



## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 14, 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 WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Pastor Julie

Coursing through all the complexities of life,  
the grace of God is a constant companion.

**A blessing that is bestowed, not earned.**

A declaration of inherent worth.

**A divine confidence in human potential.**

Let all the earth breathe a sigh of relief.

**All striving can cease, for God's grace is steadfast and forever.**

## OPENING HYMN

### "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

GTG #415

*All or Leader*

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,  
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty  
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined  
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,  
glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,  
by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,  
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

*All*

full of pit - y, love, and power.  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and  
you will nev - er come at all.  
is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the  
arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1/2</sup>

Jim B.

**God Who So Loves the World, You sent us Your only Son, so we might believe and have eternal life. We have often failed to understand eternity begins now, that the life You offer is here, and transcends death. We have often failed to understand how we live matters, and how we sometimes participate in the sins of this world without recognizing it. We have often sinned in our purchases, in our desires, in our shrugging shoulders, in our longing to just focus on ourselves.**

**Forgive us and call us from our sinful, selfish ways. Call us back to You, God Who So Loves the World, so we might remember You came not to condemn but to save. Help us to turn our hearts and be restored to You. Teach us, Holy One, of your grace. Grace that is honest. Grace that is steady. Grace which delivers from evil and accompanies to healing. May we be rooted in a love which neither boasts nor self-loathes, but declares all life as sacred. May it be so.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (2x)

GTG # 595

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart knows how to say to you: you are holy, Lord**

**SHARE GOD’S LOVE**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Jim B.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

Rev. Julie Peterson

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

God Loves

Rev. Julie Peterson

**OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME**

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*(Grant us Peace)*

**We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend,  
redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide,  
who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God’s resurrection created world, where all things are fixed,  
and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday,  
today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

**We believe in God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING “Depth of Mercy” *arr. by Chris Owenby*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Jim B.*

CLOSING HYMN “There is a Balm in Gilead” *GTG #792; Blue#493*

***Refrain* There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. ~sing refrain~**

**Don’t ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you lack for knowledge, he’ll not refuse to lend. ~sing refrain~**

**If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you tell the love of Jesus and say, “He died for all.” ~sing refrain~**

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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

<sup>3</sup>Lenten series [Journey into Wholeness](#) written by Christine Sine. Published in 2009 by Mustard Seed Associates.

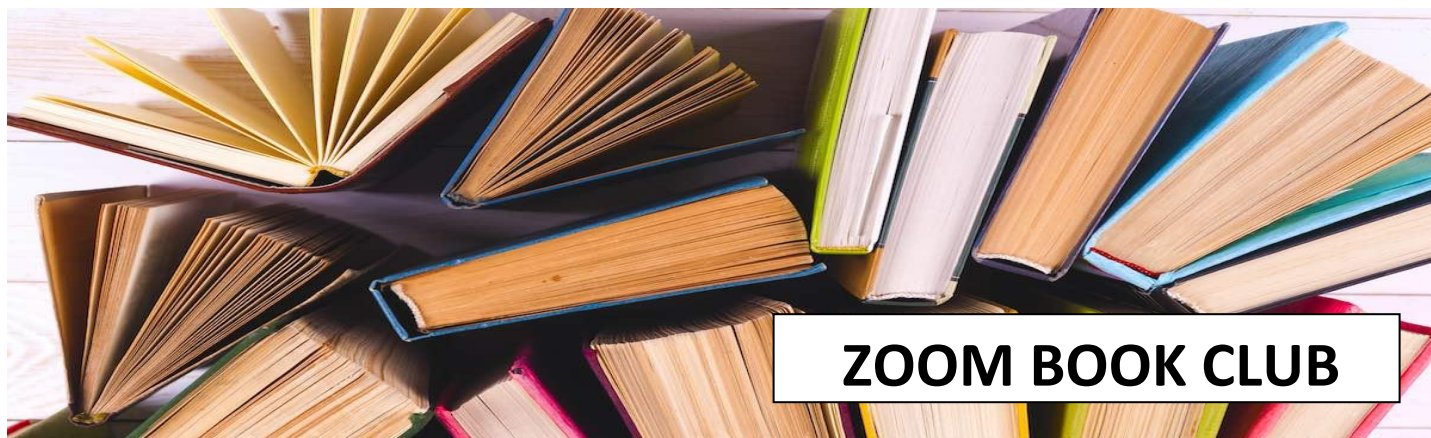
Welcome All  
Share God's Love  
Offer Hope  
... all in Jesus' name



*Prayer*  
REQUESTS

**Avonne** (Laura's mother)  
**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)  
**Dee B** (former member)  
**Kevin B** (Joe L's co-worker/friend)  
**Mildred B**  
**Mary Ann B**  
**Sushma B**  
**Andree C**  
**Chuck C** (Laura D's brother)  
**Dan C** (neighbor of John/Cheryl)  
**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-in-law)  
**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**  
**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)  
**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)  
**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**  
**Geri S** (Adelaide's neighbor)  
**Martin S** (Sue/Jim's friend)  
**Marnie S** (Glenna M's friend)  
**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**  
- **Jean and family** (friend of Laura D)



## ZOOM BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7 p.m.**

Our current book is **"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine"**  
by Gail Honeymoon

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.



## ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

**Join us via Zoom every Wednesday at 12 noon for bible study.**

We discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service.  
Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Zoom session.

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| March 17 | John 12:20-33; Hebrews 5:5-10    |
| March 24 | Mark 11:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11 |
| March 31 | John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43      |



## **ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Men's Bible Study will meet on March 24<sup>th</sup>.  
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.**

**The Lenten Study Book is Making Sense of the Cross by David J Lose.**

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



**EASTER FLOWER SALE**

**Easter Lilies, Tulips, and Hyacinths are available for \$15 each.**

The order form is on our website.

Please mail checks or leave checks in the church mailbox.

Online payments can be made under Deacons with "Easter Flowers" in Notes.



**EASTER BASKET FUND**

**We are collecting donations for Aldi's Gift Cards.** These Gift Cards will be handed out to families of Lakeview Elementary School. It is our hope to provide as many Aldi's Gift Cards to as many families as possible.





## SOCKS & TOILETRIES DRIVE

**We are collecting New Socks and Standard Size Toiletries.**

These items are needed for the families of Lakeview Elementary School who live in the Steeple Hill Apartment Complex. Please drop off in the Narthex.

Financial donations will also be appreciated for purchase of Small children socks; Medium children socks; Large children socks; Adult socks; Shampoo; Conditioner; Soap; Toothbrushes; Toothpaste; Dental floss; Deodorant; Combs; Brushes; Kleenex; Paper towels; & Toilet paper.

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