



World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
(847) 885-1199

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE	“From Foreign Lands” (<i>Robert Schumann</i>)	Dr. Robert K.
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Julie Peterson
CHORAL INTROIT	“O Worship the Lord” (<i>Robert McCutchan</i>)	COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP²

Where lives are lost and voices are not heard
**we call to mind the faith which is passed on to us
the justice which speaks out for all people.**

In border towns and communities walled in by poverty,
where fear destroys families and scatters neighbors,
**we call to mind the hope which is passed on to us,
the peace and reconciliation which will rebuild communities.**

In neighborhoods not known, in places never mentioned,
where bitter tears are shed and the lonely walk the streets,
**we call to mind the love which we are to pass on
to those forgotten by the world, including us.**

*OPENING HYMN	“God, Reveal Your Presence”	<i>GTG #412</i>
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CALL TO CONFESSION		Jim B.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors.

Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts—the spirit of power, love and self-discipline—so with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Rev. Julie Peterson
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*RESPONDING TO GRACE	“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”	<i>GTG #582</i>
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*PASSING THE PEACE	“Jesus Loves Me”	
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SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Jim B.
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SERMON

The Mystery of Faith

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN Lord Prepare Me (*sing 2x, adapted for the community*) GTG #701

**Lord prepare us, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, we'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹ *Lamentations 3:19-26 (adapted for the community)* Jim B.

The thought of our affliction and our homelessness is wormwood and gall! Our souls continually think of it and is bowed down within us. But this we call to mind, and therefore we have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, the LORD's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is our portion," says our souls, "therefore we will hope in the LORD." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul which seeks him. It is good that we should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY "Grace" (*Arranged by Mark Hayes*) COTC Choir

*SUNG RESPONSE "Our God Is an Awesome God" (*sing 2x*) GTG #616

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jim B.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Seed, Scattered and Sown" GTG #531

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE²

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING¹

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a Table for us.

We praise the Lord our God who welcomes us with open arms.

How lonely was chaos, Gardener of the Universe, until you spoke a Word, and your Spirit created—leaves which burnish gold and red in autumn, snow which drifts lazily in winter skies, frozen brooks which burst in spring, ponds splashing with children in summer. ...

But you would not forget us, and so sent Jesus to bring us home to you. Therefore, we join our voices, as we sing of your mercies made fresh in every moment.

All Sing: *(tune: Morning Has Broken pg. 664)*

***God of Creation, Lord of all beauty, All creatures join in singing your love;
Holy Compassion, Joy of our mornings, Fill us with grace which comes from above.***

You alone are holy, Heart Speaker, and we are blessed through Jesus, life's Promise. ... Daughters of despair, sons of sadness, orphans of woe—he gathers us all up in his arms of mercy wiping out death, and sits us down at the family Table. As we remember his grace and love, as we dare not forget his sacrifice for us, we sing of the mystery we call faith:

All Sing:

***Christ of the outcast, Comfort of mourners, Neighbor to strangers, Love without end;
Bearer of burdens, Grace ever with us, Blessing our children, Brother and Friend.***

Holy Spirit, as we offer the gifts of the bread and the cup for your blessing, so we present ourselves: our accomplishments, our failings, our hopes, our realities. Make us weak, so we might rely on your strength. ... As you hold out the bread and the cup to us, may we reach out to enemies to clasp hands as friends. God in Community, Holy in One, all honor and glory are yours, as we sing our praises through all eternity:

All Sing:

***Spirit of kindness, Breath of forgiveness, Faithful Companion, just as Christ said;
God's little children gathered together, Drink of salvation, feast on your Bread.***

Amen and Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION²

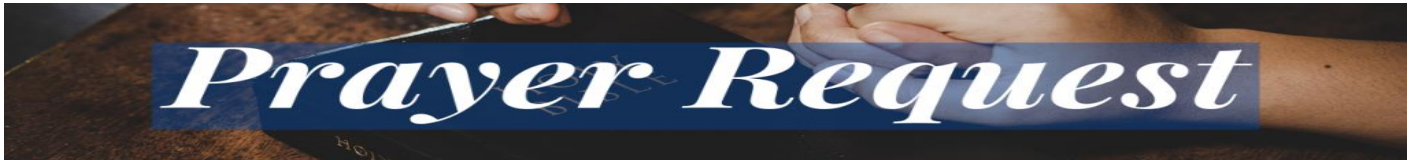
Holy One, may these blessings of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion which unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, we go out with joy led forth in peace, through Jesus the Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Peace. Amen.

