



4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

Lord Christ, open our eyes
to see clearly the light of the world.

Holy Spirit, illumine our minds
to perceive God's glory shining among us.

Almighty God, prepare our hearts
to see, to trust, to worship the Messiah.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Wonder-working God, forgive us when preconceived notions cloud our vision and blind us to your activity in our lives. We watch for signs of your glory in the successful and strong, in pious acts and answered prayers, in favorable outcomes and dreams fulfilled.

But you make yourself known in unexpected ways: in a shepherd boy lifted to the throne and outcasts returned to community; in death-haunted valleys transformed by your presence, and ordinary pools made extraordinary by your grace, through water and mud, and a table prepared with sacrificial love.

We long for a salve which relieves our stubborn focus on inconsequential questions, and for water which heals our blindness to revelations of your love. Open our eyes, illumine our minds, and prepare our hearts, to receive your amazing grace.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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PEACE BE WITH YOU

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me"

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesian 5:8-14

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Blindness”

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OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF²

Celebrating the Ministry of Jesus, Iona Community

The One who made the lame walk and is the way, the truth, and the life—is among us: the One who gave sight to the blind and insight to the closed-minded; the One who gave hearing to the deaf and listening ear to those who heard only their own voices.

The One who was criticized for coming too close to the contaminated—is among us: the One who healed the sick and helped the hopeless; the One who exorcised demons and gave new names to those who were known only for their problems.

The One who entrusted himself to women as much as men, without prejudice or favor—is among us: the One who agreed with fair taxation and handled money; the One who spoke for the poor and who spoke to the privileged of the good things their wealth could do.

He is among us—he is among us to touch, to heal, to bless, to inspire, to confront, to convert, to show at all times the human face of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD –*Mail-in or Online*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BENEDICTION

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg70

²A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group 2015, reprinted with permission pg107

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)
Chuck C
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)
Mary Ann J (Judie T's friend)

Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Steve (Jane L's brother)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
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)
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
Our World which is spinning with the tragedy of the COVID-19 pandemic



**COTC's P.A.D.S. dinner is Friday, March 27th.
The theme is "Cook's Choice"**

Sign up online on our website at www.churchofthecross.online

NOTE: We will be dropping off our food, but not serving so PLEASE do what you can to fill our menu!!



1. The Schaumburg Food Pantry is taking curbside donations. Please call them first (847) 884-0030 to make sure they can accept food. Please take your donations directly to their location at:

1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

2. Donate to the Township Food Pantry through their Amazon wish list! Simply follow this link, order our most needed items and ship them to our building at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Wish list found here: <https://amzn.to/2MJXMpk>



We are collecting donations to provide EASTER BASKETS for Lakeview Elementary School.

Each year we work in conjunction with Mariano's to provide food baskets for children and their families who could use a little extra help this time of year. Each basket will contain approximately \$42 worth of food.

DONATIONS can be made online or mailed to the office (payable to COTC) with "Easter Basket" noted in the memo line.

Thank you for your help during this difficult time!!!!

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