



4th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

We are the church. We join our hearts together.

We listen for the word of God through scripture.

We feel each other's joy and sorrow as we share in prayer together.

**Today, we will break bread together, and remember we are one,
Though we cannot be together; we are the church,
and we gather across time and space to worship our God.**

OPENING HYMN

“Above All” (sing 2x)

CCLI Song # 2672885

Above all powers above all kings

With version recorded on 2/24/13

Above all nature and all created things

Above all wisdom and all the ways of man

You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones,

Above all wonders the world has ever known

Above all wealth and treasures of the earth

There's no way to measure what You're worth

Crucified laid behind the stone

You lived to die rejected and alone

Like a rose trampled on the ground

You took the fall and thought of me Above all

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gate of our lives, you know how easy it is for us follow the wrong paths. We can make the foolish choice to listen to foolish rhetoric, and not to the wisest among us. We continue to make the mistake we no longer need to be cautious, thus making life chancy for all around us. We would rather stir the waters of trouble than to stay at home, safe and content. And while we have no trouble locking the doors of our hearts, we increasingly grow weary of all this social distancing stuff.

Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, so others might be anointed with healing oil of grace. May we share from our abundance of caution with all who

OFFERINGS TO GOD AND OUR PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Come to the Table of Grace” *CCLI Song # 7034746*
With version recorded on 4-2-17

Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace
This is God's table, It's not yours or mine, Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of peace, Come to the table of peace
This is God's table, It's not yours or mine, Come to the table of peace
Come to the table of love, Come to the table of love
This is God's table, It's not yours or mine, Come to the table of love

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁴

May the God of gates be with you!

And also with you!

God calls us to open our hearts to others,

for they are filled to overflowing with grace.

Every day, let us rejoice in the Restorer of our lives.

We sing glad songs to the One who leads us.

You watched over creation, Patient God, as it emerged out of nothingness:
meadows where sheep could rest, still pools of water teeming with tadpoles,
paths worn smooth by mountain goats.

**You shaped us in your divine likeness, anointing us with the
Spirit's breath of life, so we could wander the garden by your side.
But thief, sin, and that bandit death, climbed into Eden by another
way, and we followed these strangers' voices.**

Day by day, you sent prophets to us, who challenged us to lead God-centered
lives, but we devoted ourselves to a life which is empty and bitter. So you
sent Jesus, shaped in human likeness so we would know you are with us.
With those who walk your paths, with those who long to find their way,
we offer glad and generous hearts to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Guardian of our souls.

All creation praises you day after day after day.

**Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who trusted in you
alone. Hosanna in the highest!**

You alone are holy, Gate of the Way, and Jesus Christ, your Child, is the
Shepherd of life. He kept to the path of righteousness, so we might learn

how to walk in his footsteps. Knowing our voices, he followed us to the gate of death, where the keeper let him in, locking the gate behind him.

But you came another way. Knowing your voice, Jesus followed you out of the tomb, receiving life, abundantly, for all your children.

As we gather in prayer and worship, as we seek to devote ourselves to following Jesus, we sing of that mystery known as faith:

**Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross;
Christ was raised by you out of death;
Christ will come, so we might live for righteousness.**

You lead us to our Tables where your Spirit transforms everyday foods into a sacred feast. Your bread and cup comfort us, nourishing us so we might be together in Spirit with our sisters and brothers.

And when we follow goodness and mercy to the end of time, we will find you coming out of the kitchen, setting dish upon dish of peace and hope on that great table prepared for all your children, and we will join our hearts and hands as we sing praise and wonder to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION¹

Day by day, Triune God, nourish us with the bread and cup we shared virtually today. Day by day, Loving God, lead us to those pools of peace where we can care for our friends and strangers even from a safe distance. Day by day, Lord Jesus, call us to give ourselves in service, to anoint others with hope, to stay in the safe places for the good of all of God's people. Day by day, Holy Spirit, shows us the people we might be, the community we might become when, once again, we can gather. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #743 “O God You are my God” (*sing twice*) CCLI Song # 696994

**O God You are my God, And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God, And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning, And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days**

BENEDICTION

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



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Ashley (19 yr old w/serious med issues)
Avonne (Laura's mother)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry/Dawn)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
Virgil B (friend of Karen)
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)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Margaret E (Joe L's company president's Mom)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Donna F (Sue's/Jim aunt)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Ricky G (Sue/Joe's nephew)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)

Terri H & her friend's mother
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Lee (Cathy C's father)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
John R
Ann S
Corky T (Terri H's friend)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

- **Family of Elaine** (Nancy K's cousin)
- **Family of Jack F** (Sue's /Jim uncle)

Our World and all victims and their families of the COVID-19 pandemic

Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service.

Wednesday	Texts
May 6	John 14:1-14; 1 Peter 2:2-10
May 13	John 14:15-21; 1 Peter 3:13-22
May 20	John 17:1-11; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
May 27	Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Zoom session.



Virtual Adult Sunday School

VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS MAY 9TH

We will begin our **Adult Sunday School** on Zoom on **Saturday, May 9th at 1:00 pm**. We will let the class go as long as we have something to discuss, but no later than 2:30 pm, unless class decides to continue. At that first class, we can decide if we prefer another date or time. We will also choose a leader for our next class. At the first class, Pat G will lead us in the discussion of the final part of our study on Peter.

Classes after that will focus on Daily Devotions. Specifically, from the booklet that we had copies of at church, *These Days: Daily Devotions for Living the Faith*. Check it out online through *The Thoughtful Christian.com* website. The leader will study the following seven days of the devotions and select two or three for class discussion. The leader would have about two days to let us know what the choices are so that we could come to the next class prepared.

Ken G will provide Zoom access details for the regular group members. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G or Stu R for access details.

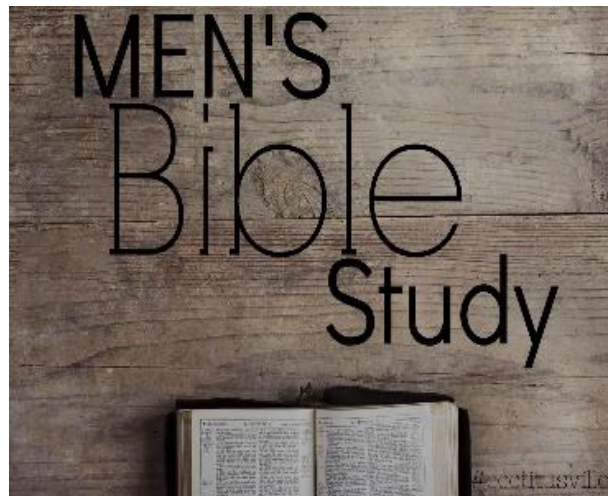
**MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN
MAY 13TH**

The Men's Bible Study has not met since mid-March. We will begin meeting again on Zoom on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. We encourage ALL men to join us in our studies!

Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald. We will be studying chapter 9 at our first Zoom meeting.

Usually we would cover more chapters at a meeting, but at this first Zoom meeting, we will allow time for planning future meetings and to discuss access and other questions that come up. Our meetings usually last about an hour.

Ken G will provide Zoom access details for the regular group members. We encourage new attendees, so if interested please contact Ken G or Stu R for access details. If you do not have a copy of the book *A Resilient Life*, consider ordering from Amazon.



**Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.
We will be discussing "The Stars Are Fire" by Anita Shreve.**

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 9-1PM.**

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website schaumburgtownship.org. Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
- Tomato Products
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- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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<http://a.co/9YbUnas>

*Please note the list will be updated regularly - we have no brand preference

