



Palm Sunday

March 28, 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

Pastor Julie

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

OPENING HYMN

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

GTG #198; Blue #91

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast, pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

“But later...”

Pat G.

**Joy dances down the street, grabbing us by the hand, twirling us round and round
as glad tears and songs make a carpet of welcome for the One who comes.**

But later...

**we'll strip the branches to weave a cross;
stones that echoed “Hosanna!” will bloody the knees of the stumbling servant;
we'll dust off our cloaks and swaddle ourselves to ward off
the cold breath of death sweeping down from the Skull.**

And when we look back at everything we could have done, it will be too late.

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

Philippians 2:1-11

Pat G.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-11

Rev. Julie Peterson

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SERMON

“The One Who Comes”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

*A PRAYER OF FAITH AND GRATITUDE³

Pat G.

Jesus, Lord of the Journey, we thank you that you set your face firmly towards Jerusalem, with a single eye and a pure intent, knowing what lay ahead but never turning aside.

Jesus, Lord of the Palms, we thank you that you enjoyed the shouts of “Hosanna!” from the ordinary people, living fulling in that moment of welcome and accepting their praise.

Jesus, Lord of the Cross and the Empty Tomb, we thank you that you freely entered the heart of our evil and our pain, along a way that was both terrible and wonderful, as your Kingship became your brokenness, and your dying became the triumph of undying love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Praise and Exaltation”

by Sten Pethel

CLOSING HYMN

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

GTG #618, Blue #83

**O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew, for us, the tempter overthrew.**

**For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.**

**For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.**

**All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

¹Call to Worship 54.1, © 2020 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

²Shuman, Thom. Where the Broken Gather: Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year B (p. 108). Kindle Edition.

³Wild Goose big book of worship resources, Wild Goose Publications, 2017, Iona Community, Glasgow, United Kingdom, pg 78, 102

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



Prayer REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
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)
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)
Pam L
Phyllis L
McKenzie (daughter of Michelle V's friend)
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Lois McP
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

- **Family of Dick McW** (Ann's brother)

FLOWER DEDICATION

This week's flower arrangement is from Mary Ekstrom and George Rogers.

They are pleased to announce their engagement on 03/18/2021!



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

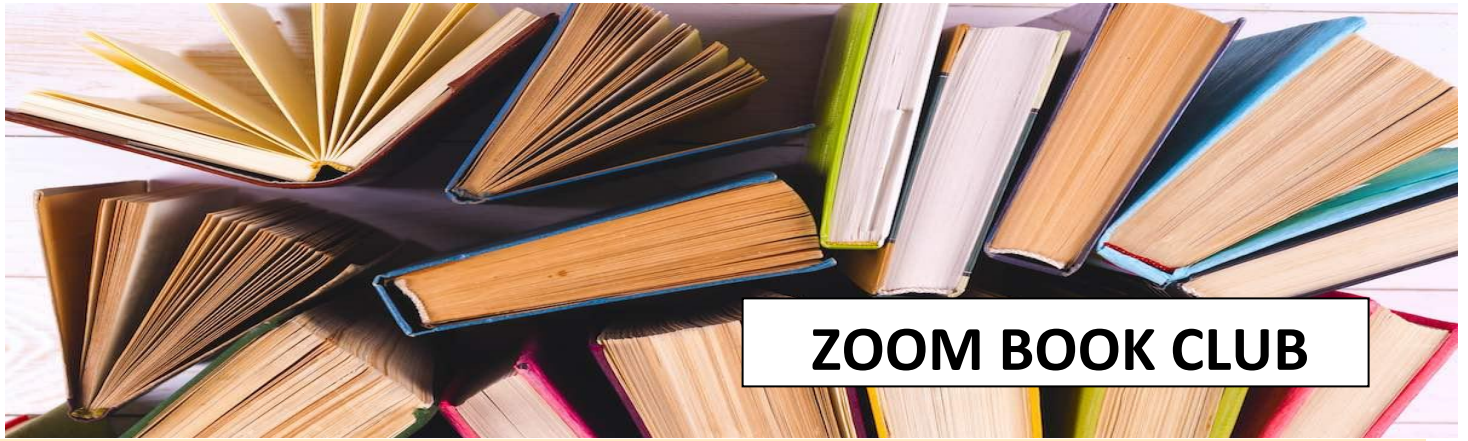
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Please make donation online, during our Sunday Worship Offering or send check in mail.



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 and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



**Coffee Hour is back on Sundays, starting on April 4th.
The Sign-up Sheet is in the lounge or you can email Glenna M. to sign up.
We are asking that you only supply cookies in snack bags, in addition
to setting up the coffee.**



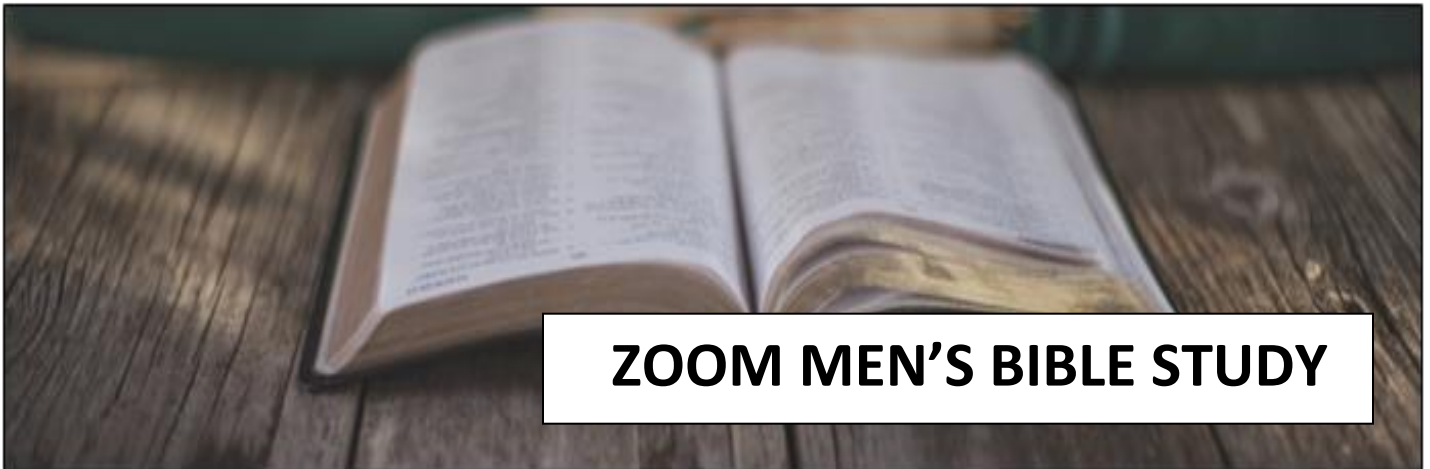
ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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.

March 31	John 20:1-18; Acts 10:34-43
April 7	No Class
April 14	No Class



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on April 14th.

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.



Food Pantry Needs

Tomato Products
Pasta Roni
Baking Items
Pancake Mix
Syrup
Paper Towels
Diapers
Wipes





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.



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.