



# **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 4, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

## **Church of The Cross**

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# WELCOME ALL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Rev Julie Peterson

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

**God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups  
to elders with overflowing hearts:

**God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.**

### OPENING HYMN<sup>2</sup>

#### “Jesus Be With Us”

David Gambrell, PCUSA music offering



Refrain Je - sus, be with us. Help us each day to fol - low the  
gos - pel and live as we pray. Send us your Spir - it and  
show us your way. Je - sus, be with us to - day.

Leader  
or all 1 Where there is hun - ger and thirst in the land,  
2 Where there is ha - tred be - cause of the skin,  
3 Where there are val - leys of bones, dry as dust,  
shat - ter the sys - tems of greed.  
break down the walls of our fear.  
build up the bod - y of Christ.

Je - sus, be with us; make use of our hands.  
Je - sus, be with us; to save us from sin.  
Je - sus, be with us, and help us to trust.

Lift up your great peo - ple in need.  
In love, draw us near.  
Teach us a new way of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate people into a position of savior, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Glory to God!”

GTG#582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**SHARE GOD’S LOVE**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9, 12-20

Jim B.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

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

SERMON

“The Vineyard”

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

Jim B.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“As We Gather at Your Table”

*Jeff & Julie*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”

*Marie & Choir  
GTG #458*

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me.



## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE<sup>2</sup>

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>1</sup>

May the composer of heaven's music be with you!

**And also with you!**

Beloved, God has created you for faithful living.

**We lift our hearts to the One who calls us to be Christ's Body.**

People of God, sing to the One who cleanses us of our fears.

**We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope.**

Chaos trembled as you spoke, not wanting to hear your goodness breaking it apart, Rock and Redeemer of all. Creation sang oratorios for you, while earth drummed out the rhythm. Each day testified 'God is good'; each night whispered 'Glory!'

**All that was beautiful and true was created for us, but wanting to know sin and death, we exchanged the best you gave to us, for the garbage they offered. Using words and wonder, silence and speech, prophets came to call us back into your covenantal love, but we continued to yearn for what we could not have.**

Finally, you sent your Son, in love, in hope, in peace, that we would accept him and the gift of new life. So, with those who trembled at the foot of your holy mountain, and with those who press on to follow you, we join our voices in praise to you:

**Your Word opens our eyes to all creation;  
 your Word is the sweet taste of joy for hungry hearts;  
 your Word endures through every trial and triumph.  
 Blessed is your Word who comes in your name!  
 Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of all creation, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Yearning for us to know you, he came to be your face of love and compassion for all. Hungering for reconciliation between you and your children, he became the broken Bread of Life. Aching for our release from the agony of sin and death, he suffered on the cross, so we might be made well.

As we remember his goodness and gentleness, as we celebrate his life in us, we would speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Setting aside all he valued, Christ became our treasure;  
setting aside his own life, Christ rescued us from sin;  
setting aside our doubts and fears, we yearn for Christ's return in glory.**

Here at your Table, Redeemer of all creation, pour out your Spirit on the gifts of the bread and the cup, and on our sisters and brothers in Christ. Your Spirit gives us life, so we may go and serve others. Your Spirit heals our brokenness, so we may bring healing to all. Your Spirit graces us with peace, so we may be peacemakers for our communities.

**And when we stand around your Table, all hurtful words silenced, all pain left behind, with hope and grace our closest friends, we will join our hearts and voices with our sisters and brothers who forever sing of your glory, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

#### COMMUNING TOGETHER

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give thanks for this bread, fruit of the earth and hard work, a gift of the grace of God. In the breaking and the sharing we remember the words and actions, gestures and glances, silences and self-offered life of the teacher from Nazareth.

We give thanks for the fruit of the vine, for the joy of communion, for alliances which endure in the search for justice and wholeness. We took the cup, knowing we are part of a community-people renewing its covenant with life.

We give thanks for God's gift of life to us, for our Lord Jesus' sacrifice for us, and for the power of the Holy Spirit which guides us out of this time of worship and into the world to share the goodness of God's love with the world. Amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

*Marie & Choir  
GTG #765; Blue #432*

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*

lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*

on our way, bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery land and race.  
 nos tu luz, luz y es-pe-ran-za en la os-cu-ri-dad.

Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our joy with all;  
 O-re-mos por la paz, can-te-mos de tu a-mor.

work-ing for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.  
 Lu-che-mos por la paz, fie-les a ti, Se-ñor.

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

<sup>1</sup>Shuman, Thom M. *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven* (Kindle Locations 4444-4450, 4470-4474, 4479-4515). Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup>This hymn celebrates God's work through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Matthew 25 invitation ([pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25))—eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. The refrain is based on Matthew 1:23, “and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us,’” and Jesus’ closing words in Matthew 28:20, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Text and Tune: David Gambrell, © 2020 MATTHEW 25; Music arr. Phillip Morgan, © 2020

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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...

**Avonne** (Laura's mother)  
**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**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)  
**Tom C** (Ann M's brother-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** (Jim/Sue's aunt)  
**Karen F**  
**Lori F** (George R's OES friend)  
**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)  
**James and Sandra** (friends of John/Cheryl)  
**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)  
**Karen**  
**Marge K** (George R's OES friend)

**Steve** (Jane's brother)  
**Jim/Sheryl L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)  
**Phyllis L**  
**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)  
**Shannan** (Terri H's niece)  
**Susan Q** (Ann S's boss)  
**George R**  
**Maria R** (Laura D's friend)  
**Jessie R** (Julie/Jeff's niece)  
**Ann & Geoff S**  
**Marnie S** (Glenna M's friend)  
**Linda T** (Glenna M'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**  
**Our world and all victims/families affected by COVID-19**  
**Those affected by the fires on the west coast**

- **Kristen & Sean** (friends of Sara M)
- **Karl & family** (friends of Jeff/Julie)
- **So many others!!!!**

# SANCTUARY FLOWERS



This week's flowers are from:

- **Susan and Jim Buchholz** to celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- **George Rogers** in gratitude to all who offered prayers and good wishes to him for his surgery and to the surgeon who performed the surgery.



The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:45 am.**

Our study book is The Color of Compromise. The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism" by Jemar Tisdie. The book tells the story of how people of faith have historically - up to now - worked against racial Justice. **EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.



**Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 pm**  
We will be discussing "The Water Dancer" by Ta-nehisi Coates.

If you want to be included, please email Judie at [judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



**Cheryl W and Centro de Informacion will be participating again to do something about meeting hunger needs both locally and around the world.**

Elgin Cooperative Ministry organizes the Elgin CROP Walk for **Sunday, October 18th**, and Centro de Informacion is a member of ECM. In fact, 25% of all the money raised in the Elgin walk goes to ECM to support local food pantries and soup kitchens. Centro's small emergency pantry, which is seeing almost twice as many people now as it did 4 months ago, is one of the beneficiaries. To provide your support please send Cheryl W a check or donate on the website:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/Centro?tab=MyPage>



Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

October 7	NO CLASS
October 14	Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23
October 21	Matthew 22:34-46; Deuteronomy 34:1-12
October 28	Matthew 23:1-12; Joshua 3:7-17
November 4	Matthew 25:1-13; Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25



Men's Bible Study will meet on October 14, 28, and November 18  
Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald.  
We meet via Zoom. 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.

# 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](http://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
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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