

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

**September 13, 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

## GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESBYTERY LEADERS

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

Rev Julie Peterson

We gather our voices and spirits in praise.

**O God, quiet our souls so we may listen.**

We seek within our heart Your call on our lives.

**O God, quiet our minds so we may ponder Your words.**

We long to join together in person;

**However, we know You are with all of us now.**

**O God, unite us together as one in worship of You.**

## OPENING HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*Marie R & Choir  
GTG #619; Blue#479*

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God’s praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the maker all your days!**

**Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress;**

**God is still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our maker’s faithfulness!**

**Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face.**

**Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Judie T.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Forgiving God, we confess we struggle to forgive one another. We resist forgiveness, for holding a grudge seems easier. Vengeance is more tempting. However, You have forgiven us, and called us into the hard work of forgiving those who sin against us, called us into the hard work of recognizing the ways we still sin against one another.**

**Help us to hold ourselves accountable, to do right where we can, and to make the initial steps in seeking forgiveness and forgiving others. Help us to know we are not alone. Grant us the wisdom to unearth all resources which can help us in this journey. In the name of Christ, who forgives us all, we pray.**

## OUR SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God's ho-ly name. Al-le-lu-ia!

## SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31

Judie T.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Ability to Forgive”

Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Psalm 103:1, 8-13*

Judie T.

**“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name. ... The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the LORD’s steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.”**

**This we believe, in the name of Jesus, who taught us of God’s great love.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Come As You Are”

*Jane L.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judie T.

CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Marie R & Choir  
GTG #65; Blue #281*

**Guide me, O though great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I treat the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

BENEDICTION

<sup>1</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



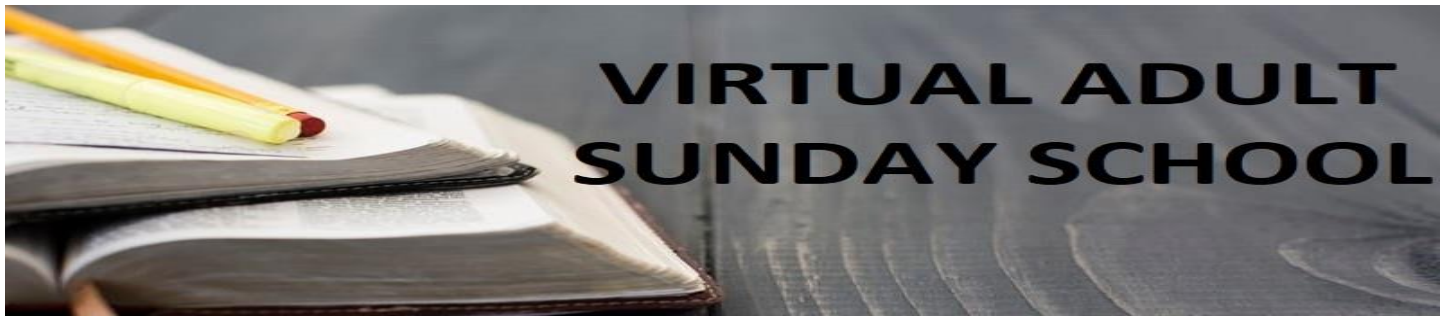
## DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

*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** (Jim/Sue's aunt)  
**Karen F**  
**Lori F** (George R's OES friend)  
**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)  
**James and Sandra** (friends of John/Cheryl)  
**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)  
**Marge K** (George R's OES friend)  
**Steve** (Jane's brother)  
**Jim/Sheryl L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)  
**Phyllis L**  
**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)  
**Shannan** (Terri H's niece)  
**Susan Q** (Ann S's boss)  
**George R**  
**Maria R** (Laura D's friend)  
**Jessie R** (Julie/Jeff's niece)  
**Ann & Geoff S**  
**Marnie S** (Glenna M'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**  
**Our world and all victims/families affected by COVID-19**





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

Our study book is “The Color of Compromise. The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism” by Jemar Tisdie. The book tells the story of how people of faith have historically - up to now - worked against racial Justice.

**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.



**Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 at 7 pm.**

We will be discussing Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid.

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.



Cheryl W and Centro de Informacion will be participating again to do something about meeting hunger needs both locally and around the world. Elgin Cooperative Ministry organizes the **Elgin CROP Walk for Sunday, October 18th**, and Centro de Informacion is a member of ECM. In fact, 25% of all the money raised in the Elgin walk goes to ECM to support local food pantries and soup kitchens. Centro's small emergency pantry, which is seeing almost twice as many people now as it did 4 months ago, is one of the beneficiaries. Please donate on the website to support:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elginil/Centro?tab=MyPage>



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.

September 16	Matthew 20:1-16; Exodus 16:2-15	September 20
September 23	Matthew 21:23-32; Exodus 17:1-17	September 27
September 30	Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	October 4 ~ World Communion
October 7	Matthew 22:1-14; Exodus 21:1-14	October 11
October 14	Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23	October 18



Men's Bible Study will on September 23rd.  
Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

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



**Across America and in every community, there are families struggling to meet their basic needs. This year Church of the Cross will again be participating in the Warm Coat Program.** By donating money for NEW winter coats, you can help relieve the burden of poverty and bring the gift of warmth to children in need at Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg elementary schools. A new coat allows families to stretch limited financial resources to necessities, such as food and shelter. The unfortunate reality is that these schools request even more coats than we can fund. Most of the children receiving these coats are part of the federal free or reduced school breakfast/lunch program so having a warm coat to get to school often means their meals for the day.

Thank you for your consideration. **We will be accepting donations until Sunday, September 27th.** Just put the notation "Warm Coats" in your check memo line or envelope.



# 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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