



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 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

*PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Cathy W.

When the disciples were certain that Jesus was dead,
he stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Let us watch for the risen Christ this day,
bursting in with new life and new hope.

Easter people, Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

OPENING HYMN

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

GTG #248; Blue #104

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end!**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Cathy W.

**What love you have given us, O God, that we should be called your children.
What love you have given us, O Christ, that we should share a table with you.
Forgive us when we act as if we were your only children: when we do not
recognize your image in the faces of strangers, enemies, or friends; when we
do not share our own tables, forgetting that we need each other. Forgive us,
O Christ, maker of peace, and teach us to follow in your way.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-7

Cathy W.

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

SERMON

“The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector”

The Rev. Ken Hockenberry

Stated Clerk and Interim Business Director of the Chicago Presbytery

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Cathy W.

We believe in God — Creator of shoreline and mountain range, who fashions a world of beauty, splashes it with color, renews it with rain and blesses it with sun; who made us to see and appreciate the variety around us and calls us to delight and cherish in it; who turns darkness into day, despair into hope and dead ends into living options.

We believe in the Risen Christ — still present to each of us, turning our eyes from death to life, beckoning us to look up and out to see God at work all around us, to look into the eyes of another and know they too are God’s beloved, to look into a mirror and see ourselves loved and cherished.

We believe in the Holy Spirit — mysterious yet as real as the wind; a force for good, for justice, for reconciliation; blowing away hatred and fear, stirring up the dull and bored, kindling hope and joy.

This we believe. God, help us live as we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Ancient Words”

by Lynn Deshazo; cello-Dave L.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

GTG #203; Blue#367

Refrain: **Jesus, Jesus, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. ~ sing refrain ~**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. ~ sing refrain ~**

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. ~ sing refrain ~**

**Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet;
this is the way we should live like you. ~ sing refrain ~**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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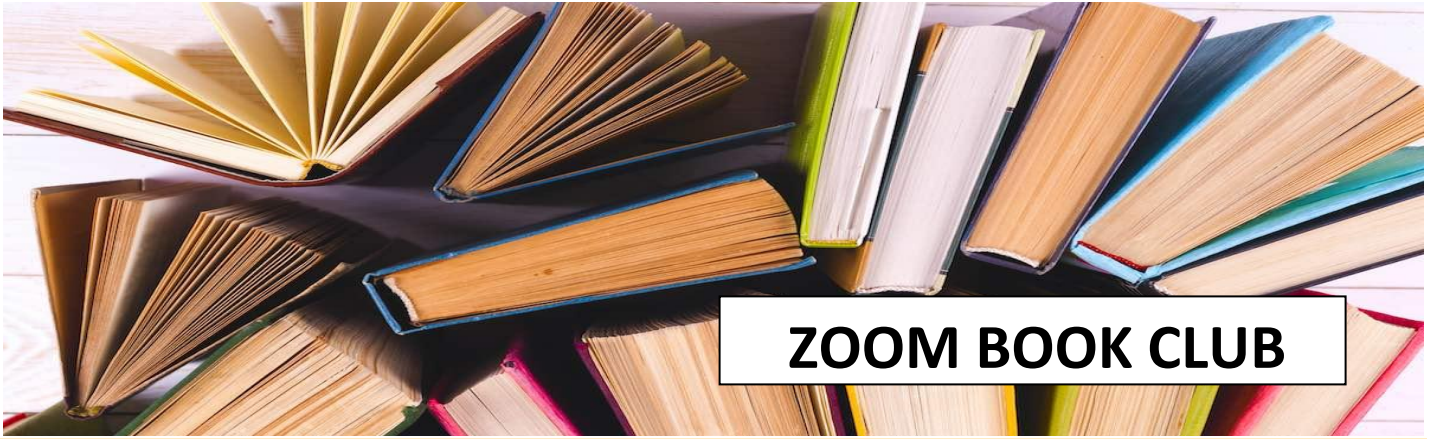
Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



Prayer
REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
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-in-law)
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
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)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Pam L
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
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
Lois McP
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)
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
- **Victoria and family** (Laura's friend)



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Our current book is **"This Tender Land"** by William Ken Krueger
If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and
she will send you a Zoom invitation.

PHYSICAL

DISTANCING

COFFEE

HOUR



Coffee Hour is back on Sundays!

The Sign-up Sheet is in the lounge or you can email Glenna M. to sign up.
We are asking that you only supply cookies in snack bags, in addition to
setting up the coffee.



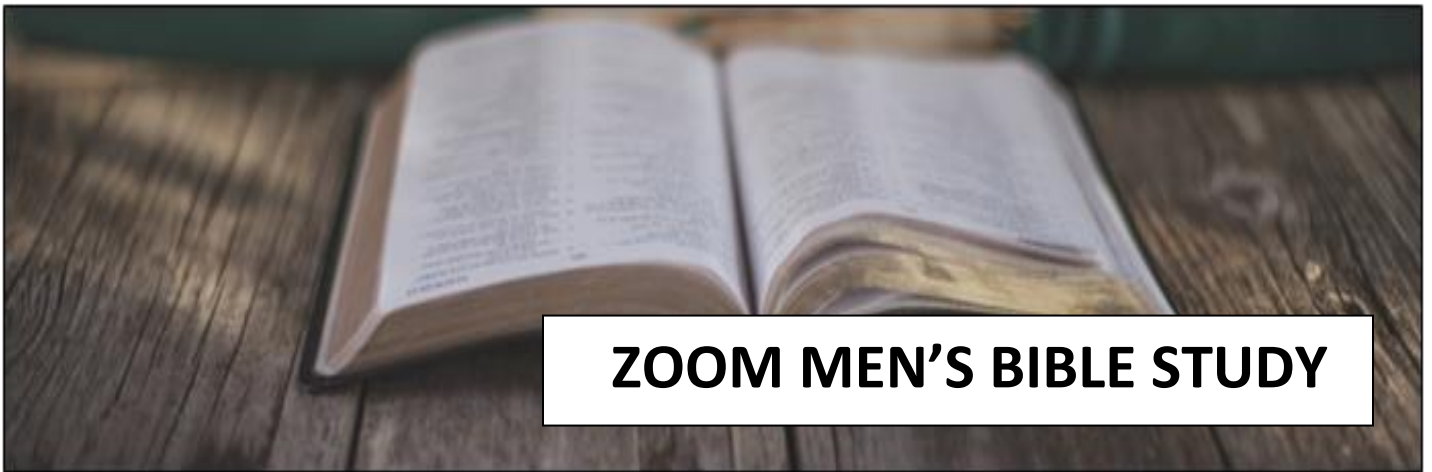
ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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 the Zoom session.

April 21	John 10:11-18; Acts 4:5-12
April 28	John 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40
May 5	John 15:9-17; Acts 10:44-48



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on April 28th

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 continue our study of Brueggemann’s “Materiality as Resistance” on April 18th

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

- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes