



4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 31, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP^{1&2}

Rev. Julie Peterson

The Wisdom of God calls us to gather:

to learn from Love's teachers, ancient and new.

The Wisdom of God is a companion in discernment,

our Guide through the generations.

God is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

The works of God's hands are faithful and just, established forever.

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart,

in the company of the whole congregation.

Holy and awesome is God's name.

God's name endures forever!

OPENING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

GTG #625; Blue #467

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
when I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze: ...Refrain...**

**And when I think, that God, his Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: ...Refrain...**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!” ...Refrain...**

CALL TO CONFESSION

With humility, Delivering One, we pray for your guidance. You have shown us what it means to follow you. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your Holy Spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, yet we consider no creature but ourselves, and wound your earth by our sin.

In so many ways, Delivering One, we have been taught to seek wisdom in people and places resistant to your liberating love. Authority has been handed out according to power and privilege. And yet, we know Christ does not seek the spotlight, fit the norm, nor climb ladders of success. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us when we fail. Open our hearts and minds to your teachings. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share your compassion and forgiveness with one another.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE "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

Psalm 111

Jim B.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-28

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Fear of the Lord"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

~ ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION ~

Elders: James Buchholz, Laura De La Cruz, Cathy Walker, Patricia Groenewold

Deacons: Erica De La Cruz, Naana Grant-Acquah, Fay Michaelis

We thank God for our unity in diversity.

There are different kinds of gifts:

but the same Spirit.

There are different kinds of service:

but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working:

**but the same God. Praise to God Almighty, Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, who works in us in all these ways. Amen.**

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal and gracious God ... Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

To the Candidates

To the Congregation

Do we, members of our Lord's church, accept Ruling Elders **James Buchholz, Laura De La Cruz, Cathy Walker, and Patricia Groenewold**; and Deacons **Erica De La Cruz, Naana Grant-Acquah, and Fay Michaelis** as chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

ORDINATION PRAYER & LAYING ON OF HANDS

INSTALLATION PRAYER

... the congregation will join the prayer when invited by Elder, Stu Truelsen...

Let us now pray together...

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE AND WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

"All Night, All Day"

arr. by Patsy Ford Simms

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim B.

CLOSING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

GTG #450

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

...continued...

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

BENEDICTION

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²Call to Worship 53.1, © 2021 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg 50

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**This week's flower arrangement is from Nancy & Charlie Keppel
to celebrate Adam & Cristina's Anniversary**

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

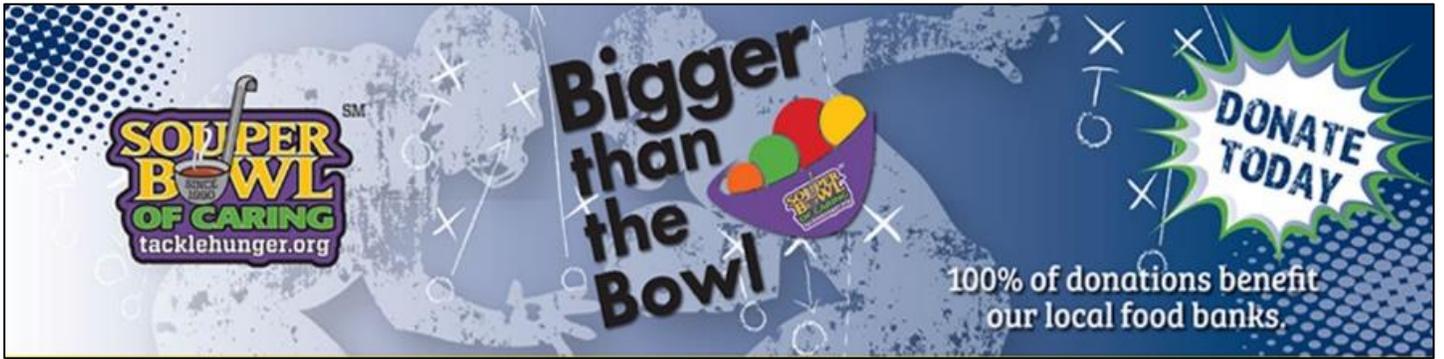


Prayer REQUESTS

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)
Gabi (Mother of Sue/Joe's son-in-law)
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
Lois McP
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
Martin S (Sue/Jim's friend)
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 who grieve

- **Family of Mary Jane** (Karen's friend)



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 Wednesday, February 17th for our Ash Wednesday service. This service will be in-person and live streamed on Facebook.

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and relents from punishing. – Joel 2:12-13



ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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.

February 3	Mark 1:29-39; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 10	Mark 9:2-9; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
February 17 (<i>Ash Wed</i>)	Mark 1:9-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22



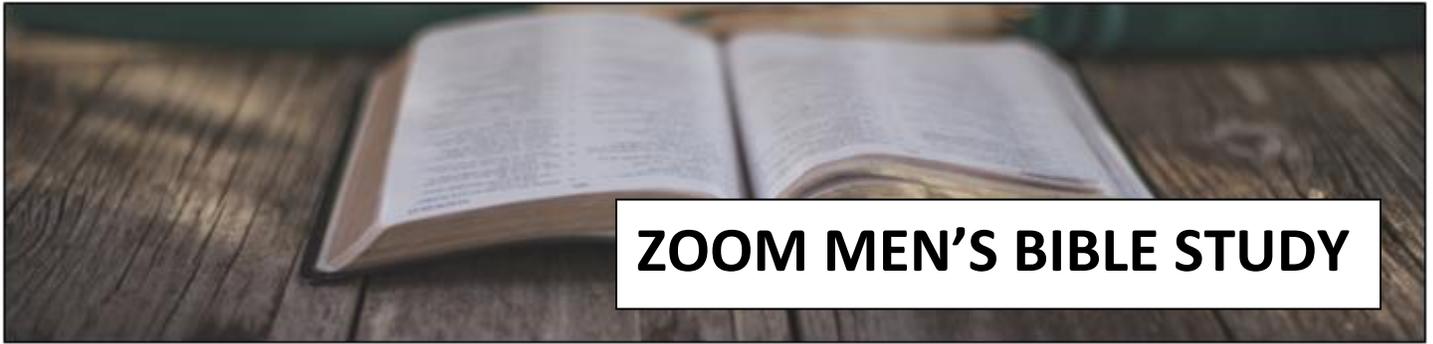
ZOOM BOOK CLUB

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 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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