



6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "How Great Thou Art" arranged by Ian Mulder Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

Blessed are those who trust - in God!

We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Blessed are those who hope - in God!

We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Blessed are those who delight - in God's Word!

We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" GTG #65

CALL TO CONFESSION Ken G.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

We confess what we are afraid to face, Blessing God, that the seductions of this world gnaw away at our hearts. We have more and more to choose from at the market, and so we forget those whose only choice is hunger. Our sense that we are your favorites causes us to make fun of those we are convinced are not. We are so consumed with saving enough for the future, we overlook those who have so little this day.

Forgive us, Heartbroken God, for thinking we are the center of your world. Pour your living water into us, so we might send down roots deep into your heart, and thus become a people who are blessings to others, just as we have received the gift of new life from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Julie Peterson

*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GTG#582

*PASSING THE PEACE "Jesus Loves Me"

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 17:5-10 Ken G.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

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

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SERMON

“Blessed,” yet life is not all fun and games!

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN

“Surely it is God Who Saves Me”

GTG #71

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

1 Peter 1:3-5

Ken G.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Song of Fellowship”

by Don Besig/Nancy Price

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ken G.

*CLOSING HYMN

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

GTG #700

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Hail to the Brightness" by Lowell Mason

Robert K.

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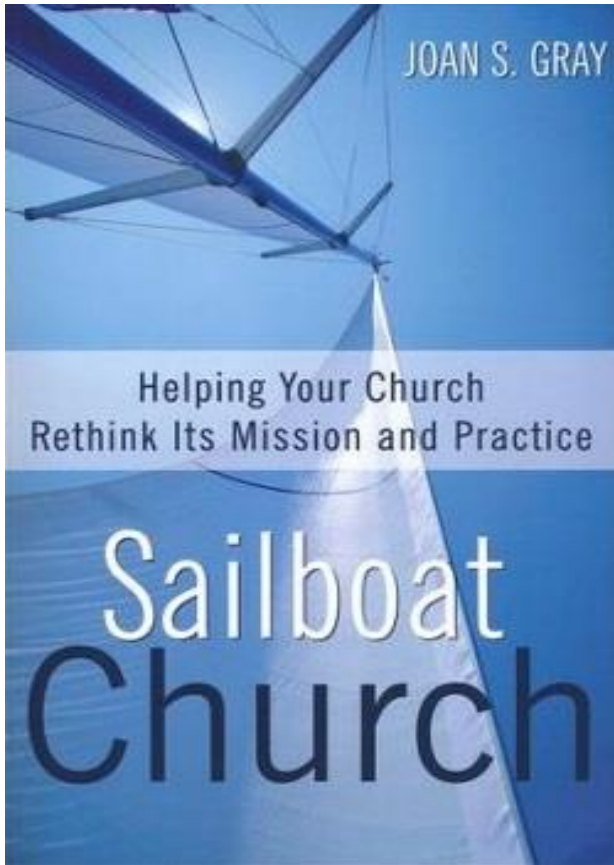
Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' Name

Prayer REQUESTS

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Steve A (father-in-law of Glenna's daughter)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Susan B
Andree C
Carl/Til (John/Cheryl's friends)
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)
Cecily (Laura D)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Tony D (Terry/Sue's neighbor)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Abby F (Chris/Mike's granddaughter)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Geri & (Son/wife) Brian/Kim (Adelaide's neighbors)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)

Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Jack H (friend of Mike/ Chris L)
James & Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)
Pam L
Phyllis L
Mike L
Ms Bernie & Ernie M (friends of Adelaide)
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Judy M
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Matt / family & an employee
(friends of Cheryl and John)
George R
Tom R (Sue Li.'s brother)
Ann & Geoff S
Tom T (Chris L's brother-in-law)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
Carter W (Dave W's grandson)
Yao (Adelaide's friend)

Caregivers
People devastated by terrorism
Our world and all affected by COVID-19
Families who grieve losses
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2022 LENTEN STUDY

Our Congregational Lenten Study will start on March 6th.

The sign-up form is now online! 12 spots per session are available, so please go ahead and add your name to one of the 4 sessions each week.

