



# **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 2, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

## **Church of The Cross**

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# WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "I Want to Know you More" By Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION Souper Bowl

CHORAL INTROIT "O Worship the Lord" Robert McCutchan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup> *(based on Micah 6:1-8)* Rev. Julie Peterson

With what shall we come before the Lord?

**Shall we bring burnt offerings or calves a year old?**

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams?

**Or ten thousand rivers of oil?**

Mortals, God has sown us what is good. What does the Lord require?

**To do justice,**

**and to love kindness,**

**and to walk humbly with our God.**

\*HYMN NO. 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO CONFESSION Pat Groenewold

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Surprising God, you have made foolish the wisdom of the world, teaching us the meek shall inherit the earth and heaven belongs to those who suffer for the sake of justice. But we cling to the values of this world, things which enhance our status but cheat our souls. We seek comfort in simple answers and easy outs. We disregard the marginalized and mock weakness, forgetting Christ lifted up the lowly and made a home among the vulnerable. God of blessing, reorient our hearts and renew our minds so we do act with justice, practice kindness, and—in all things—walk humbly with you.**

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

Pat Groenewold

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12 THE MESSAGE

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Blessed are ..."

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN NO. 647

"Give Thanks"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Romans 8 selections*

**We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ?**

**Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Be Thou My Vision" Dan Forrest

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pat Groenewold

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 596 "You Are Holy"

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>2</sup>

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you!**

Beloved of the Lord, lift your hearts to God.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Children of blessings, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**We lift our thanks and praise to the Holy One.**

It is indeed right, for you—Holy Creator of all that was and is to come—made us ... Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of your church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and Might.**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, lest we believe our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent... 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<sup>2</sup>

**Holy One, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, we may live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN No. 769 “For Everyone Borne”

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Peace, God’s Wonderful Peace” William M. Runyan

\*POSTLUDE “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” By William J. Kirkpatrick

<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg37, 46

<sup>2</sup>A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group 1999, reprinted with permission pg89-90, 95

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)  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Mary Joe** (Jim B's co-worker)  
**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** (Liautaud'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)  
**Jim L** (Groenewold's son-in-law)  
**Linda L** (Judie T's friend)  
**Mary Jo** (Jim B's co-worker)  
**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)



## TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS :

From Nancy & Charlie Keppel  
in celebration of Adam and Cristina's anniversary

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



**TODAY is Super Bowl Sunday and we are participating in the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring**

MORE THAN 29 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

**On Sunday, February 9, COTC will be celebrating Black History Month**

**Black History Month** is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.



## FOOD DRIVE

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

Hamburger Helper  
Rice A Roni  
Pasta Roni

Apples  
Oranges  
Potatoes



## BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:30 pm - Fountains of Silence  
by Ruta Sepetys

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



# CALENDAR

## For the week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Sunday, February 2

**9:00 am** Sunday School for All  
**10:00 am** Worship & Communion  
*Souper Bowl of Caring*  
**11:30 am** Coffee Hour & Fellowship

### Tuesday, February 4

**7:00 pm** Deacon Meeting

### Wednesday, February 5

**12 noon** Lunch with Pastor Julie

### Thursday, February 6

**9:00 am** Café Hours with Pastor Julie  
**7:00 pm** Choir practice

### Sunday, February 9

**9:00 am** Sunday School for All  
**10:00 am** Worship  
*Black History Month Celebration*  
**11:30 am** Coffee Hour & Fellowship

## February

<b>11 Tuesday</b>	<b>12 Wednesday</b>	<b>13 Thursday</b>	<b>14 Friday</b>	<b>15 Saturday</b>	<b>16 Sunday</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b> – Corporation Team Meeting	<b>7:30 pm</b> – Book Club	<b>9:00 am</b> – Café hours with Pastor Julie <b>7:00 pm</b> - Choir			<b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday School for Adults Only <b>10:00 am</b> -Worship <i>Townhall Meeting</i> <b>11:00 am</b> – Coffee Hour & Fellowship

**Pastor Julie on vacation February 11-12 – Call any Deacon or Elder if you have a pastoral care emergency**

## WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
	Souper Bowl of Caring	Black History Month	Townhall Meeting	Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship Leader	Pat Groenewold	Jim Letterer	George Rogers	
Disciple on Duty	Ken Groenewold			
Usher/Greeter	Buchholz	Mauldings	Stu Rutter	Karen Franz
Counter		Bob Groenewold	Jane Lesch	
Communion Set Up	Dawn Amos			
Communion Servers	Pastor Julie			
	Pat G			
	Dawn Amos			
Coffee Hour	Cathy Walker	Ann Moorman	Free Will offering	