

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arranged by Joel Raney Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SESSION UPDATE

Stu T.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

This body of Christ is a holy collection of lives and stories
Braided into each other, the one is made of the many.

This body, God has woven together:
That we may find our hope in each other.
That we may hold grief in community.
That we may remember no life is disposable.

By the Spirit, we are made one body.
Joined together, let us seek the flourishing of all
and celebrate that the Word of God is our strength.

OPENING HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto to my Feet" GTG #458

CALL TO CONFESSION

Stu T.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{1/2 adapted}

Creator of all, though you have shaped us as an ecosystem, we are surrounded by illusions of individualism. Resources are privatized. People suffer in isolation. Even joy is hoarded. We confess we have wandered from your light. We follow paths of self-indulgence, instead of focusing on our need of you. We passively accept the suffering of the world, expecting others to stand up and work for the change we would like to see.

Lord, in your strength, renew us and compel us by your invitation so we may work to pursue your justice and mercy for all people, sharing your light in ways great and small. Make us a community brave and vulnerable enough to live in your ways, so we may become so much more together than we could ever be alone. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONSE OF JOY

"Jesus Loves Me"

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-12

Stu T.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"...anointed to bring good news..."

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18, 27,

As the Apostle Paul reminds us: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ...as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as God chose."

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it. We have been anointed with a variety of gifts to bring good news to the poor, hope for the hopeless, food for the hungry, and love to the world. Thus, we "strive for the greater gifts" and seek "a still more excellent way."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"I Feel the Spirit" *by Don Besig*

The Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Stu R.

CLOSING HYMN

"I, The Lord of Sea and Sky"

GTG #69

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"March in D" *by Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. by George Blake*

Robert K.

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CONGREGATION MEETING

**Join us next Sunday, January 30, after worship for
our Annual Congregation Meeting via Zoom.**



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



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
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)
Erica D.
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Cecily (Laura D)
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
Geri & (Son/wife) **Brian/Kim** (Adelaide's neighbor)
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)
Pam L
Phyllis L
Bob L. (friend of Judy T)
Luca (Ann S's grandson)
Ms Bernie & Ernie M (friends of Adelaide)
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Matt / family & an employee
(friends of Cheryl and John)
Nathan P (Jeff/Julie's son)
George R
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Tom T (Chris L's brother-in-law)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Carter W (Dave W's grandson)
Yao (Adelaide's friend)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Families who grieve losses

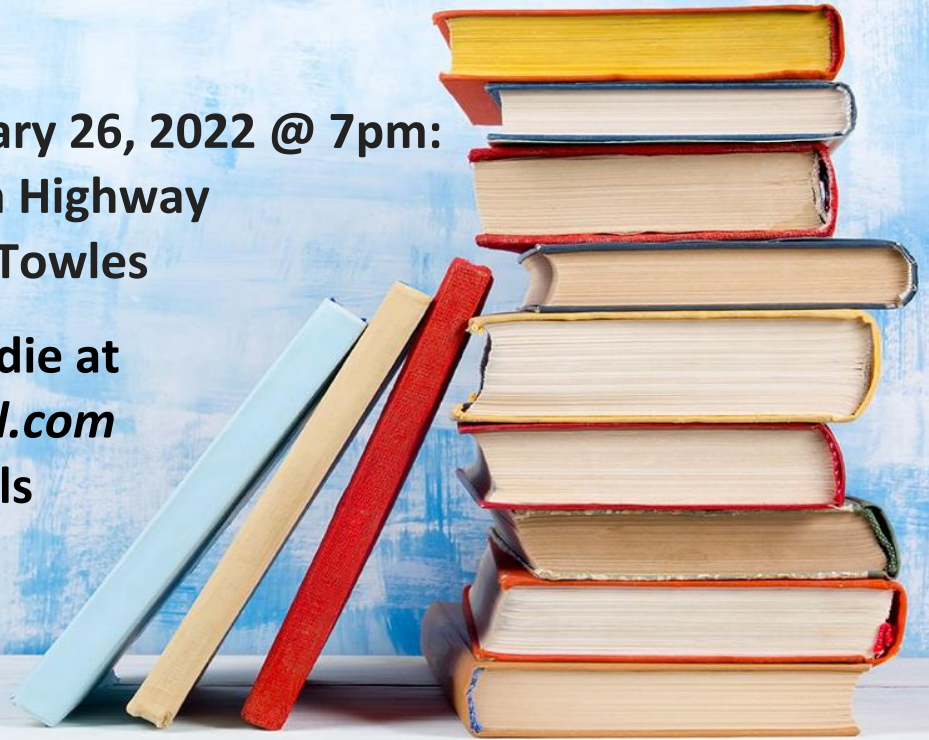
- **Virgil Abloh** (Adelaide's nephew)
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ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 @ 7pm:

**The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles**

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**The group meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon.
We are currently studying “Tattoos on the Heart”**

By Gregory Boyle

Everyone is invited to join the study!

Please Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY


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.

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.



January 26	Luke 4:21-30; Jeremiah 1:4-10
February 2	Luke 5:1-11; Isaiah 6:1-13
February 9	Luke 6:17-26; Jeremiah 17:5-10

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