



6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

**Even when we are feeling isolated and fearful, we can glorify
the One who holds our hands in our loneliness.**

Come into the presence of the One who makes holy every place,
every space, holy and sacred.

**Even when we continue to stay safe in our homes,
the doors of grace are flung wide open for us.**

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**In living rooms, on laptops and devices, we will sing our songs
and tell those tales of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*recorded by Marie R.
GTG #12, Blue #263*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love**

**To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**We must tell you, God-who-knows-us-better-than-we-think, how easy it is to put
our trust in those who offer easy fixes, quick solutions, cures, tests, and false hope
in these days. It is easier to believe the glib words of politicians, the conspiracies of
all the theorists, rather than to believe those who are rational and based in science.
All too easily, we can buy into the notion that the economy is more important than
safety, that jobs matter more than the lives of the most vulnerable, that our so-
called rights outweigh the need to be a community of compassion and grace.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy. You are found in the child who holds our hand—
not in political rhetoric. You are the Word which can and will transform our
very lives—not a simple sound bite. You are the One who calls us to life through**

Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior—not some disembodied, constantly recalculating voice. God-who-knows-us-better-than-we-think, send your Spirit to guide us to your one true voice of love.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

(Sing twice)

**Halle, Halle, Halle lu-jah! Halle, Halle, Halle lu-jah!
Halle, Halle, Halle lu-jah! Hallelujah! (clap) Hallelujah!**

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Stu Rutter

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Life Beyond Easter”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

selections from Psalm 66 ~ THE MESSAGE

Stu Rutter

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. All together now—applause for God! Sing songs to the tune of God’s glory, set glory to the rhythms of his praise. Say of God, “We’ve never seen anything like him!” ...

The whole earth falls to its knees—it worships you, sings to you, can’t stop enjoying your name and fame. Take a good look at God’s wonders—they’ll take your breath away. God converted sea to dry land; travelers crossed the river on foot. Now isn’t that cause for a song? ...

Bless our God, O peoples! Give God a thunderous welcome! Didn’t God set us on the road to life? Didn’t God keep us out of the ditch? God trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires, brought us into hardscrabble country, pushed us to our very limit, road-tested us inside and out, took us to hell and back. Finally God brought us to this well-watered place. I’m bringing my prizes

and presents to your house. I'm doing what I said I'd do, what I solemnly swore I'd do that day when I was in so much trouble...

All believers, come here and listen, let me tell you what God did for me. I called out to God with my mouth, my tongue shaped the sounds of music. If I had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened. But God most surely did listen. God came on the double when he heard my prayer. Blessed be God. God didn't turn a deaf ear, God stayed with me, loyal in his love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Songs from the River”

*by Joseph M. Martin
recorded @ COTC on 5/5/2019*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*recorded by Marie R.
GTG #366; Blue #376*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown,
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.**

BENEDICTION

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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)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry/Dawn)
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 (Sue's/Jim aunt)
Karen F
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)

Terri H
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Glenna M
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)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Ann S
Corky T (Terri H'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

- **Family of Steve & his Mom** (Terri H's boyfriend)
- **Family of Ed R** (George R's good friend)
- **Family of Lee** (Cathy C's father)
- **Family of John L** (Stu T's brother-in-law)

Our World and all victims and their families of the COVID-19 pandemic



Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service.

Wednesday	Texts
May 20	John 17:1-11; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
May 27	Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23
June 3	Matthew 28:16-20; Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Adult Sunday School is back! The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am**. The class will go as long as we have something to discuss, but no later than 1:00 pm, unless the class decides to continue.

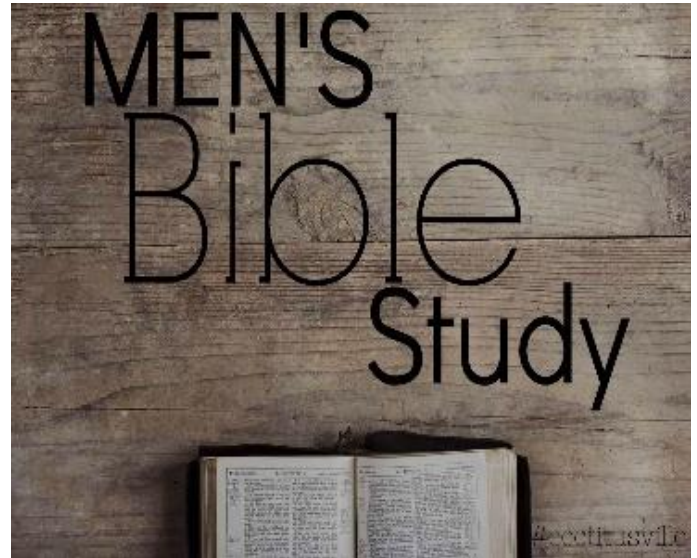
Classes will focus on Daily Devotions. Specifically, from the booklet we had copies of at church, *These Days: Daily Devotions for Living the Faith*. Check it out online through *The Thoughtful Christian.com* website. The leader will study the following seven days of the devotions and select two or three for class discussion. The leader would have about two days to let us know what the choices are so that we could come to the next class prepared.

Ken G will provide Zoom access details for the regular group members. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G or Stu R for access details.

MEN'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Schedule for June for Men's Bible Study:
Wednesday June 17th at 7:00 pm
Chapters 10 & 11
Leader: John Riggs

We will discuss details of July and August meetings at our June meeting. Ken G will provide Zoom access details for the regular group members. 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.



Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm.
We will be discussing "The Stars Are Fire" by Anita Shreve.
If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com
and she will send you a Zoom invitation.

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. 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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