



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023 @ 10:00 am

**Church of The Cross**

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## WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE

“Arabesque” – Claude Debussy

Dr. Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME (*Palabras de Bienvenida*)

CHORAL INTROIT

“O Jesus, Sweet Jesus” – George F. Root

COTC Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1/2</sup> (*Llamado a adorar*)

We breathe out and the forest breathes in.

**Called to be light, we carry God's hope  
into the shadows of the world.**

We reach out for help and a friend  
picks up our call.

**Called to be salt, we enhance the  
lives of those around us, with joy.**

We feel low when the months are long,  
and the winter sun warms our faces.

**Called to live in God's kingdom  
way, we welcome everyone as siblings  
in faith.**

*Exhalamos y el bosque inhala.*

*Llamados a ser luz, llevamos la esperanza  
de Dios a las sombras del mundo.*

*Buscamos ayuda y una amiga atiende nuestra  
llamada.*

*Llamados a ser sal, realzamos la vida de  
quienes nos rodean, con alegría.*

*Nos sentimos deprimidos cuando los meses son  
largos y el sol de invierno nos calienta la cara.*

*Llamados a vivir en el camino del reino de  
Dios, acogemos a todos como hermanos en  
la fe.*

\*OPENING HYMN (*Himno de apertura*)

(*Himnario púrpura*) GTG #314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” (vs 1, 2, 5)

CALL TO CONFESSON

Ken G.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup> (*Oración de confesión al unísono*)

**Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the  
point. We know how to perform  
righteousness; we go to church, we donate,  
we volunteer, but we care more about how  
we are seen than our faithfulness to you.  
We show off our piousness, instead of  
actually sharing our food, our homes, our  
resources with those in the most need.  
Have mercy on us for the ways we serve  
ourselves, and teach us your way, the way  
which leads to justice and peace.**

*Dios paciente, es tan fácil para nosotros  
perder el punto. Sabemos cómo hacer justicia;  
vamos a la iglesia, donamos, somos  
voluntarios, pero nos importa más cómo nos  
ven que nuestra fidelidad a usted. Mostramos  
nuestra piedad, en lugar de compartir nuestra  
comida, nuestros hogares, nuestros recursos  
con los más necesitados. Ten piedad de  
nosotros por las formas en que nos servimos a  
nosotros mismos, y enséñanos tu camino, el  
camino que conduce a la justicia y la paz.*

OUR SILENT CONFESSION (*Nuestra confesión silenciosa*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*Garantía de perdón*)

Rev. Julie Peterson

\*RESPONSE OF JOY

“More Like You”

*Sing the Faith* #2167

**Refrain:** More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Fill our hearts with your desire to make us more like you.  
More like you, Jesus, more like you.  
Touch our lips with holy fire and make us more like you.

**Lord, you are our mercy. Lord, you are our grace.  
All our deepest sins have forever been erased.  
Draw us in your presence. Lead us in your ways.  
We long to bring you glory in righteousness and praise.**

**Refrain...**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*Pasando la Paz de Cristo*)

\*SING “Jesus Loves Me” (*Jesús me ama*)

## SHARE GOD’S LOVE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Oración de Iluminación*)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING      1 Corinthians (*Corintios*) 2:1-12      Ken G./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*) 5:13-20      Cheryl W./Pastor Julie  
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      “Simple Wisdom”      Rev. Julie Peterson

## OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

\*HYMN (*Himno*)      “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” (vs 3 & 4)      GTG # 314

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Afirmación de Fe*)      *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.08*      Ken G.

