



25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE ~ *Preludio* “It Is Well With My Soul” by Philip P. Bliss Dr. Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME ~ *Palabras de Bienvenida* Stu R.

CHORAL INTROIT “We Gather Together” *Nederlandtsch Gedenck-Clanck* COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ ~ *Llamado a adorar* Rev. Judy Hockenberry

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;

You have been our home through out all the ages.

You were there before the world was made and will be forever.

From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Señor, tú has sido nuestra morada en todas las generaciones;

Has sido nuestro hogar durante todo todas las edades.

Estuviste allí antes de que se creara el mundo y estarás allí para siempre.

Desde la eternidad hasta la eternidad tú eres Dios.

*OPENING HYMN ~ HIMNO “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (*verses 1,3&4*) GTG #687
“*Oh Dios, nuestra ayuda en épocas pasadas*”

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ *Llamado a la confesión* Stu R.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION² ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Stu R.

Loving God, we confess that we have sinned against you by not honoring you or one another. When we place our sins before you, it is your love that sheds light on our wayward deeds.

As we stand in awe of your constancy for us, we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Amado Dios, confesamos que hemos pecado contra ti al no honrarte ni unos y otros. Cuando presentamos nuestros pecados ante ti, es tu amor el que arroja luz sobre nuestras acciones descarriadas.

Mientras estamos asombrados por tu constancia hacia nosotros, te pedimos perdón por la misericordia de Cristo, en cuyo nombre oramos. Amén.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silenciosa* Stu R.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ~ *Garantía de perdón* Rev. Judy Hockenberry

*SUNG RESPONSE ~ *Respuesta cantada* “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord” GTG #390
“*Alabado, Alabado, Alabado sea el Señor*”

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST ~ *Pasando la Paz de Cristo* Stu R.

*SING “Jesus Loves Me” ~ *Jesús me ama*

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ~ *Oración de Iluminación* Stu R.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians (*Tesalonicenses*) 5:1-8

Stu R./Cheryl W.

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

(Esta es la palabra de Dios para el pueblo de Dios.)

Thanks be to God. (*Gracias a Dios.*)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew (*Mateo*) 25:14-30 Rev. Judy Hockenberry /Cheryl W.

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

Esta es la palabra de Dios para el pueblo de Dios.

Thanks be to God. (*Gracias a Dios.*)

SERMON

Ready or Not

Rev. Judy Hockenberry

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

*HYMN ~ *Himno*

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

GTG #708

"Te damos pero el tuyo propio"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Afirmación de Fe cantada*

Confession of 1967, 9.32–33

Stu R.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

La vida, muerte, resurrección y venida prometida de Jesucristo han fijado el modelo para la misión de la iglesia. Su vida humana involucra a la iglesia en la vida común de todas las personas.

Su servicio a hombres y mujeres compromete a la iglesia a trabajar por toda forma de bienestar humano.

Su sufrimiento hace a la Iglesia sensible a todo sufrimiento humano, de modo que vea el rostro de Cristo en el rostro de las personas en todo tipo de necesidad.

Su crucifixión revela a la iglesia el juicio de Dios sobre la inhumanidad que marca las relaciones humanas y las terribles consecuencias de la propia complicidad de la iglesia en la injusticia.

En el poder de Cristo resucitado y la esperanza de su venida, la iglesia ve la promesa de la renovación divina de la vida humana en la sociedad y de la victoria de Dios sobre todo lo malo.

La iglesia sigue este modelo en la forma de su vida y en el método de su acción. Entonces vivir y servir es confesar a Cristo como Señor.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Stu R.

Presentando nuestros Diezmos y Ofrendas a Dios

CHORAL OFFERTORY “Come with a Thankful Heart” by Jayne Southwick Cool COTC Choir

*SUNG RESPONSE ~ *Respuesta Cantada* “For the Life that You Have Given” GTG #717
“Por la vida que has dado”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ~ *Oración de dedicación* Stu R.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Judy Hockenberry
~ *Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padrenuestro*

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno* “Take My Life” ~ “Toma mi vida” (verses 1,4,5 & 6) GTG #697

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendición* Rev. Judy Hockenberry

La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Amor de Dios y la Comunión del Espíritu Santo sean con ustedes. Es con los que amas, y es con los que nadie ama. Salgamos al mundo y compartamos el amor de Dios. Amén y amén.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Now in Peace” *Traditional Israeli Melody* COTC Choir

*POSTLUDE “Fanfare on “Rise Up, O Church of God” by Tracey Craig McKibben Dr. Robert K.

