



# *15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 18, 2022 @ 10:00 am

## **Church of The Cross**

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

## WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE	Andante con moto by Cesare Chiesa	Dr. Robert K.
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Julie Peterson
CHORAL INTROIT	Sing and Rejoice by William H. Bradbury	COTC Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Beloved children of God, in supplication and prayer,  
with intercessions and with thanksgiving,

**we come to worship God.**

In hope and in humility, with joy and with concerns,

**we come to worship God.**

In faith and in uncertainty, with questions and with conviction,

**let us worship God.**

*OPENING HYMN	Here in This Place (vs1-2,4)	GTG #401
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CALL TO CONFESSION		Jim L.
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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**Holy God, we confess we are too concerned with our own peace. We seek the comfort of silence and ignore the cries of the oppressed. We are inwardly focused, missing your call to serve the world in justice and love. Forgive us, O God. Equip us to fulfill your will for a world in which all know dignity, and all are treated with equity, as your beloved children.**

### OUR SILENT CONFESSION

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

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Jim L.
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This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 16:1-13	
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SERMON	Children of Light	Rev. Julie Peterson
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## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

\*HYMN What Does the Lord Require of You? GTG #70

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *based on 1 Peter 3:18-22* Jim L.

**Washed in the saving waters of baptism, we give thanks for the ark of the church. Joined to the faithful of all times and places, we proclaim the suffering of Christ for the sins of all. We rejoice and trust that: the righteousness of Christ brings us to God, the death of Christ proclaims God's love, the resurrection of Christ awakens our spirits, and the ascension of Christ enthrones him as Lord.**

**Therefore, with a good conscience and obedient lives, we proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ—even if for that faith we must suffer. So be it!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERTORY Sometimes Alleluia *by Chuck Girard* COTC Choir

\*DOXOLOGY *(you are invited to use these words, or others more familiar to you)* GTG #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Jim L.

\*CLOSING HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending GTG #716

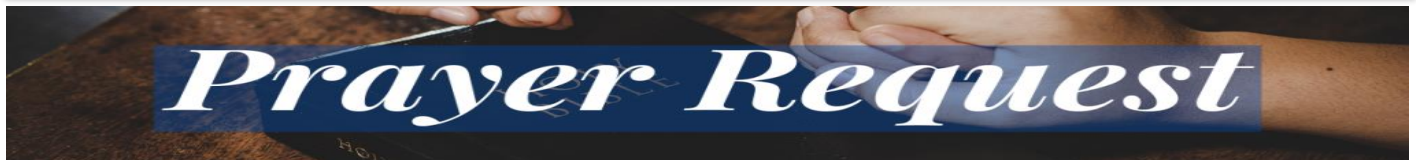
\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Go and Serve the Lord with Gladness COTC Choir

\*POSTLUDE Allegro by Adolf Friedrich Hesse Dr. Robert K.

<sup>1</sup>Call to Worship 55.1C, © 2022 Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

<sup>2</sup>Wagner, G Oliver, Feasting on the Word, Year B, Volume 2, KY © 2008 Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, pg 43. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.



**Brenden** (family of Laura D's co-worker)  
**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)  
**Rev Charlie** (Bob L's friend)  
**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**  
**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)  
**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)  
**George & Mary**  
**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)



# Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 18	10 am – Worship Service 11 am – Coffee Hour in the Lounge 12 noon - Adult Sunday School
Tuesday, September 20	11 am – Zoom Gathering Presbytery Meeting
Wednesday, September 21	12 noon – Zoom Bible Study
Thursday, September 22	7 pm – Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, September 25	10 am – Worship Service 11 am – Coffee Hour in the Lounge 12 noon - Adult Sunday School

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## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesdays at 7 pm**

Please contact Ken Groenewold or Stu Rutter for more details.

## **PRAYER GROUP**

~ Our next meeting is 7 pm on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> ~  
Email Pastor Julie @ [pastor@cotc-pcusa.org](mailto:pastor@cotc-pcusa.org) for the Zoom link.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**We are starting classes on September 18<sup>th</sup>.**

The group meets via Zoom on Sundays at 12 noon.  
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!

Please Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login 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 21	Luke 16:19-31; 1 Timothy 6:6-19
September 28	Luke 17:5-10; 2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 5	Luke 17:11-19; 2 Timothy 2:8-15

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