**In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people.**

**His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating victory over sin and death for all.**

*En Jesús de Nazaret, la verdadera humanidad se realizó de una vez por todas. Jesús, un judío palestino, vivió entre su propio pueblo y compartió sus necesidades, tentaciones, alegrías y tristezas. Expresó el amor de Dios en palabra y obra y se hizo hermano de toda clase de hombres y mujeres pecadores. Pero su completa obediencia lo llevó a entrar en conflicto con su pueblo.*

*Su vida y enseñanza juzgaron su bondad, aspiraciones religiosas y esperanzas nacionales. Muchos lo rechazaron y exigieron su muerte. Al darse libremente por ellos, tomó sobre sí mismo el juicio bajo el cual todos son condenados. Dios lo resucitó de entre los muertos, vindicando la victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte para todos.*

## PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD (*Presentando nuestros Diezmos y Ofrendas a Dios*)

CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Sometimes Alleluia” – 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.**

*Alabado sea Dios, de quien brotan todas las bendiciones; Alabad a Cristo, todas las criaturas de aquí abajo;  
Alabado sea el Espíritu Santo por siempre; Alabado sea Dios Uno y Trino, a quien adoramos. Amén.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Oración de dedicación*)

Ken G.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padrenuestro*)

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (vs 1 & 3) GTG # 498

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING<sup>1</sup>

May the God of the Table be with you.

**And also, with you.**

This is the fast God chooses for us as we come to the Feast,

**that we empty our hearts in service, so they may be filled again.**

This is the way God offers to us.

**And we will sing our praises as we journey to the realm of hope and love.**

When you came proclaiming creation, God of wonder, you brought forth what no eye had seen... So with those who do not fear the good news which he brought, we lift our voices in glad shouts of joy:

**Holy, holy, holy are you,**

**God who shows the way.**

**Creation joins in praises to you.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who knows your mind. Hosanna in the highest!**

He came proclaiming your salvation, God of Holiness, your Child of salt and light. ... As we seek to seem him in our midst, as we try to hear your Word of life, we trust in that faith which is mysterious

*Que el Dios de la Mesa esté con vosotros.*

*Y tambien contigo.*

*Este es el ayuno que Dios elige para nosotros cuando venimos a la Fiesta,*

*que vaciemos nuestros corazones en el servicio, para que se llenen de nuevo.*

*Este es el camino que Dios nos ofrece.*

*Y cantaremos nuestras alabanzas mientras viajamos al reino de la esperanza y el amor.*

*Cuando viniste proclamando la creación, Dios de la maravilla, sacaste a luz lo que ojo no había visto... Así que con los que no temen las buenas nuevas que él trajo, elevamos nuestras voces en alegres gritos de alegría:*

*Santo, santo, santo eres tú,*

*Dios que muestra el camino.*

*La creación se une en alabanzas a ti.*

*Hosanna en lo más alto!*

*Bienaventurado el que conoce tu mente.*

*Hosanna en lo más alto!*

*Vino a proclamar tu salvación, Dios de Santidad, tu Hijo de sal y de luz. ... Mientras buscamos parecerlo en medio de nosotros, mientras tratamos de escuchar tu Palabra de vida, confiamos en esa fe que es misteriosa:*

**Christ died, showing us the way to death; Christ was raised, showing us the way to new life; Christ will come, to show us the way to your heart.**

Here at the Table of grace, the Holy Spirit proclaims life ...

And when God's time is fulfilled,  
**and we are gathered together with our siblings in the kingdom of heaven, we will not keep anything bottled up, but will shout our praises to you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.**

*Cristo murió, mostrándonos el camino a la muerte; Cristo resucitó mostrándonos el camino a la vida nueva; Cristo vendrá, para mostrarnos el camino a tu corazón.*

*Aquí en la Mesa de la gracia, el Espíritu Santo proclama la vida...*

*Y cuando se cumple el tiempo de Dios, y estamos reunidos con nuestros hermanos en el reino de los cielos, no guardaremos nada reprimido, sino que te gritaremos nuestras alabanzas, Dios en Comunidad, Santo en Uno. Amén.*

## COMMUNING TOGETHER

*Prepackaged Communion Cups are available on the table in the narthex. Those who are comfortable, are invited to come forward to receive the elements.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION<sup>1</sup>

We give you thanks, Holy One, for sending us to be your light to those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry, to those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for sending us to be salt to a society where love is tossed aside as easily as a food wrapper. Thank you, Holy Spirit, for sending us to be faithful carriers of the Gospel to everyone we meet.

