

# WHEAT & WEEDS

Matthew 13:24-43

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 19, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

**Church of The Cross**

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# WELCOME ALL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

*Psalm 139:1-4*

Rev. Julie Peterson

**“O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.”**

**We worship You, O God, for you know us through and through.**

OPENING HYMN

“Gather Us In” (vs1-2,4)

*recorded by Marie R. ~ GTG #401*

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,  
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.  
Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and  
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,  
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit which blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace.**

**When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and mercy, so we might live as children of the kingdom and bear fruit which enriches your harvest.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GTG#582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be. Amen.**

**SHARE GOD’S LOVE**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

Ken G.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“God does the Sorting”

Rev. Julie Peterson

**OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME**

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation.**

**Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC "Somebody's Knocking on Your Door"

*COTC Virtual Choir!!*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*recorded by Marie R.  
GTG #435; Blue #298*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

## BENEDICTION

<sup>1</sup>Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

<sup>2</sup>Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg140

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)  
**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)  
**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)

**Steve** (Jane's brother)  
**Jim/Sheryl L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)  
**Phyllis L**  
**Hank 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)  
**Jessie R** (Julie/Jeff's niece)  
**Ann S**  
**Marnie S** (Glenna M's friend)  
**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**  
**Our World and all victims and their families of the COVID-19 pandemic**  
**Those who grieve for:**

- **Dennis M** (Terry M's brother)
- **Bruce B** (Mike L's dear friend)

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## VIRTUAL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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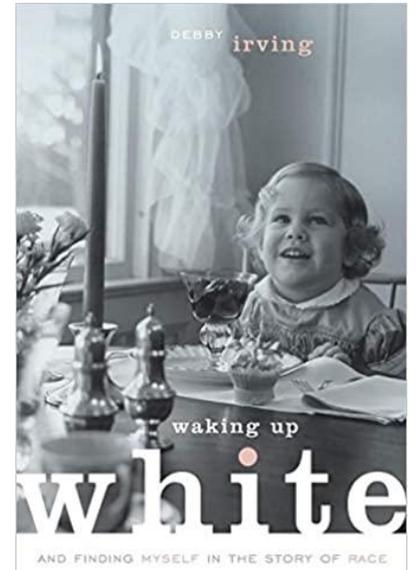
The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am.**

Ken G will provide Zoom access details so please contact him for access details.

Our study book is book Waking Up White by Debby Irving. Along with viewing the three-part documentary “RACE-The Power of An Illusion.” You will need to purchase the book on your own.

This study is an invitation for all of us to learn more about our own experience of race, along with the stories of people of color in American history and our world today. **EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.

**TODAY, July 19**, we will be viewing the documentary RACE—the Power of an Illusion, Episode. II—The Story We tell



**Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 pm.**

We will be discussing "The Gown" by Jennifer Robson.

If you want to be included, please email Judie at [judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

July 22	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52; Genesis 29:15-28
July 29	Matthew 14:13-21; Genesis 32:22-31



Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald.

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.

# 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](http://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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\*Please note the list will be updated regularly - we have no brand preference