Our Guest Preacher is the Rev. Judy Hockenberry.

Judy Hockenberry is a recently retired minister. She served the Presbyterian Church (USA) actively for 36 years, serving churches and retirement communities. Judy is married to Ken Hockenberry who is the Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Chicago. They have 3 adult children and are enjoying a new puppy.

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³A musical setting of the First Answer of the Heidelberg Catechism, Text: Buz Wilcoxon, Tune: Gift of Love, Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts, Greening the Liturgy Volume 52.4, pg 59



Sandy (friend of Mary and George R))

Linda A (sister of Judy M)

Roger A (friend of Sue/Jim)

Becky G (Cathy W's sister-in-law)

Beth B (Stu R's sister)

Mildred B./Leslie (Mildred's granddaughter)

Mary Ann B

Robert B (Jim B's father)

Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)

Beth C (Judie's friend's daughter)

Carol C (friend of John H)

Christian (grandnephew of Jane/Dave)

Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)

Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)

Patti C (Karen's friend)

Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)

Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)

Chuck/Renee (Laura's brother/wife)

Dori Kay (Ken's cousin)

Laura D

Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)

Betty F (Chris L's mother)

Karen F

Marian F (Sue Le's aunt)

Brian/Kim (Adelaide's neighbors)

Adelaide G

Naana G

Miranda G (Sue Li's friend)

Sandra G (Joe's co-worker)

Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)

Jack H (Mike/Chris' friend)

Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)

Mary Ellen K (friend of Dave W)

**Reba Louise, Dorothy, Carolyn,
and Charlotte** (John/Cheryl's family)

Bob K (Donna's family member)

Rev Angela M (Julie's friend)

Tom M (Mike/Chris' friend)

Judy McC

Fritz/Fay M

Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)

Don M (Hank and Glenna's son)

Douglas M (Hank M's brother)

Lisa M (Karen's daughter)

Roberta M (Jim M's sister)

Steve M

Opal (Donna H's mother)

Ellen/John R (COTC former members)

George/Mary R

Lamar R (John/Cheryl's friend)

Tom R (Sue Li's brother)

Bruce S (John/Cheryl's friend)

Lowell S (Marie's cousin)

Jill W (Terry/Susan's daughter)

Caregivers

**People devastated by terrorism, war,
natural disasters, and our country**

Families who grieve...

the Family of Lois McPherson

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, November 19	10 am ~ Worship Service with guest pastor 11 am ~ Coffee Hour 11:45 ~ Adult Sunday School
Tuesday, November 21	11 am ~ 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet 11 am ~ Zoom Gathering 5:30 pm ~ Bell Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 22	12 noon ~ Lunch with Pastor Julie
Thursday, November 23 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	Office Closed
Friday, November 24	Pastor Julie on vacation
Sunday, November 26	10 am ~ Worship Service 11 am ~ Coffee Hour 11:45 ~ Adult Sunday School

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 13th ~ Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
 Wednesday, January 24th ~ Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
 Wednesday, February 21st ~ Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com for Zoom details.



Join Pastor Julie for **COFFEE** & *Conversation*

This is a relaxed time to gather over coffee to share conversation and enjoy each other's company. These gatherings will be held at COTC about twice a month on Thursdays at 10 am.

These are the 2023 upcoming dates:
November 30; December 14.

LILIES OF THE FIELD COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET WISH LIST

- Fall & Winter Clothes
- Women, Kids & Men socks
- Toiletries – soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.
- Men's underwear: sizes Small, Medium, and Large
- Laundry detergent pods & dryer sheets
- Children's books in Spanish and English

*You can leave any donations in the clothes closet basket,
which can be found in the narthex.*


Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship

Wednesday November 22

7:30PM

at Prince of Peace

All participants MUST pre-register by
11:00pm on Tues, Nov. 21

 Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The group meets on Sundays at 11:45 am.

Everyone is invited to join the study!

Please Contact Ken G. for the Zoom login details.