Nourished by your love and power, guide our path, our words, and our work. Amen.

*Te damos gracias, Santo, por enviarnos a ser tu luz para aquellos acurrucados en las sombras del miedo y la preocupación, para aquellos cuyas vidas y esperanzas han perdido todo sabor. Gracias, Señor Jesús, por enviarnos a ser sal en una sociedad donde el amor se desecha tan fácilmente como un envoltorio de comida. Gracias, Espíritu Santo, por enviarnos a ser fieles portadores del Evangelio a todos los que encontramos. Alimentados por tu amor y poder, guía nuestro camino, nuestras palabras y nuestro trabajo. Amén.*

\*CLOSING HYMN (*Himno de clausura*)

“Great God of Every Blessing”

GTG #694

\*BENEDICTION (*Bendición*)

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Threefold Amen” – Based on an Oxford Chant

COTC Choir

\*POSTLUDE

“Open the Gates of the Temple” – Joseph F. Knapp

Dr. Robert K.

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# PRAYER requests

**Linda A** (sister of Judy M)

**Dr George A** (friend of Adelaide)

**Beth B** (Stu R's sister)

**Mildred B./Leslie** (Mildred's g'daughther)

**Mary Ann B**

**Christine/Scott** (Jim B's cousin)

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

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

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

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

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

**Chuck** (Laura's brother)

**Linda D** (Jim/ Sue's relative)

**Betty F** (Chris L's mother)

**Karen F**

**Brian/Kim** (Adelaide's neighbors)

**Adelaide G**

**Bruce & Linda G** (friends of Stu/Marie)

**Heather H** (Mike/Chris L's friend)

**Rita H** (Jim/Ann's relative)

**Jack H** (friend of Mike/ Chris L)

**Jessica** (Charlie/Nancy's niece)

**Mary Ellen K** (friend of Dave W)

**Andy L** (Mike L's brother)

**Bob L**

**Karen L** (Chris/Mike's daughter)

**Michael L** (Donna's son-in-law)

**Phyllis L**

**Judy Mc**

**Fritz/Fay M**

**Crisann M** (friend of Mike/Chris L)

**Don M** (Hank and Glenna's son)

**Douglas M** (Hank M's brother)

**Gary M** (friend of Cathy W)

**Judy M**

**Lisa M** (Karen's daughter)

**Roberta M** (Jim M's sister)

**Steve M**

**Susan M**

**Pastor Julie ☺**

**Tom R** (Sue Li's brother)

**Lowell S** (Marie's cousin)

**Karen W** (Judie T's friend)

**Caregivers**

**People devastated by terrorism**

**Our world and all affected by COVID-19**

**Families who grieve losses**

- **Jeff Flight family** (Sue Le's cousin)
- **Jim Foster family** (John/Cheryl's friend)
- **Kris Bower family on death of their Mother** (friends of Sue Li)



# Weekly Calendar

<b>Sunday, February 5</b>	<b>10 am – Worship Service</b> <b>11 am – Coffee Hour</b> <b>11:45 am – Adult Sunday School</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>	<b>11 am – 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet</b> <b>11 am - Zoom Gathering</b> <b>7 pm – Deacons Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b>	<b>12 noon - Lunch with Pastor Julie</b>
<b>Thursday, February 9</b>	<b>4 pm – 6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet</b> <b>7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sunday, February 12</b> <i><b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b></i>	<b>10 am – Worship Service &amp; Townhall Meeting</b> <b>11 am – Coffee Hour</b> <b>11:45 am – Adult Sunday School</b>



**The flower arrangement this week is from  
the Keppel's in celebration of  
Adam & Cristine's Anniversary.**



## **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 8	Matthew 5:21-37; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
February 15	Matthew 17:1-9; 2 Peter 1:16-21

## **BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE**

February 15 - Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris

March 15 - Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid

April 12 - The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

May 10 - Last Summer Boys by Bill Rivers

June 14 - Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell

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

## **POTLUCK AGAPE MEAL**

We will have an Agape Meal for Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6pm.

The sign-up form for the Potluck Meal is in the lounge.

