

April 14, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

**Church of The Cross**

*475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*

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## WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE *Via Dolorosa by Benton Price* Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” *Theodore Dubois*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1/2</sup> Pastor Julie

Jesus Christ is Lord and Host,  
inviting us to come and share in the feast he has prepared.

**In remembrance, we gather:**

**to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.**

Jesus Christ is Master and Servant,  
kneeling before us in humility, washing our feet in love.

**In remembrance, we worship:**

**lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.**

We lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

**In remembrance, we feast: breaking the Bread which makes us whole,  
drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.**

**As he has loved us, let us love one another.**

\*OPENING HYMN “This is the Night” (*vs1, 3, 5*) *GTG #206*

CALL TO CONFESSION Pat G.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**O God, in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup, we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love; we see our own failures to live as people fed by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy and hard hearted. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like. Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts so we may give freely, following the example of Jesus. May it be so.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*OUR SUNG RESPONSE “Lord, Be Glorified” (*vs 3-4*) *GTG #468*

## SHARE GOD’S LOVE

\*UNISON READING OF AFFIRMATION *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09* Pat G.

**God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.**

**BOLD TEXT** is read by the congregation.

**These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12:1-14

Pat G.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 31b-38

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

**Thanks be to God.**

EVENING MEDITATION *Preparing for a New Beginning*

Rev. Julie Peterson

### OFFER HOPE ...ALL IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This"

GTG #215

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING "He Was Wounded"

*Benjamin David Knoedler*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pat G.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "In Remembrance of Me"

GTG #521

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE<sup>3</sup>

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>3</sup>

May the Lamb of sacrificial love be with you.

**And also with you.**

Open your hearts to God this night.

**We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.**

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

**Our thanks are offered to the One who walks and**

**waits with us through long nights.**

**Sung Response**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs 1)**

**#218**

God who created us, we remember you made all things good. In your goodness, you freed us from slavery and called us your own.

**Sung Response**                      **“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 2)**                      **#218**

Jesus who saves us, we remember your love for those no one loved, your kindness for those who knew no kindness, your truth proclaimed for those who did not want to hear it. As the Good Shepherd, you seek us in our wandering and gather us to yourself.

**Sung Response**                      **“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 3)**                      **#218**

Holy Spirit who fills us, we remember you pray on our behalf when words fail us, you are ever present with us.

**Sung Response**                      **“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 4)**                      **#218**

As we gather this evening, Holy Spirit cover us with your presence. May the cup we share and the bread we break, be received in communion with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as it binds our communion one with one another.

**Sung Response**                      **“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 5)**                      **#218**

In the humility of Christ who came to serve,  
**we pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

COMMUNING TOGETHER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>3</sup>

**Lord Jesus, humble and vulnerable, we come to sit your feet and find rest.  
Washed by your living water and fed by the bread and the cup, we rise stronger  
than when we came. Strengthened by your love, may our humility remain as we  
offer your love to others. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN                      “Abide with Me”                      *GTG #836*

*As the hymn is sung, the Worship Leader and Pastor will darken the sanctuary  
with black cloth symbolizing the dark day of Good Friday.*

\*BENEDICTION

*Let us leave in silence...*

<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship 54.1 ©2022 Office of Theology & Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) p88

<sup>2</sup>Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies ©2022, reprinted with permission.

<sup>3</sup>*adapted from* Michelle 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 55-56

## *What is Maundy Thursday?*

**The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word for “command.** The ‘Maundy’ of Maundy Thursday refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another. Maundy Thursday, also known as “Holy Thursday,” is the Thursday of Passion Week, the day before Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, known as the Last Supper.

### **Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday.**

First, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example of loving and serving one another in humility (John 13:3-17).

Second, Jesus shared the Last Supper with His disciples and thereby instituted the Lord’s Supper, also called Holy Communion (Luke 22:19-20).

