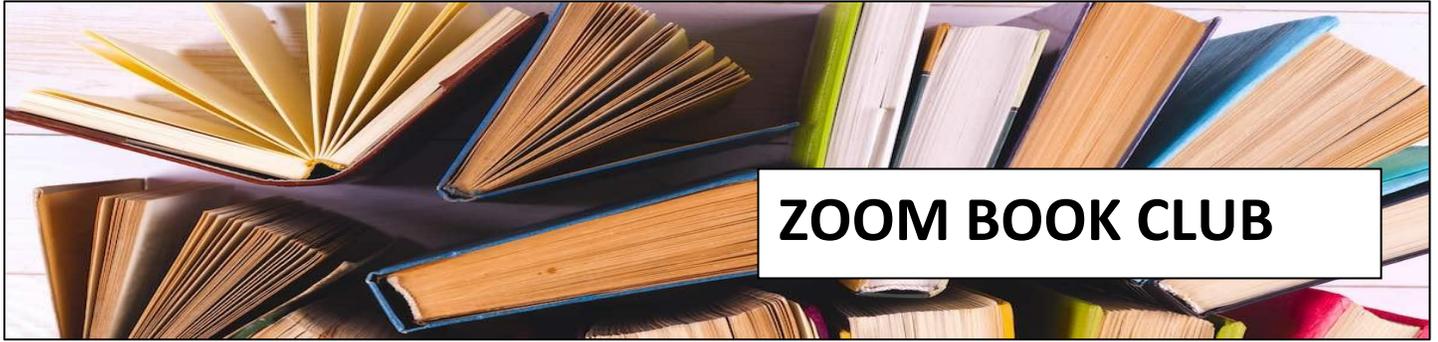
Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



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)
Dee B (former member)
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
Geri S (Adelaide's neighbor)
Martin S (Sue/Jim's friend)
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 who grieve



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

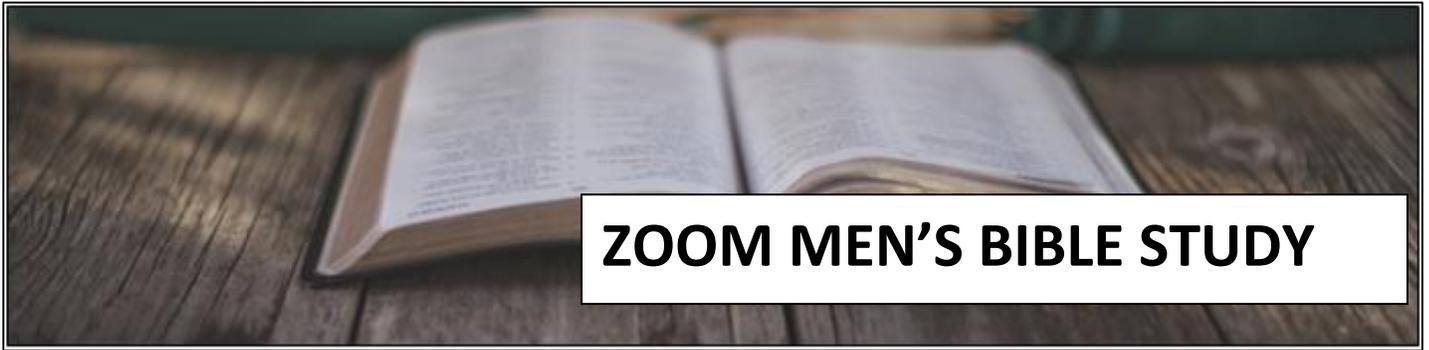
Our next Book Club meeting is on: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.
Our current book is **"The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend"**
by Katarina Bivald
If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



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.

February 24	Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25
March 3	John 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
March 10	John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on 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 11:45 am.

We will begin our Lenten Study on February 21st.

The Lenten Study Book is Making Sense of the Cross by David J Lose.

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

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FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

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FOOD DONATIONS:

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- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
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- Canned or Dry Beans
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