



All Saints Remembrance Day

November 3, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Bless the Lord"

By Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

"O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"

Donald Moore

During the Choral Introit, you are invited to come forward to light a candle or two in memory of your loved one(s).

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

from Hebrews 11:1, 39; 12:1-2

Rev. Julie Peterson

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

The conviction of things not seen.

By faith our ancestors trusted in God's ways;

By faith they waited for what was promised.

We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Who lead us to Jesus, the pioneer and protector of our faith.

We gather in this moment, in communion with our God,

And with the love and encouragement of all who led the way.

*HYMN No. 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cathy Walker

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Almighty God, we confess we have committed the same sins as our ancestors. We have ignored Your ways and settled for empty words and actions. We have forgotten to love our neighbors and instead have taken advantages of systems of privilege and oppression for ourselves. We have failed to heed the warnings of the prophets, of times past and present.

But there is still time, O God. We know there is still time to turn back to You. There is still time to make reparations for the wrongs of the past and present. There is still time to do justice and pursue peace. There is still time to forgive and seek reconciliation whenever possible. God, lead us into this time: a time of healing and hope, a time of restoration. Forgive us, restore us, and send us out to share the Gospel, the Good News of Your love for the world.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 596

“You Are Holy”

*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

Cathy Walker

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

3 John 1:5-8

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our Biblical Stories: Week 6”

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN No. 684

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY¹

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters,
husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past
year from our lives, knowing that they are in your heart forever.

*As we raised the name of a loved one, we will pause to remember,
pray, and give thanks for their life. (A bell will toll.)*

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God,
and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not
be forgotten. We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to
join you beyond this life.

**We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life
in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the
name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*CHORAL OFFERTORY " Old Time Religion Medley" Mark Hayes

Solo by Jeff Peterson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Cathy Walker

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 504 "We Come as Guests Invited"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING^{1,2}

May the God of all saints be with you.

May God bless you as well.

Children of God, offer your hearts to the One who loves you.

We will empty ourselves so we can be filled with grace.

People of God, sing your praises to the One who loves you.

We will offer the new songs taught to all creation.

Creator of the Universe, You have created out of chaos, pulling stars and planets out of the explosion of atoms, and you settled an order of revolution and rotation in our spinning galaxy.

**In the disorder of our lives, you are a constant song,
a voice which calls us into the order of life through your love.**

You have shaped us from stardust, and sing into us a song of justice, of peace, and of mercy. Help us to find our rhythm in the movement of this universe, and to listen for your song when the noises of the world we have created are overwhelming.

**Help us to find that deep down, we are still made by
you, in your image, from the dust of the beginning.**

Out of the chaos of life, you breathe into us new life,
sing your song, and help us find our way in this universe.

**Here at this Table, gathered with our sisters and brothers, we ask
you to pour out your Spirit upon us as well as the bread and the cup.**

The bread, in all its brokenness, symbolizes our true inheritance—
weakness which overwhelms all power, meekness which welcomes
the weak and lonely.

**The cup, with its grace overflowing, is your greatest blessing,
filling us with peace and reconciliation so we might pour
ourselves out for a broken world.**

This we ask in the name of our Triune God—Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND LIFTING OF THE CUP

COMMUNING TOGETHER

Communion is open to all who are baptized from every Christian faith. Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by way of the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup of juice, partake of it, and then return by the side aisles to your seat. A server will bring communion to those less able to come forward. The bread is gluten/dairy free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Holy One, the veil between us and the great cloud of witnesses is sometimes very thin. We know those who have gone before us are still very much with us—in our memories, our laughter, our tears. You remind us we are not alone and what we do today matters. Help us to be faithful in our daily lives. Transform us through the love of Jesus Christ as symbolized here in the bread and the cup. Lead us in faithful service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 326 “For All the Saints”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Fourfold Amen" I.L. Jennings

*POSTLUDE "Bind Us Together" by Mark Hayes

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

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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)
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
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
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.

TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS WERE GIVEN TO CELEBRATE:

"The bread of life, the cup of salvation, the gifts of God
for God's people, all over the world"



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held **TODAY** 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

Café Hours

**Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday
morning 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.



BOOK CLUB



December 11 @ 7:30 pm – *The Magic Hour*
by Kristin Hannah

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Your Stewardship Team hopes you will join us on Sunday, November 10. This is our opportunity to celebrate our financial support to Church of the Cross for 2020.



This year you can also make your pledge online. Just go to the Sign-Up Sheets on Church of the Cross's website and choose *Fearless Giving*, submit your giver # and a few other options. If you need a giver #, please contact the office.

Our pledges allow Church of the Cross to nurture our spirits by providing us with the opportunity to worship God, study God's Holy Word, offer our services and support for our members and our community, and have fellowship with one another. Please pray about your commitment to provide financial support to the church.

Worship will be followed on November 10th with a catered celebration meal—a thank you for everyone's hard work in 2019. We need to know how much food to order, so please use the sign-up form in the lounge or online to let us know how many of you are coming.

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:

➔ Food Pantry

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



Canned potatoes	Caned Yams	Cranberry Sauce
Instant Potatoes	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Tomato Sauce

➔ 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.



CALENDAR

For the week of November 3rd

Sunday, November 3

Daylight Savings Ends

- 9:00 am** Sunday School for All
- 10:00 am** Worship
- 11:00 am** Congregational Meeting
- 11:15 am** Coffee/Fellowship

Tuesday, November 5

- 7:00 pm** Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

- 12 noon** Lunch with Pastor @
Richard Walkers, 1300 N Roselle Rd,
Schaumburg, IL 60195

Thursday, November 7

- 9-11 am** Café hours with Pastor
- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 9

- 11:00 am** Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00 am** Sunday School for All
- 10:00 am** Worship
- 11:00 am** Stewardship Sunday Lunch

November

12 Tuesday	13 Wednesday	14 Thursday	15 Friday	16 Saturday	17 Sunday
7:00 pm Corporation Team Meeting	12 noon Lunch w/pastor	9 am -Café Hours w/Pastor 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Coffee/Fellowship

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
	All Saints Remembrance Day	Stewardship Sunday & Lunch		
Worship Leader	Cathy Walker		P Groenewold	George Rogers
Disciple on Duty	Jim Vakoc	K Groenewold	C Keppel	Dave Lesch
Usher/Greeter	Stu Truelsen	Karen Franz	De La Cruz	C. Lorentz
Counter	B Groenewold		B Groenewold	Jane Lesch
Communion Set Up	Carole Bauer			
Communion Servers	Pastor Julie			
	Cathy Walker			
	Chris Lorentz			
Coffee Hour	Glenna	Stewardship Lunch		