



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

“Melodie” by W. Stickles

Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Pastor Julie

God is shade from August heat,
**the sweetness of a blackberry right off the bush,
a drink from the corner store pressed to our foreheads.**

God is the ripe belly of a rain cloud to parched soil;
They are the soil itself, rich brown whispering of blooming.

God is the dark purple leaves of a cherry plum tree.
They are the invitation to rest found in the ink of night sky.

God loves melanin, shade, the wonder of deep hues.
Let us gather in the shadow of God’s wings!

*OPENING HYMN

“Blessing and Honor”

GTG #369

CALL TO CONFESSION

Judie T.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION^{1/2}

Sacred Mystery, we know the logic of empire influences our thoughts. Craft in us a vivid imagery beyond that of battle fields, breastplates, and waging war. Teach us of ecosystems and of solidarity. School us in softness, intimacy, and soulful communication. Empower us as we seek your wisdom so we may live a life of emboldened peace. Bring us back to your words of eternal life when we flounder in these teachings.

Stretch us to imagine the More you call us to. Teach us to speak your words so we will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Guide us to be near those who are hurting, instead of keeping our distance to avoid hard conversations. Lead us out of our tendency to hoard possessions or cling to power, so we can work toward meeting the needs of your people in our community.

Sacred Mystery by your mercy, forgive our sins; by your grace, free us to try again.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONDING TO GRACE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GTG # 382

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Judie T.

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

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-69

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SERMON

“Lord, to whom can we go?”

Rev Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

(Grant us Peace)

RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³

A Declaration of Faith – Chapter One, 1-4

Judie T.

We believe in one true and living God.

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

God is greater than our understanding.

We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think.

God makes himself known in Jesus Christ.

Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love.

God moves in history with his people.

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

“Let There be Peace on Earth” by Sy Miller, Jill Jackson

Natalie M, Robert K.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Judie T.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Let us Build a House”

GTG #301

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“March Heroique” by W. Stickles

Robert K.

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²Call to Worship 54.1, © 2021 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), pg 136

³The 197th General Assembly (PCUSA, 1985) made its own the action of the 177th General Assembly (PCUS, 1977) with reference to A Declaration of Faith which is as follows: “That ‘A Declaration of Faith’ be adopted as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration . . .” (Minutes, PCUS, 1977, Part I, p. 168), with the understanding that only the current Book of Confessions has constitutional standing. among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe.

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... all in Jesus' name



Prayer
REQUESTS

Avonne (Laura's mother)
Ann H (friend of Sue Le)
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
Susan B
Sushma B
Andree C
Connie (Karen F's friend)
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)

Ann H (friend of Sue L)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Marian K (Robert K's father)
José K (Adelaide's friend)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
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
George R
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Ann & Geoff S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Those who grieve

- **Family of Jim L** (Ken/Pat's son-in-law)
- **Family of Steve** (Jane's brother)



The flower arrangement this week is from the Rutters in Celebration of their 60th Anniversary.

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.



August 25	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; James 1:17-27
September 1	Mark 7:24-37; James 2:1-13
September 8	Mark 8:27-38; James 3:1-12



Across America and in every community, there are families struggling to meet their basic needs. This year Church of the Cross will again be participating in the Warm Coat Program. By donating money for NEW winter coats, you can help relieve the burden of poverty and bring the gift of warmth to children in need at Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg elementary schools.

A new coat allows families to stretch limited financial resources to necessities, such as food and shelter. The unfortunate reality is that these schools request even more coats than we can fund. Most of the children receiving these coats are part of the federal free or reduced school breakfast/lunch program so having a warm coat to get to school often means their meals for the day.

Thank you for your consideration.

We will be accepting donations until September 5th. Please put the notation "Warm Coats" in your check memo line or envelope.

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