

Jesus says,

“Come and See”



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Julie Peterson

Let it be known and proclaimed! Let this truth sink into the depths of your being:

The presence of God receives us as we are.

Our questions. Our pain. Our stories unfinished and memories held close.

There is a love to hold it all.

Quieting the noise of shame. Casting out words of “not enough.”

The voice of God says, “Welcome. Welcome. Welcome.”

OPENING HYMN

“God, Reveal Your Presence”

GTG #412

God, reveal your presence: gladly we adore you, and with awe appear before you.

Holy is your temple: all within keep silence, humbly bow with deepest reverence.

You alone now we own as our God and Savior: praise your name forever!

In God’s holy presence, hear the harps resounding;

see the crowds the throne surrounding:

“Holy, holy, holy!” hear the hymn ascending, angels, saints, their voices blending.

Turn your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your church now raises.

Fountain of all blessing, purify my spirit; all my trust is in your merit.

Like the holy angels on your glory gazing, we adore, hosannas raising.

Let your will ever still rule your church terrestrial, as the hosts celestial.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Stu T.

God of Justice and Mercy, we confess privilege allows us to not recognize the plight of those around us. We confess the assumptions we have from our experiences shade how we view the struggles of others. We judge based on what we know, instead of learning from others views and understandings. Forgive us when we unintentionally cause harm by our assumptions and fail to recognize the ways others are oppressed by our actions, words, and most importantly, by our silent indifference. Call us into repentance and accountability. Help us to listen to the prophets of old as well as the prophets among us today. Guide us into thoughtful action to change our ways and dismantle the systems of oppression we live in. This we pay in Jesus’ name, who lived and died for us, and lives again, breaking the chains of sin and death.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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**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 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Stu T.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “More to See” Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

PASSING THE PEACE “Dona Nobis Pacem” (*Grant us Peace*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³ *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15* Stu T.

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING “We Plow the Field and Scatter” *The Choir*

CLOSING HYMN

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

GTG #69

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

***Refrain:* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ...refrain...**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ...refrain...**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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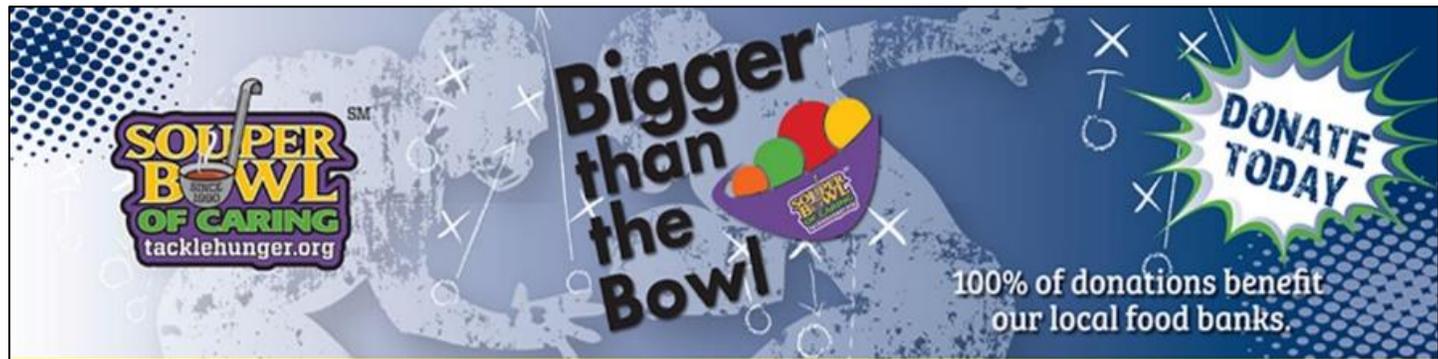
²Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

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FLOWER DEDICATION

**This week's flower arrangement is dedicated
in Celebration of Mary Ekstrom's Birthday
From George Rogers**



**On Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th , Church of the Cross will be participating
in the 2021 Souper Bowl of Caring.**

MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

You can mail a check to the office or use the Donate function on our website to support our local food pantry.

Please choose the ‘Other’ option and put “Souper Bowl” in the comments if you donate via the website.



Join us on January 31 after worship for our Annual Meeting via Zoom

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



Prayer
REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Joyce A (friend of George R)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
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)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
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)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)

Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Ann & Geoff S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Those who are caregivers
Those devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those affected by the devastating forest fires
Those who grieve

- **Family of Billy Costello** (Julie's friend)
- **Family of Joel** (friend of Jim/Susan)



ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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 Zoom session.

January 20	Mark 1:14-20; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
January 27	Mark 1:21-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
February 3	Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 10	Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
February 17 (Ash Wed)	Mark 1:9-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22



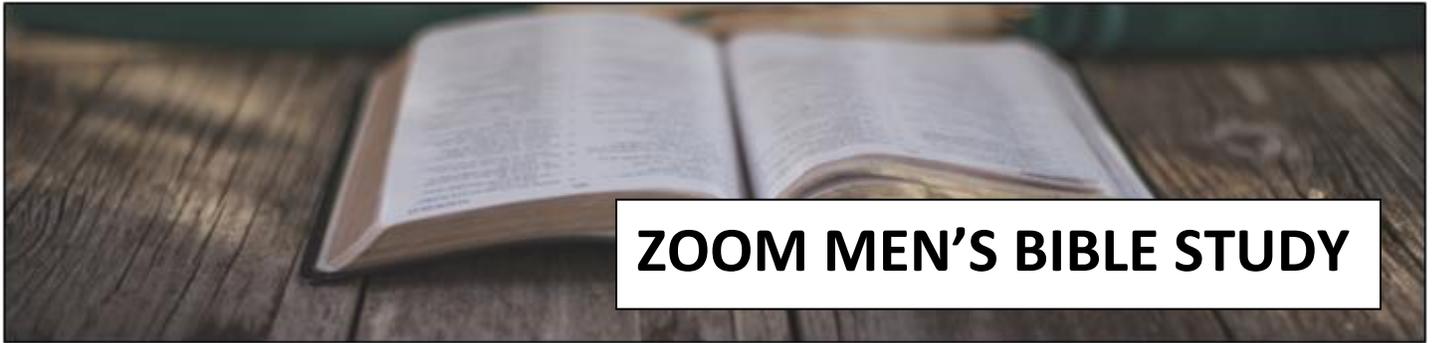
ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Our next Book Club meeting is on:

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Our current book is **An Irish Country Doctor** by Patrick Taylor

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on January 20th, February 10th & February 24th. Meetings start at 7 pm.

Our current study is on the book **ISAIAH Trusting God in Troubled Times**
by Howard Peskett.

We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details.



ZOOM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Our current study book is **Materiality as Resistance: Five Elements for Moral Action in the Real World**
by Walter Brueggemann.

EVERYONE is invited to join the study!
Let Pastor Julie know you are interested,
and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES

Mondays to Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

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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