

Go and Do Likewise
Luke 10:25-37



CHURCH OF THE CROSS
19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019

10:00 am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Lord, I Need You" by Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" Darwell's 148th

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

God calls us as we are, for God made us;

God leads us into the way of truth and righteousness.

Christ calls us where we are, to do what we are made to do;

Christ calls us to follow, to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The Spirit calls us to use our God-given gifts;

The Spirit moves us to practice kindness and compassion.

Come, for God is calling you.

Enter this time of worship, to be called, to be sent, and to serve.

*HYMN No. 63 "The Lord Is God"

CALL TO CONFESSION Stewart Truelsen

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

God Who Calls, we confess we are not often paying attention. We are caught up in our own worries and concerns. We know your voice, but the voices of the world overwhelm us. Guide us to perceive your still, small voice which reminds us of who we are, as your beloved children. Help us listen for your voice which reminds us that what is required is to do justice, love mercy, and live humbly with you. Keep this knowledge ever before us—your voice is always calling us back, to repentance, forgiveness, and love. God Who Calls, we are your sheep, and we know the Shepherd's voice. Help us to follow always.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 "Jesus Loves Me" *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stewart Truelsen

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:13-4:5

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

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SERMON

"Our Biblical Stories: Week 4"

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN NO. 771 "What is the World Like"

*A CELEBRATION OF FAITH: WORKING TOGETHER²

by Rex A.E Hunt

We are a cloth of diverse colours made from many gifts and graces. We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done. We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears. We commit ourselves to work together, that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*CHORAL OFFERTORY "Never a Step Will You Walk Alone" Pepper Choplin
- Hansen Melvin, percussion

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Stewart Truelsen

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 747 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION NO. 752 "Dona Nobis" Anonymous

*POSTLUDE "Sunshine In My Soul" by Mark Hayes

¹Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

²Rex A. E. Hunt website. <http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **November 3rd** immediately following the Worship Service for the purpose of electing the following officers:

Elders: Jane Lesch – 2nd term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Fritz Michaelis - 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Jim Vakoc – 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)

Deacons: Susan Buchholz – 1st term ending in 2022 (3-year term)
Karen Franz – 2nd term ending in 2021 (2-year term)
Chris Lorentz – 2nd term ending in 2022 (3-year term)

At-Large Members of the Nominating Team:

Donna Haffron - 1 year, 2020
Nancy Keppel – 1 year, 2020
Sara Murray - 1 year, 2020

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



*Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin
and hymns are available from an usher.*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
George (friend of Ken G)
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Kelly H (Cathy W's friend)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Terry H
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)

Charlie K
Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Mary Jo (Jim B's co-worker)
Glenna M
Judy M
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jerry N (friend of Judie T)
Jann & Mickey P (Jeff P's parents)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Joan & George R
John R (former COTC member)
Ann S
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

**If you are a visitor today, please fill out one of our visitor cards.
If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.**

Please drop your card in the offering plate.

EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY

The following procedure will be followed when making the decision to close the church and communicate same to employees, volunteers, and the entire congregation.

1. The Pastor will confer with the Worship Leader, the Disciple on Duty, and the Clerk of Session (*or the President of the Corporation if the Clerk of Session is not available*).
2. The decision to close the church and not hold a church service will be made by that group **no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled start** of the morning activities. Which for Sunday morning worship means 8 a.m.
3. Once a decision is made to close the church, the Pastor will send a robo phone call out to the entire congregation.
4. The Worship Leader will contact the Choir Director and Pianist/Organist directly to ensure they are aware.
5. The Clerk of session will contact the Fellowship Host to ensure they are aware.

Café Hours



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at, Tous Les Jours

20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (*corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot*)

Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.

COTC 60th Anniversary in 2020

It may not seem that long, but Church of the Cross has been bringing hope in the name of Jesus Christ for 60 years!

Sue Letterer has agreed to chair an anniversary committee to plan our celebration... and Sue needs help. If you are a history buff, or simply interested in being a part of planning our celebration for our 60th anniversary, please let Sue know right away.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

➔ Elgin Crop Hunger Walk

Session would like you to know Cheryl Wilkins is participating in the Crop Hunger Walk TODAY—October 20th. She invites you to join her at the walk or sponsor her. If you are interested in supporting, check with her in person or go to this link:

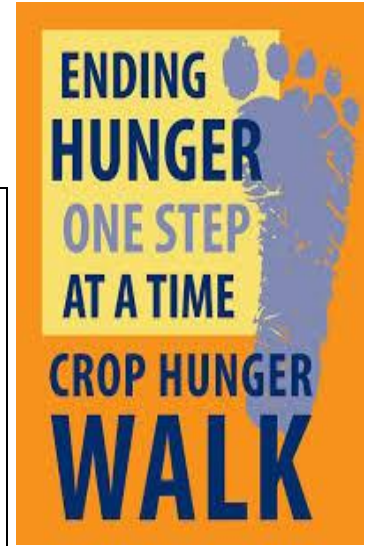
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/cherylwilkins>

Let's fight against hunger together!

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

I'm excited to be part of it and would love to have you join me on this journey. The steps we take - and the funds we raise - will make a real impact!

- Cheryl



➔ Food Pantry

The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. The pantry items needed now are:

Pancake Mix & Syrup	Potatoes & Yams	Boxed Pasta
Cereal & Juice	Cranberry Sauce	Tomato Products



➔ Feed My Starving Children

Our next date is November 9th

Please sign up online or in the lounge.



➔ Public Action to Deliver Shelter

Our next date is November 15th

The theme is "Cook's Choice"

Please sign up online or in the lounge.

