



5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ *(from Psalm 147:1, 3, 7)*

Judie T.

Praise the LORD

How good it is to sing praises to our God;

For God is gracious,

and a song of praise is fitting.

God heals the brokenhearted,

and binds up their wounds.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God!

OPENING HYMN “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Judie T.

**O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord,
when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share
our gifts with the world, but we keep our resources close and our minds closed.
You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our
neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we try
to separate ourselves from anyone whose existence challenges our comfort. Forgive
us, O God, by your grace, and free us to be agents of your healing.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Judie T.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:29-39

Judie T.

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus' Focused Mission

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

selections from Isaiah 40:21-31

Judie T.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when God blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see. Who created these? God who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because God is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. ... Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary. God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Peace Like a River, Kum By Yah”

traditional Spiritual

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judie T.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Julie Peterson

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING³

May God be with you.

May God be also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open our hearts to God and to each other.

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

In the morning, Awakening God, you took creation and flung it to the far corners of chaos, naming the stars twinkling in the night, shaping deserted places for prayers, feeding all the creatures in the fields. You longed to walk with those created in your image, so we would not weary, but we listened to the boasting of death, as it proclaimed sin's opportunities. You sent the prophets, who cried out, 'haven't you been listening; don't you realize what God is trying to do for you?' but we continued to delight in all which opposed you. So, having created all things, you became the one thing we needed, our Savior.

With those so weary they cannot take another step, with those revived by your grace and hope, we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge.

All creation sings glad praises to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came for our sake.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, Star Namer, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. He became weak, so the power of the world would be shattered; he became poor, so we might be filled with the riches of your grace; he went to that deserted place we call the grave, so death might be knocked off its pedestal, as you breathed new life into his knackered spirit.

As we search for him in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel, may we find that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, not boasting in himself;

Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him;

Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.

Here is that Bread, which though broken, can strengthen the powerless; here is that Cup, which though emptied, can fill the weary with hope. Pour out your Spirit not only on these gifts, but upon your children gathered around the Table. We come, bone-tired, so make us bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh. We can barely take another step, so empower us to walk beside the lonely and the homeless. We are so fatigued by our despair, feed us with your hope and joy, so we may proclaim your kingdom to everyone we meet.

And when the day comes to gather with all your children around the Feast of the Lamb, we will join hands and dance around the Table, singing your praise forever and ever: God our Creator, Christ our Servant, Spirit of Newness, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit. At this shared table we have been united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. By this gift of your love, may we now work to share your gifts with all the world, sent boldly together as servants of your peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

GTG #435; Blue #298

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.

There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.

There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

**If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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²Call to Worship 53.1, © 2020 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg 26

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)

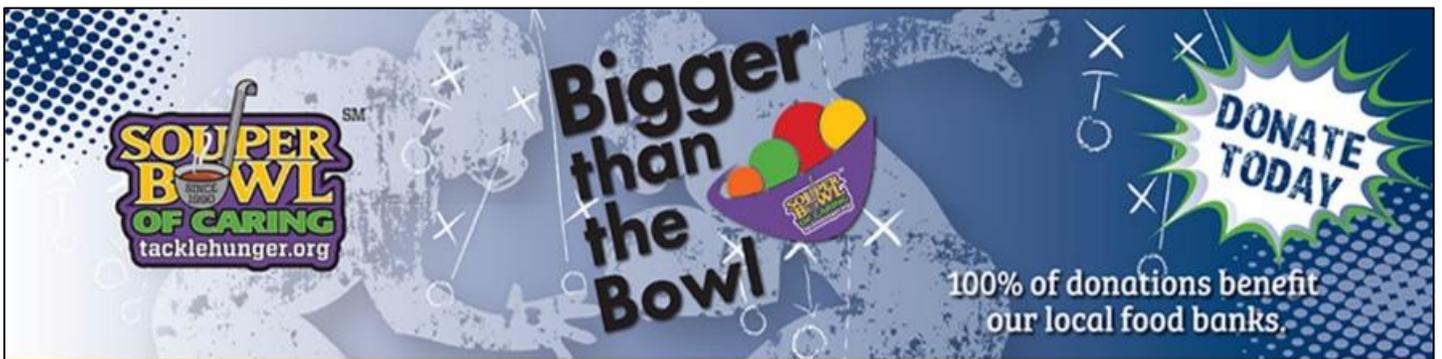
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Sandra M (Hank's sister)
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)



