



6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" By Tracey Craig McKibben

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Praise God Forever" Johannes Ockeghem

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—
the path of justice and mercy which draws us toward wholeness.

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—
**teachings which root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—
the Fountainhead of grace, the Giver of Life.

*HYMN NO. 352 "My Lord! What a Morning" *African American Spiritual*

CALL TO CONFESSION George Rogers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**God of steadfast love, how often do we utter careless words
which humiliate or harm? How often do we lash out in anger,
when we could reach out with kindness? How often do we hurt
those we love and tear away at relationships which give life?**

**Forgive us, we pray. In you abundant mercy, give us the
grace to confess our faults and to seek forgiveness, and to work
for reconciliation in our homes and our communities. Turn our
hearts back to you and teach us the ways of love, so we might
hold fast to one another, and draw near to your present.**

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.*

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

*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

George Rogers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:21-37

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Kingdom Community"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN NO. 729 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" *African American Spiritual*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Brief Confession* (sections 1-2, 4c-5)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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.

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.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Avonne (Laura D's mother)
Ed (Terri H)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Sushma B
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Becky C (former member)
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-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
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)

Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Steve (Jane L's brother)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Al M (Pastor Julie's cousin)
Glenna M
Judy M
Klee (Michaelis' son)
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann Moorman's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jann P (Jeff P's father)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Ann S
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 Paul** (Judie T's Uncle)

BEING MORTAL: END OF LIFE PREPARATIONS

An educational Lenten series is coming our way!

Lent is a time when we reflect on our humanity as it relates to the life-giving promise of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We know our time on earth is limited and yet we often put off planning for the reality of our own life's earthly ending. On each of the last four Sundays in March we will be holding seminars to help us prepare for the ultimate reality of being mortal. These seminars will run from approximately 11:45am – 1:15pm.

This is the schedule of presenters and topics:



March 8 – Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services will provide information on burial, cremation, costs, etc.

March 15 – Rev. Magdalena Garcia of VITAS Healthcare will teach us about hospice and palliative care services.

March 22 – Attorney Bill Kelley will discuss necessary legal documents for powers of attorney, living wills, and more.

March 29 – Pastor Julie will walk us through preparation for our own funeral or memorial service.

Please invite friends, family and neighbors to join us in these discussions. These educational events are open to the public.

PLEASE RSVP online so we can prepare our materials!!!

TOWN HALL MEETING TODAY

We will be discussing Active Shooter. Be Prepared for an Active Shooter. Active shootings/killings are tragedies that are seen on the news, but few take the steps to prepare for such an unimaginable event. We will be presenting information on what an Active Shooter/Killer is and how individuals can train and prepare to respond during an Active Shooter/Killer incident.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Saturday, February 22 @ 9a m – 11 am
we head to Feed My Starving Children as one of our mission activities. Sign up online or lounge.



FOOD DRIVE

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

Peanut butter & Jelly
Boxed Pasta & Sauce
Pasta Roni

Canned Meats
Peaches & Pears
Oatmeal



AGAPE SUPPER POTLUCK

Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm

We are looking for the following: Soup, chili, fruit, veggies, cornbread, or a dessert. (Please have your dish here by 5:45pm). Sign up online or in the lounge.



SAVE THE DATE FOR COTC's 60th ANNIVERSARY

We are celebrating Church of the Cross's 60th Anniversary on Sunday, May 31st.

Please spread the word with former members you are still in contact with. Ask them to call the church office to let us know they are interested in having their names added to the event contact list. OR, point them to the website where they can add their names to the event contact list. Click on the EVENTS tab, scroll down to the "60 YEARS" link to click and submit contact information. **Thank you for getting the word out!!**



BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:30 pm - A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline



CALENDAR

For the week of February 16th

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am Sunday School for Adults only

10:00 am Worship

Town Hall Meeting

11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

12 noon Lunch with pastor

Thursday, February 20

9:00 am Café Hours with Pastor Julie

7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, February 23

9:00 am Sunday School for All

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship

February - March

25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday	28 Friday	29 Saturday	1 Sunday
	12 noon - Lunch with Pastor	9:00 am - Café hours with Pastor Julie 7:00 pm - Choir			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am -Worship & Communion 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	February 16	February 23	February 26	March 1
	Townhall Meeting	Transfiguration of the Lord	Ash Wednesday	1 st Sunday in Lent
Worship Leader	George Rogers	Stu Rutter	George Rogers	K Groenewold
Disciple on Duty	K Groenewold			
Usher/Greeter	Stu Rutter	Karen Franz		Buchholz
Counter	Jane Lesch			
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers				
Coffee Hour	Free Will offering		Agape Supper	