We have books available in the office and the cost of the book is \$11.89. Please let Pastor Julie or the office know if you want to purchase a book.

ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 7pm:

“The Radar Girls”

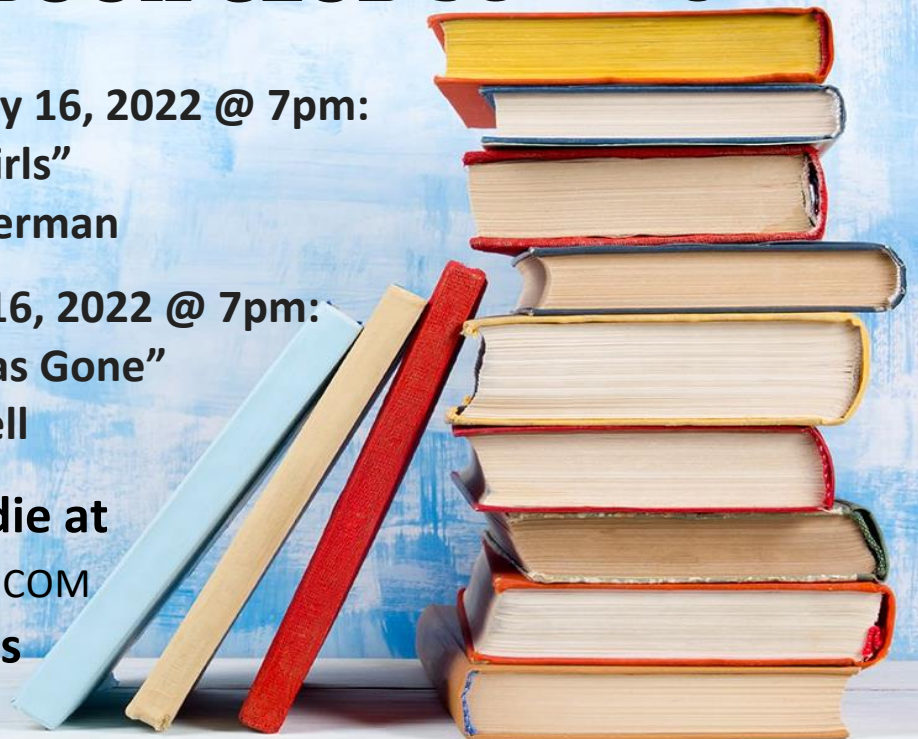
by Sara Ackerman

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 @ 7pm:

“Then She Was Gone”

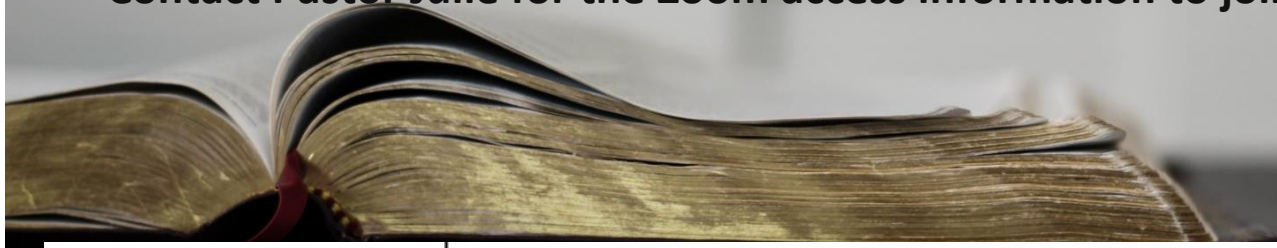
by Lisa Jewell

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.



February 16	Luke 6:27-38; Genesis 45:3-15
February 23	Luke 9:28-43a; Exodus 34:29-35

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The group meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon. We are currently studying “Tattoos on the Heart”
By Gregory Boyle
Everyone is invited to join the study!
Please Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.



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CINCINNATI
BENGALS

LOS ANGELES
RAMS

More than 30 Years ago, **the Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single Youth group: “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” We will offer our Annual Souper Bowl Fund Raiser for the Schaumburg Food Pantry this year. Please mail checks to the office (or use the Donate Button on our website). Also let the office know or add to your memo if you choose the “Bengals” or “Rams”.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

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