



Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor Julie

Knowing the fate which awaited him,
Jesus rode into the city on Sunday, and we shouted “Hosanna!”

Knowing we would betray him,
**Jesus broke bread with his disciples on this night,
and washed their feet.**

Knowing why the soldiers would look for him,
Jesus will answer, “I am he,” and we will not defend him.
Let us worship in the shadow of the cross
And with Christ lament the pain of the world.

OPENING HYMN

“This is the Night”

GTG #206

1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judie T.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

O Christ you washed the feet of your disciples and shared a meal with people who would betray you. As we prepare to share a meal with you, we ask your forgiveness, O Lord, for the ways we have betrayed you. We, too, have denied your presence. We, too, have let fear stand in the way of faith. We, too, have been selfish or greedy. We, too, are in need of your grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and empower us to follow your lead in washing the feet of the world. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSON

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

OUR SUNG RESPONSE

“You are the Lord”

GTG #437

You are the Lord, giv'er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv'er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv'er of mer-cy!

Amen and Amen.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A UNISON READING OF AFFIRMATION

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
²Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
... ¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? ¹³I will lift up
the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, ¹⁴I will pay my vows to
the LORD in the presence of all his people. ¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones. ¹⁶O LORD, I am your servant; I am your
servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. ¹⁷I will offer
to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. ¹⁸I will pay
my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, ¹⁹in the courts of the
house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

BOLD TEXT is read by the congregation.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-38

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Thanks be to God.

EVENING MEDITATION

"Do you know what I have done to you?"

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...ALL IN JESUS' NAME

RESPONSE REPRISE

“You are the Lord”

GTG #437

You are the Lord, giv'er of mer-cy!
You are the Christ, giv'er of mer-cy!
You are the Lord, giv'er of mer-cy!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Agnus Dei”

arr. by Chris Owenby

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judie T.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Jesus Remember Me” (sing 2x)

GTG #227; Blue #599

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.
Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING²

May the God of last suppers be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God this night.

We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

**Our thanks are offered to the One who walks
and waits with us through long nights.**

When the hour had come, Creator of the heavens and earth, you lifted up the cup of creation, pouring it into the emptiness of chaos. Rivers played tag through the valleys, stars spangled the blue-black night, joy danced in the fields of grace. Given Your fountain flowing with living water, we drank from betrayal's bitter cup. Offered the feast of faith, we sat down at sin's groaning table. You asked the prophets to remind us of promises made, but we continued to embrace the pangs of hopelessness. Then, because we are your own, you sent Jesus to glorify you by saving us from ourselves. Therefore, with those whose feet are covered with sin, and those who hearts are gripped by fear, we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:

Holy, holy, holy, God of towels and basins.

We join heaven and earth in praising your name.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who became a servant for us.

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, God of Redemption, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Servant, our Savior. When the hour had come, he got up from grace's side, took off his glory, tied humanity around his heart to cleanse us of our sins. In the midst of his friends, in the congregation of his enemies, he kept the promises made to you, to love us to the very end. Our friend, he welcomed all. Our teacher, he modeled the life of obedience and faith. Our Redeemer, he endured the snares of death, that we might have life with you. Every time we eat the bread, our brokenness is made whole. Every time we drink from the cup, we receive unceasing grace. Every time we come to your Table, we remember the mystery of faith:

In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death;

in remembrance, we look to the Day of Resurrection;

in remembrance, we await his return to us.

Now that the hour is come, send your Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup. As you cradle the bread in your gentleness, break it, give it to us, feed us with your compassion so we might be made whole and, in our healing, become servants to a shattered world. As you take the cup, mingle its juices with your tears of hope, so we might carry this gift to all who have lost everything.

And when there are no more hours to come, when there is only eternal peace and life with you, we will gather in that upper room called your heart, serving our families and friends with grace, receiving forgiveness from our enemies, singing your joy, forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION²

Holy God, thank you for claiming us as your own and nourishing us in this meal as members of our Lord's body. Lord Jesus, you put your life into our hands and now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us, and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Guiding Spirit within us, give us the grace to glorify you as One living body in the world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide with Me”

GTG #836; Blue #543

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O Thou who changest not, above with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

¹Call to Worship 53.1 ©2020 Office of Theology & Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) p78

²Shuman, Thom. Where the Broken Gather: Lectionary Liturgies for RCL Year B (p. 113-115). Kindle Edition.

