



**“Come to me,  
all you who are  
weary and burdened,  
and I will give  
you rest.”**

**Matthew 11:28 (NIV)**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 5, 2020 @ 10:00 am**

### **Church of The Cross**

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# WELCOME ALL

## WORDS OF WELCOME

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

Rev. Julie Peterson

**Come to our God, all who hunger for life,  
for it is God who nourishes us at the Table of Grace.  
Come to our God, all who are worn out by life,  
for it is God who provides the rest we need.  
Come to our God, all who are weighed down,  
for it is our God who carries our burdens with us.**

### OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*recorded @ COTC 12-16-18  
GTG #611; Blue #464*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee. opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy adore Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**Almighty God, we confess to You we want the easy answers, the shortcuts, the  
quickest way to get what we want with minimal sacrifice. The ways of this world tempt  
us toward an easier life, in which we do not care about others, only our own desires.**

**Forgive us for these desires which are not Yours, Holy One. Call us into Your way  
of life, a way which seeks justice for the oppressed, relief for the suffering, inclusion  
and welcome for the marginalized.**

**Guide us into Your way of life, a way of deep listening, of seeking truth even when  
it painfully strips away our illusions. Keep us to the path of knowledge and insight,  
knowing You are with us, always. In the name of Christ, who showed us this Way,  
this Truth, and this Life, we pray.**

### 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.**

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

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

**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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Pat Groenewold

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Take my yoke... and learn from me,” Jesus said

Rev. Julie Peterson

**OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME**

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH<sup>1</sup>

*Psalm 145:8-14 NRSV*

Pat Groenewold

**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Surely It is God Who Saves Me”

recorded @ COTC on 12-24-19  
GTG# 71 vs 1-3

**Refrain: Surely it is God who waves me; I will trust and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation and on that day you shall say,  
“Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God’s name.”**

*~Sing Refrain~*

**Make God’s deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that the Lord is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord for God has done great things  
and this is known in all the world.**

*~Sing Refrain~*

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion; ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel**

*~Sing Refrain~*

## 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.**

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the One who invites us to rest in the heart of the Trinity.**

People of God, give thanks to the One who offers you rest.

**We bring our thanksgiving to God, who sings to us of peace.**

With hearts filled with joy, we bring our praise to you, God of Rest. On the first morning of creation, you whispered of peace, and the cacophony of chaos was stilled. You walked softly through the grasses of the earth and all creation sang of your goodness. Created to find our peace with you, our fretful desire to be in control led us into a nomadic existence of rebellion against you. Prophets spoke and angels sang to invite us home, but our stubborn pride only grew stronger. When the burden of our sin became too great for your heart, you sent Jesus to carry it for us.

With those who have found their rest in you, with those who long for their burdens to be lifted, we join in raising our voices in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the weary.  
All creation celebrates your name in all generations.  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who yokes himself to us.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of our footloose hearts, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and Savior. Watching our restless striving for more and more, he modeled the life of self-denial and service; seeing us weighed down with the burdens of sin and death, he picked up his cross, carried it to Calvary, where he died to give us life.

As we remember his life and his rest in you, as we celebrate the good news of lightened burdens, we speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ came, that we may have life;  
Christ died, so the burden of death might be lifted from us;  
Christ was raised to new life, so grace might be revealed to every generation;  
Christ will return, to yoke us to God through all eternity.**

Pour out your Spirit of rest and shalom upon this bread and this cup, so these gifts might nourish us. As we find our rest in you, may we become restless in service to your children; as we engage with you in solitude, may we build a community of justice and righteousness; as we listen to your silence, may we speak out for all whose voices are ignored by the world.

**Then, as we gather with all who have found their rest with you at the Table of the Lamb, we will continue our sing in praise for all eternity, to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND LIFTING OF THE CUP

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, God, for the bread we have eaten, for the cup we have tasted, for the life we have received as a gift from your hand. We ask for the sharing of this meal—to put its mark upon us and remain in our hearts; to guide our faith to mature and grow as we live into our call as followers of Christ; and to reveal our faith through our actions. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Life, and our Eternal Hope. Amen.**

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

...continued...

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

BENEDICTION

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<sup>2</sup>Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

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Welcome All  
Share God's Love  
Offer Hope  
... all in Jesus' name



## DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

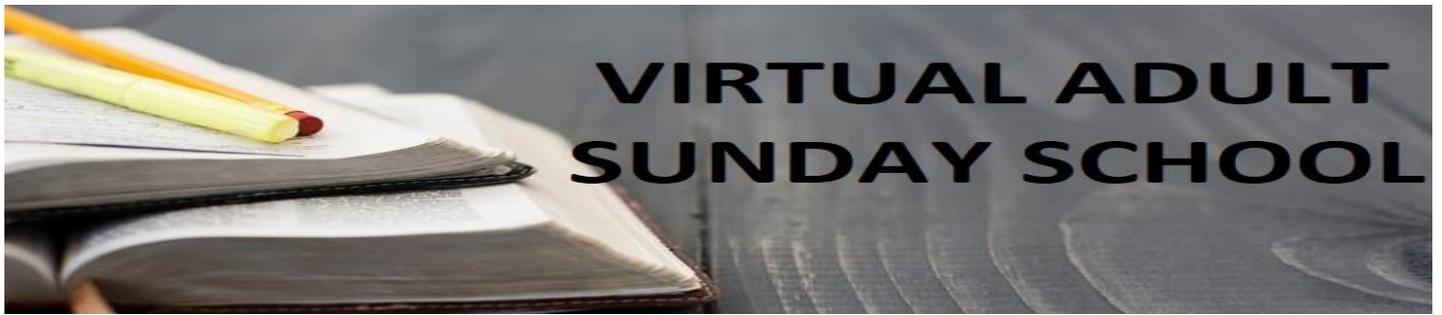
*If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.*

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

**Avonne** (Laura's mother)  
**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**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**  
**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)  
**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)
- **Mary Lou A** (friend of Larry/Dawn)



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

Adult Study Group has begun a study on the 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. (Amazon has it—new and used paperback, Kindle, and Audible.)

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. I do hope you will join us. **EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let me know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.

**On July 5<sup>th</sup>,** we will be viewing Episode I—The Difference Between Us of RACE – the Power of an Illusion. There are no readings for this week, but please reflect on these discussion starters:

- How would you define race? What does it mean to you?
- How many races do you think there are? What are they? How do you decide which race someone belongs to?
- Look around your community. Who do you think is likely to be most similar to you, biologically or genetically? Why?
- Where do your ideas about race come from? What are the sources of your information?



**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 8	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Genesis 25:19-34
July 15	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; Genesis 28:10-19a
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. **The following is the schedule for July for Men's Bible Study via Zoom:**

Meeting date and time: Wednesday July 15th at 7:00 pm

Study chapters from our book *A Resilient Life*: 12 thru 14

Leader: *Jim Vakoc*

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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