

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev Julie Peterson

Listen, O people, to holy teachings; tune your ears to hear God's word.

We gather to proclaim our sacred story, to tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Come, O people, into a holy space to worship the Lord, our sustainer and guide.

Let us turn to God in prayer and praise.

OPENING HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Marie R & Choir ~ GTG #630; Blue #306

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ken G.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**Loving Lord, you desire we have the same mind as Christ and imitate his
compassionate service. But our minds are fixed on attitudes and ambitions
which draw us away from you. We labor for ourselves and attend to the needs
of a precious few before considering how our time and talents could bless the
world. We look up to the rich and famous and overlook the lowly rather than
affirming the dignity of all.**

**Transform us, we pray. By your grace, give us the same mind and the same
love as our Lord Jesus Christ, and work within us until our actions bear witness
to the faith our tongues confess.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONDING IN SONG

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!"

GTG#390 (repeat each line 1x)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's ho - ly name. Al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains a repeat sign at the beginning. The melody continues on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "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 17:1-7

Ken G.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Countryside Rabbi”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH²

Ken G.

Before all time, you existed, Great God. Before the earth had form and mass, before the sun shone, the oceans roared, or stars twinkled, you were. Birds have sung your praises, elephants trumpeted your name, crickets chirped your glory, and dolphins swam to your delight. At your command, Holy Trinity, trees put forth leaves, flowers blossom, forest rise, streams flow, and the mountains take shape. Your creativity set stars spinning, gave flight to eagles, moved tides and planets, and guided animals to fresh food.

Three-in-One, you come to humanity in ways mysterious and ordinary—through a sunset on fields, in the refreshing rain, in the quiet of normally bustling cities, in a gentle embrace, in truthful conversations, in the heat of debate, in sleep-tossed nights or a sunny day, in a lonely hospital bed, in a moment of hope in a difficult situation, in spite of human betrayal, in the color of a flower or the unconditional welcome home of a dog. You loved us enough to come in flesh to share our human pain and struggle and you rose to show the depths of that continuing love, in spite of our turning away.

When we retell the stories of your people in ancient times, or experience you anew in a heartfelt song, or feel the fire or whisper of your Holy Spirit, you communicate truth, righteousness, mercy, and love. Thank you, Holy God, Thank you, Mystery Beyond our Knowing, Walker among Us, and Spirit of Love, Three in One, Holy Trinity. Thank you!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