FLOWER DEDICATION

**This week's flower arrangement is from Stu & Marie Rutter
In Memory of Edward DeBeaumont**



**Today 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.

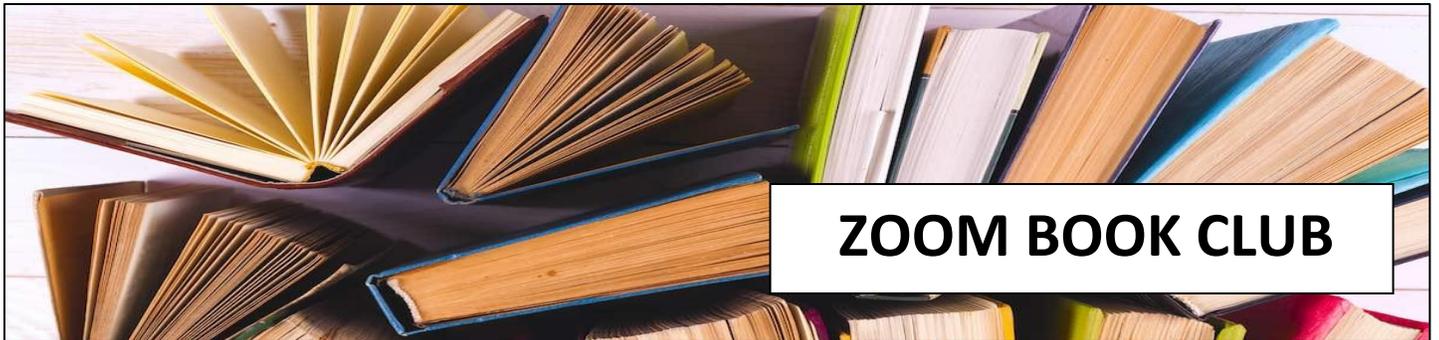
Please choose the ‘Other’ option and put “Souper Bowl” in the comments if you donate via the website.



Ash Wednesday

**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 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**

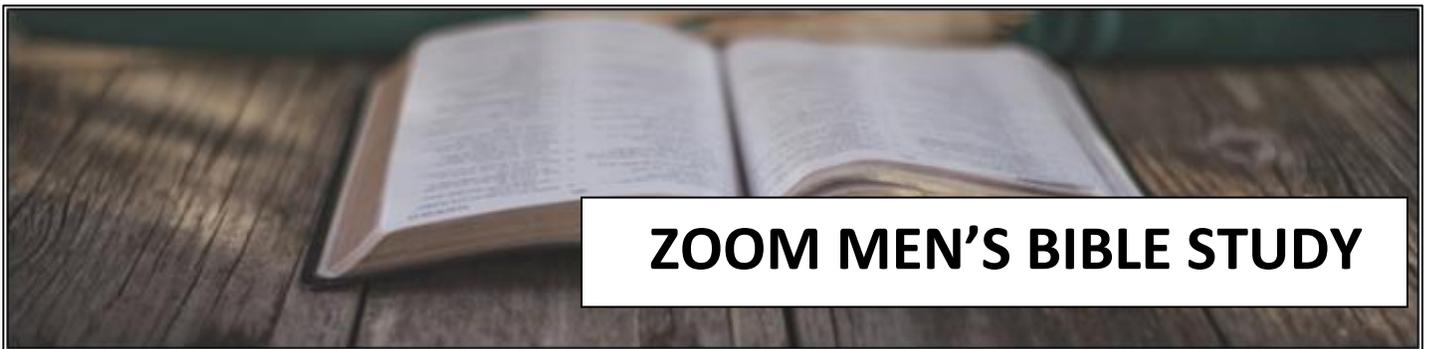
If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



ZOOM 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 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
February 24	Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25
March 3	John 2:13-22; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
March 10	John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10



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 11:45 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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