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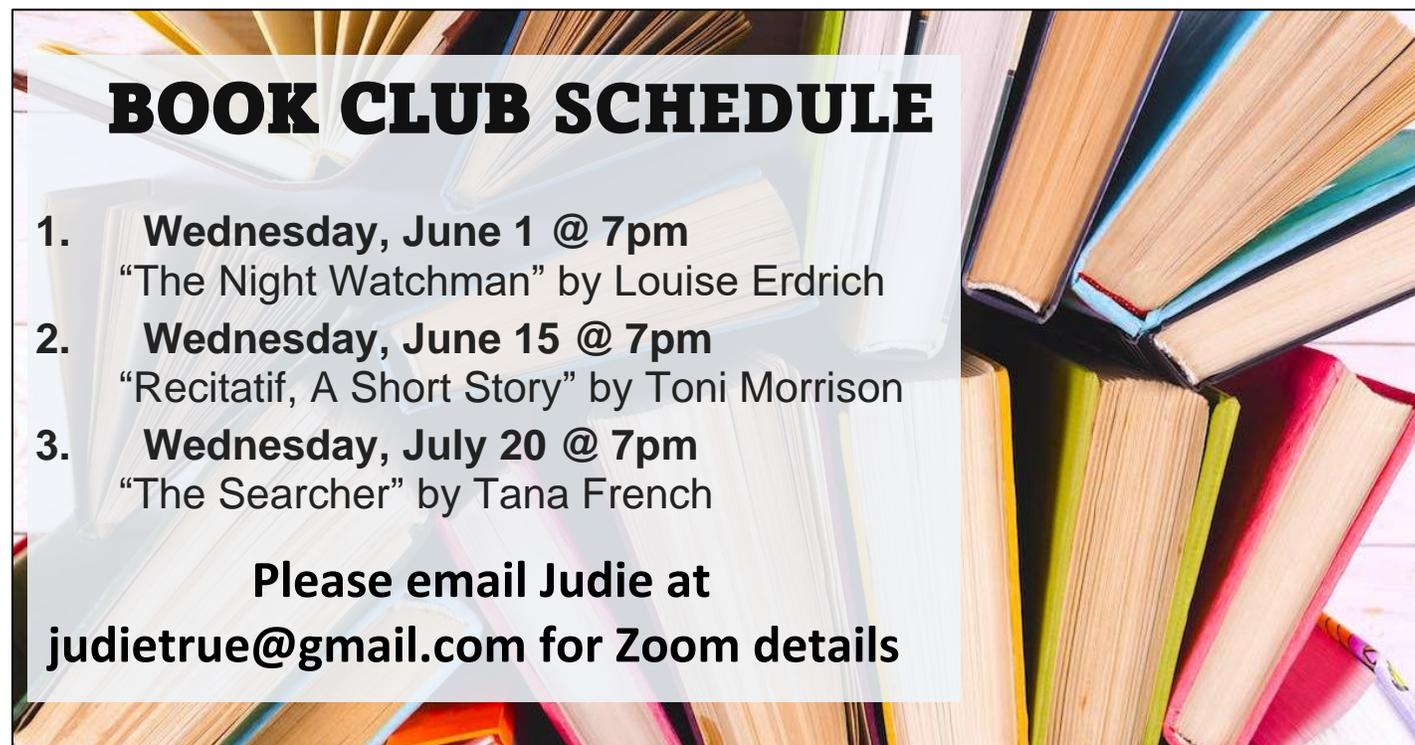
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## **Leadership Training Session – April 23rd @ 8am**

The session will be run by Officer Park, from the Hoffman Estates Police Department. He will be training on 1st shooter response, emergency training, and first aid. Please sign up for this event on our website or in the lounge.



## **BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE**

1. **Wednesday, June 1 @ 7pm**  
“The Night Watchman” by Louise Erdrich
2. **Wednesday, June 15 @ 7pm**  
“Recitatif, A Short Story” by Toni Morrison
3. **Wednesday, July 20 @ 7pm**  
“The Searcher” by Tana French

**Please email Judie at  
[judietrue@gmail.com](mailto:judietrue@gmail.com) for Zoom details**



Please join us for our annual Spring Workday  
 on Saturday, May 14 at 9 am - 1 pm.  
 The Sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

# Covid-19 Remembrance Vigil

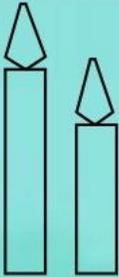
**May 25, 2022 @ 7 p.m.**

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**An Interfaith Gathering to remember our  
 beloved family, friends, colleagues, and  
 neighbors lost to Covid-19.**

Join us to honor their lives  
 through songs, prayers,  
 a moment of silence with  
 candle lighting, and a tree  
 dedication in their memory.



We will also offer our deep  
 gratitude to the first  
 responders, medical staff,  
 and front line workers who  
 served and sacrificed for us.

# CHURCH STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERS

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