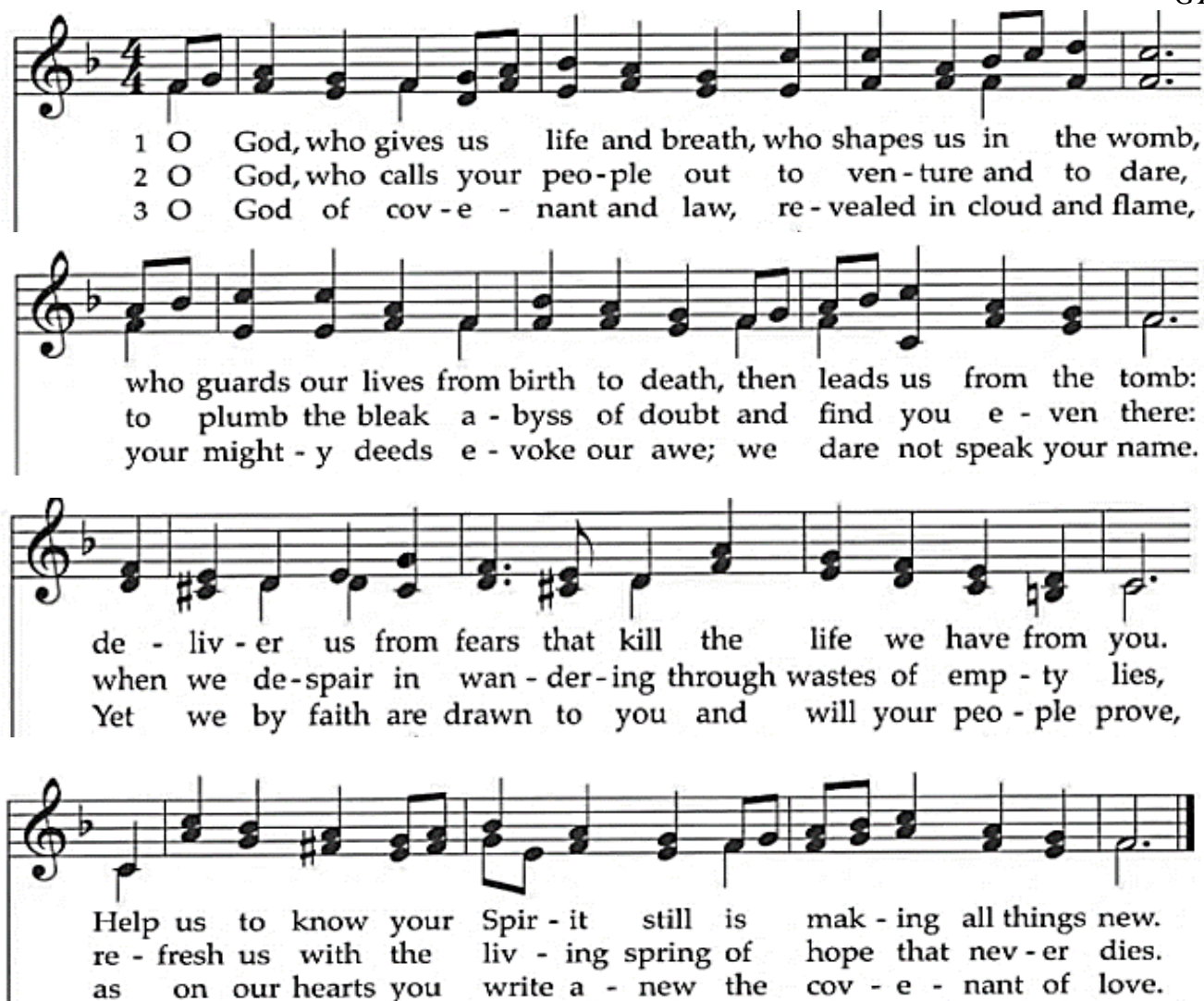
“Cantai ao Senhor”

COTC Choir ~ 9-18-19

CLOSING HYMN

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

recorded at COTC on 8-25-19
GTG #53



1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
3 O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.
de-liv-er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de-spair in wan-der-ing through wastes of emptiness,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
re-fresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
as on our hearts you write a new covenant of 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)
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)
Karen
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)
Linda T (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
Those affected by the fires on the west coast

- **Kristen & Sean** (friends of Sara M)
- **Karl & family** (friends of Jeff/Julie)
- **So many others!!!!**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



**This week's flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
From Cheryl and John Wilkins**



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.



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>

A graphic featuring the text "Lunch WITH THE PASTOR" in green. "Lunch" is in a large, cursive font, while "WITH THE" is in a smaller, sans-serif font and underlined. "PASTOR" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The background shows a white plate with a fork and knife, and a glass of water.

Lunch WITH THE PASTOR

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 30	Matthew 21:33-46; Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
October 7	NO CLASS
October 14	Matthew 22:15-22; Exodus 33:12-23
October 21	Matthew 22:34-46; Deuteronomy 34:1-12
October 28	Matthew 23:1-12; Joshua 3:7-17

A graphic with the text "MEN'S Bible STUDY" in black. "MEN'S" is in a bold, sans-serif font, "Bible" is in a large, cursive font, and "STUDY" is in a bold, sans-serif font. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface with an open Bible at the bottom.

MEN'S Bible STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on October 14, 28, and November 18
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.

Book Club



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 and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



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**. 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