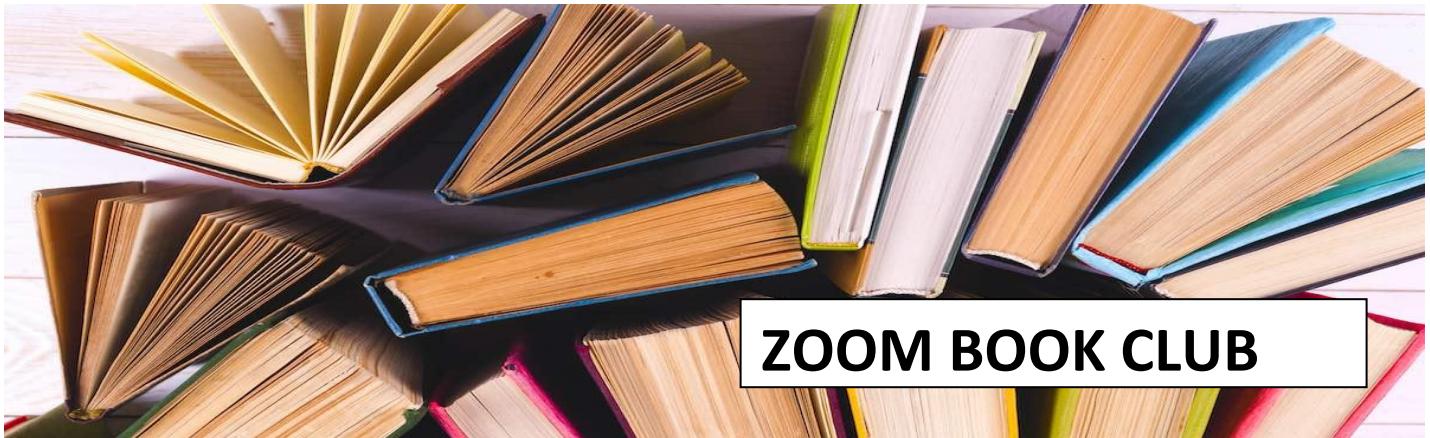
Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



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)



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

Our current book is "**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**" by Gail Honeyman
If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will
send you a Zoom invitation.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING COFFEE HOUR



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.**



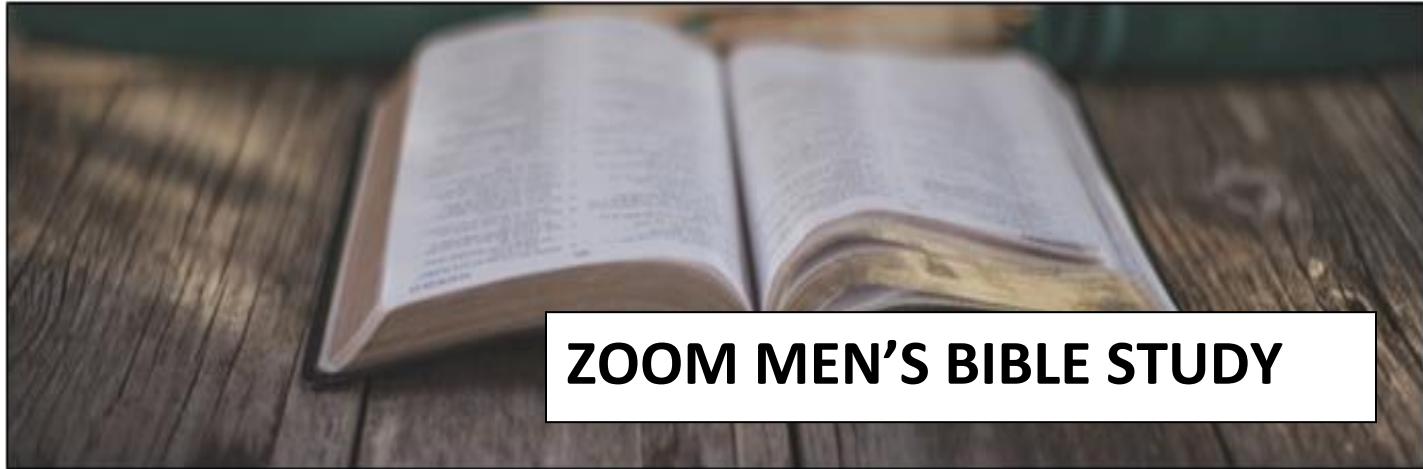
ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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.

April 7	No Class
April 14	No Class
April 21	John 10:11-18; Acts 4:5-12



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.
We are not meeting on April 4th and April 11th.**

We will continue with Brueggemann's "Materiality as Resistance",
Chapter 3 on April 18th.

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

