



5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 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 *adapted*

Thus says the Lord: “I will put my breath within you, and you shall live.”

In gratitude, we praise the Giver of Life.

Jesus says: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being.

We gather in these uncertain times to worship the One who frees us from the grave and stirs dry bones to life.

Spirit, breathe your life-giving presence into our time of worship!

OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

**Christ is made the sure foundation Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord and precious Binding all the Church in one
Holy Zion's help forever And her confidence alone**

**Laud and honor to the Father Laud and honor to the Son
Laud and honor to the Spirit Ever Three and ever One
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. Uncomfortable and fearful of the way things are in our lives, in the nation, in the world, we do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ. Even now with so many in need, we hoard our assets and the gifts you have given us.

Forgive us, we pray, and help us bend our lives toward your self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, churches, nation, and the world with the abundant love of Christ until we rise unbound by sin and in newness of life.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(means: Grant You Peace)

BOLD TEXT is read by the congregation.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

HYMN No. 188, vs1 "Jesus Loves Me"

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Life"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine

O what a foretaste of glory divine

Heir of salvation purchase of God

Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song

Praising my Savior all the day long

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AFFIRMATION³

Iona Community

**We believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of life:
we believe, O God of all gods, that you are the eternal maker of love.**

**We believe, O Lord and God of all people, that you are the Creator
of the high heavens, that you are the Creator of the skies above,
that you are the Creator of the oceans below.**

We believe, O Lord and God of all people, that you are the one who created our souls and set their course, that you are the one who created our bodies from dust and from ashes, that you gave to our bodies their breath and to our souls their possession.

God, bless to use our bodies, God, bless to us our souls, God, bless to us our lives; God, bless to us our belief.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN "Breathe On Me Breath Of God"

Breathe on me breath of God Fill me with life anew

That I may love what Thou dost love And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God Until my heart is pure

Until with Thee I will one will To do and to endure

BENEDICTION

¹¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

²Presbytery of Milwaukee, <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/A-Service-of-Worship-for-the-5th-Sunday-in-Lent.html?soid=1104773958322&aid=f2VtREcNvQI>

³A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Resource Group 199, reprinted with permission pg32

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 (Liautaud'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)
John R
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



EASTER FLOWERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

Please consider helping Church of the Cross sell the remaining Easter flowers!

WIN - Bring color and joy into your home with a flowering Easter Plant!

WIN - Proceeds from the Easter Flowers will benefit our veterans!

WIN - Buying an Easter Plant will help support G & E Greenhouse during this difficult time!

There are Tulip plants and Hyacinth plants remaining to be sold at \$15 each. First come, first served! You will be notified when your plant arrives at Church of the Cross for pick up (probably April 9th or 10th). If you are unable to get out, your plant will be delivered to your doorstep.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Judie T or Ann M.

Please go to our website to the Sign-up page to add your name.



P.A.D.S. Dinner Sign-Up

Thank you to everyone who delivered food on Friday, March 27th to P.A.D.S.

Your support makes a huge difference in the lives of the homeless.

Bless you for your faithfulness!!!



1) The Schaumburg Food Pantry is taking curbside donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 1 pm. 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!!!!