

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor Julie

How do we come to know the love of God?

Not through word or speech alone!

The love of God is truth and action.

Embodied and incarnate.

Tangibly turning the world on end,

Their love is bold and brave.

Manifesting materially, that life may thrive today,

Their presence is a force. Love is felt. Love is witnessed.

Love is experienced and encountered. Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

GTG #245; Blue #113

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!

All creation, join to say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O Grave? Alleluia!

Hail the lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!

Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!

Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!

Rise Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{1/2}

Judie T.

O God, you have called us to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. You have laid down your life for us and commanded us to lay down our lives for one another. Still, Lord, we offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet. Still, Lord, we fail to share our lives with the world, hiding behind a myth of independence. Forgive us, we pray, and by your forgiveness, raise us to new life in you.

Beloved One, you are protector, healer, and friend. You place feasts before the hungry and welcome strangers with shelter. Come and deepen our capacity to practice love that is as substantial as yours. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

GTG # 591

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1-12

Judie T.

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

Rev. Julie Peterson

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SERMON

“The *Kalos* Shepherd”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

*PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

“Above All”

by Paul Baloche ~ Lenny LeBlanc

*CLOSING HYMN

“Guide My Feet” (vs1, 3-5)

GTG #741; Blue#354

**Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
Guide my feet while I run this race;
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race;
Stand by me while I run this race;
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race;
I'm your child while I run this race;
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

**Search my heart while I run this race:
Search my heart while I run this race:
Search my heart while I run this race:
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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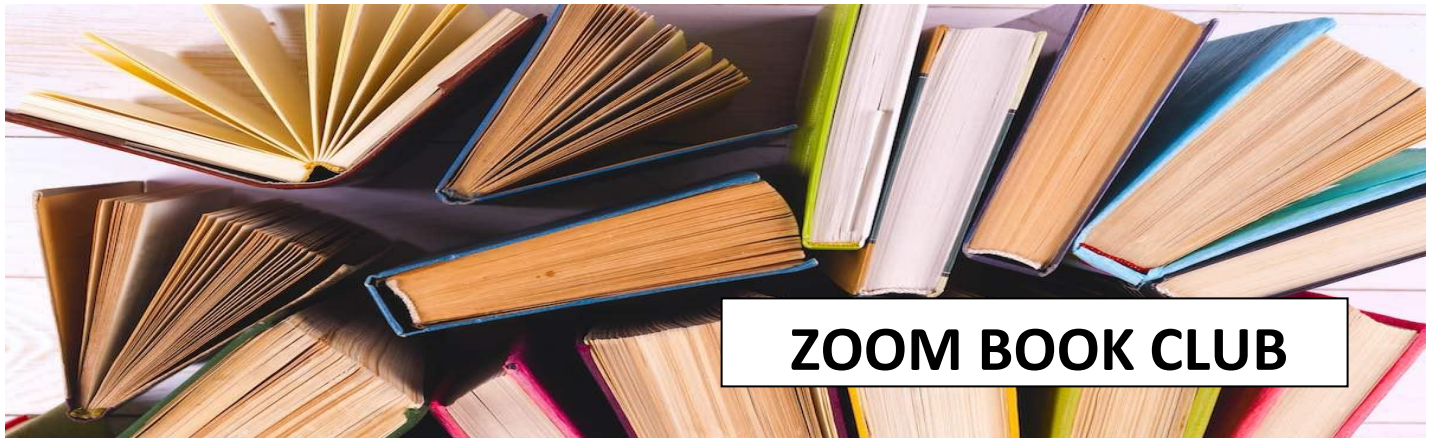
Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



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
- **Victoria and family** (Laura's friend)



ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Our current book is **"This Tender Land"** by William Ken Krueger
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!

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.



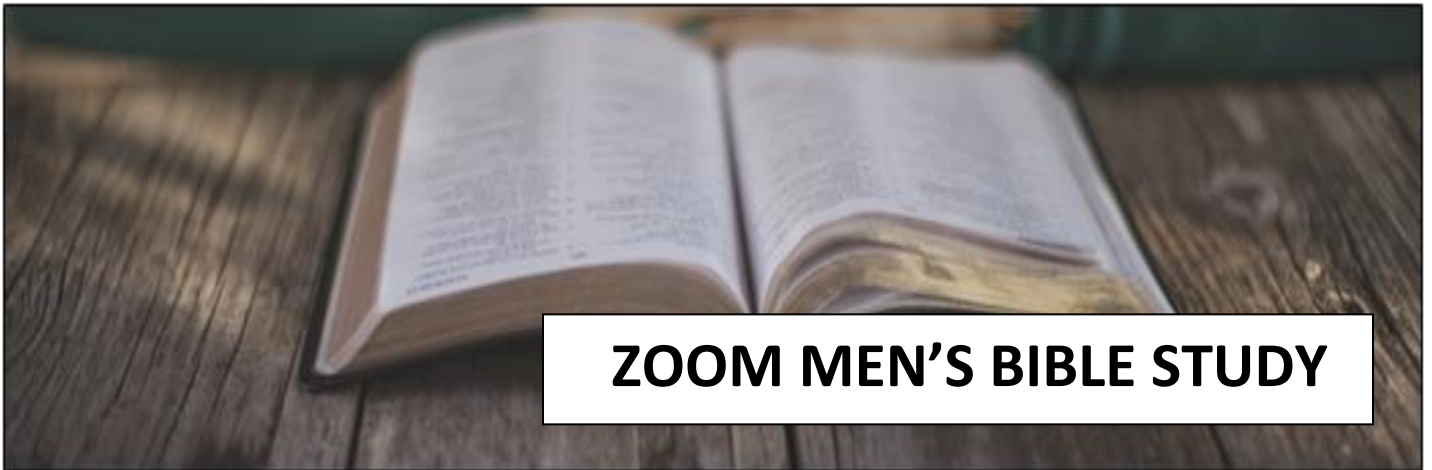
ZOOM LUNCH WITH PASTOR JULIE

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 28	John 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40
May 5	John 15:9-17; Acts 10:44-48
May 12	John 17:6-19; Acts 1:16-17, 21-26



ZOOM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study will meet on April 28th

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 currently studying Brueggemann’s “Materiality as Resistance”

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

- Juice
- Fresh Produce
- Condiments
- Canned Meat
- Tomato Products
- Pasta Roni