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| *CLOSING HYMN | “You Shall Go Out with Joy” <i>(The Trees of the Field)</i> | GTG #80 |
| *CHORAL BENEDICTION | “God Be with You till We meet Again” <i>(William Tomer)</i> | COTC Choir |
| *POSTLUDE | “Hyfrodol” <i>(Welsch Hyn Tune arranged by Benton Price)</i> | Dr. Robert K. |

TOWN HALL MEETING ~ Fire and Medical Emergencies ~ Charlie K.

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²Peace & Global Witness, World Communion Sunday Resources. 10-2-2022. Prepared by the Rev. Katie Owen Aumann, senior pastor, Morningside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta



Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Rev Charlie (Bob L's friend)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Sushma B
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Tom C – Ann M's brother-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Karen F
Brian/Kim (Adelaide's neighbors)
Adelaide G
Allen G (friend of Glenna/Hank M)
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Heather H (Mike/Chris L's friend)
Wanda H (Mary/George R)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
Drew I (Mary/George R's son-in-law)

Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Andy L (Mike L's brother)
Bob L
Pam L
Phyllis L
Ernie M (friend of Adelaide)
Fritz/Fay M
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Douglas M (Hank M's brother)
Helen M (mother of Julie's sister-in-law)
Judy M
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Roberta M (Jim M's sister)
Kevin O (Terri H's)
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Dave S (Jim B's friend)
Irma S (Glenna M's daughter-in-law's mother)
Lowell S (Marie's cousin)
Brian T (Mary/George R)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Karen W (Judie T's friend)
Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Families who grieve losses

- **Jennifer** (on loss of her daughter to suicide)
- **Connie's family** (friend of Karen F)



Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, October 2</p> <p><i>World Communion Sunday</i></p>	<p>10 am – Worship Service <i>Town Hall meeting after Worship</i></p> <p>11 am – Coffee Hour in the Lounge</p> <p>12 noon - Adult Sunday School</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 4</p>	<p>11 am – Zoom Gathering</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 5</p>	<p>12 noon – Zoom Bible Study</p>
<p>Thursday, October 6</p>	<p>7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Sunday, October 9</p>	<p>10 am – Worship Service</p> <p>11 am – Coffee Hour in the Lounge</p> <p>12 noon - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>3 pm - Being Mortal – Dr Monica Saavedra</p>

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The group meets on Sundays at 11:45 am.
We are currently studying If You want to Walk on Water,
You have to Get Out of the Boat by John Ortberg.

Everyone is invited to join the study!
Join the group in The Gathering Place at church,
OR Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at @ 7pm

Please contact Ken Groenewold or Stu Rutter for more details.

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 5 @ 7pm

That Summer by Jennifer Weiner

Please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com for Zoom details

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.

September 28	Luke 17:5-10; 2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 5	Luke 17:11-19; 2 Timothy 2:8-15
October 12	Luke 18:1-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

PRAYER GROUP

~ Our next meeting is 7 pm on Tuesday, October 11th ~
Email Pastor Julie @ pastor@cotc-pcusa.org for the Zoom link.

2023 Pledge

Pledge Cards for 2023 are available on our website and Stewardship letters with a pledge card were also mailed out. We will have our catered Stewardship Luncheon on November 6th after Worship. Please RSVP for the luncheon by filling out the form in the lounge or let the office know if you will be joining us. *On behalf of your Church of the Cross family, we thank you for your faithfulness!*

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