



5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

"Air" from *Water Music* Suite by G. F. Handel
arranged by Carl McKinley

Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP^{1/2}

Rev. Julie Peterson

All you brokenhearted and bereaved, you joyful and well-rested,
you overwhelmed and overworked, come.

All you disappointed and desperate,
you playful and delighted, you angry and over it, come.

No matter the weather of our hearts, this day is sacred.
Let us worship God, Love Who Never Ceases.

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

GTG #1

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jim L.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

God of wonder and joy, we look in the mirror and do not see holiness reflected back. We long to be sisters and brothers with others, but don't want to be an intrusion in our friends' lives. We yearn to be more compassionate, yet it is often spite and malice we offer to someone else. We are so busy listening to those internal i-pods, that we have trouble hearing the cries of loneliness coming from those around us.

Forgive us, God who longs to be enthroned in our hearts. You call us to different lives, so we might make a difference for all who hurt. You invite us into your kingdom, so we might show the others the way. You challenge us to take a risk by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, so we might become your children once again. May it be so.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

RESPONSE OF JOY

"Jesus Loves Me"

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

Jim L.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Getting into the Boat”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15

Jim L.

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Follow Me! (Fisherman Peter)”

arr John Carter

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim L.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Just as I am”

GTG #442

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE³

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING²

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Beloved of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who knows us and loves us.

Beloved of God, give thanks to the Lord our God.

Our praise is continually offered to our Hope, our Trust, our God.

In that time when there was only You, you walked in the midst of chaos ... And so, believing that you have reached out and called us to service with you, and touched our lips with songs of hope, we join our voices with those who, in every time and in every place sing of your ways forever:

**I bind unto myself today
your power, O God, to hold and lead,
your eye to watch, your might to stay,
your ear to hearken to my need,
your wisdom, O my God, to teach,
your hand to guide, your shield to ward,
your living Word to give me speech,
your heavenly host to be my guard.**

(The Breastplate of St. Patrick)

Holy are you, Sanctuary of our hearts, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Word of joyous grace. ... While we cannot understand the mysteries of your wonder and grace, when we are called to Christ's side, we can only cry, 'here we are; we will follow' even as we hope for that faith which was his.

**We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,
in all the churches of the whole world,
and we bless you, for by means of your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

(Francis of Assisi)

In this time of silence, Spirit of God, may this bread which is broken become our wholeness. ... Then, when our journey is ended, and we have followed you into eternity,
**we will gather around your Table in that silence—which is only your grace;
in that place—which is only your heart; in that time—which is only your
love, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION³

**Loving and holy God, when the taste of cup and bread face form our lips,
remind our hearts that the sun continues to rise. For it is in you that we find
mercy. It is in you we have our hope. For this meal we have shared and the
truth it represents, we give you thanks. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

GTG #649

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso" from *Water Music* Suite by G. F. Handel
arranged by Carl McKinley

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²Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies ©2022, reprinted with permission.

³Michelle Henrichs, Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God. © 2020 Michelle Henrichs, life in the Labyrinth LLC. pg 105



**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
Bob L (friend of Judy T)
Luca (Ann S's grandson)
Ms Bernie & Ernie M (friends of Adelaide)
Crissann 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

- **Albion M, Sr** (Adelaide's friend)

**The flower arrangement this week is
from: The Grant-Acquah Family
in Celebration of Adelaide's Birthday.**



ZOOM BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 7pm:

"The Radar Girls"

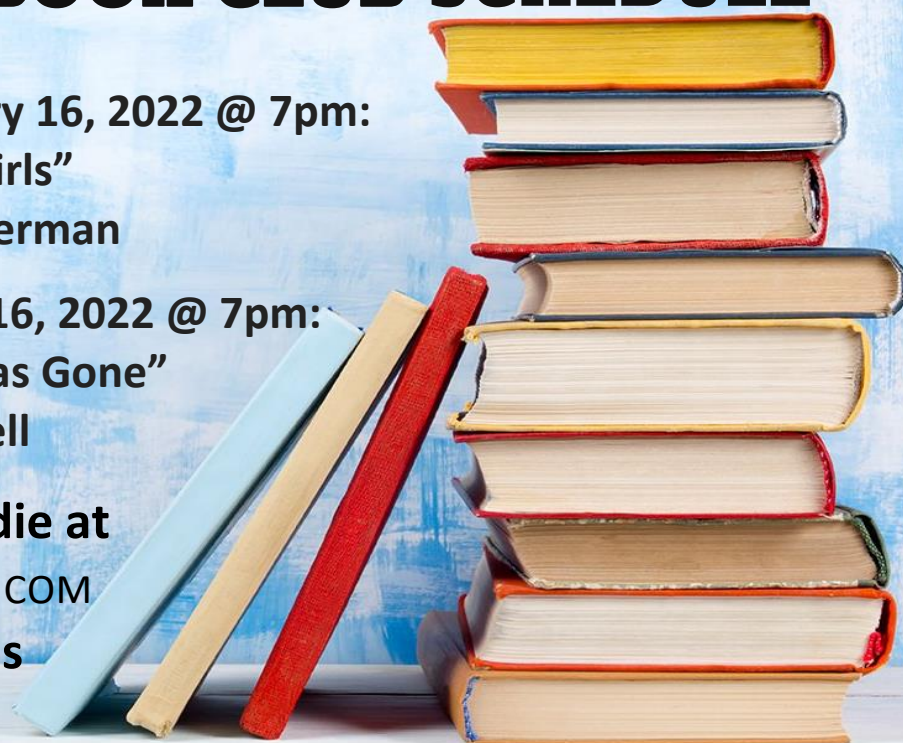
by Sara Ackerman

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 9	Luke 6:17-26; Jeremiah 17:5-10
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.



**CINCINNATI
BENGALS**

VS



**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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