



5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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Welcome All ~ Share God's Love ~ Offer Hope ...all in Jesus' Name

Bienvenidos todos ~ Compartan el amor de Dios ~ Ofrezcan esperanza... todo en el nombre de Jesús

WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE ~ *Preludio* “His Eye is on the Sparrow” – Arr. by Charles H. Gabriel Dr. Robert K.

WORDS OF WELCOME ~ *Palabras de Bienvenida* Rev. Julie Peterson

CHORAL INTROIT “When Jesus Wept” - William Billings COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ ~ *Llamado a adorar* from Psalm 51 Rev. Julie

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

Ten piedad de nosotros, oh Dios, según tu misericordia;

según tu abundante misericordia, borra nuestras transgresiones.

Deseas la verdad en lo más profundo de nuestro ser, así que enseña sabiduría a nuestros corazones.

Escuchemos tu gozo y alegría; que se alegren los huesos que has aplastado.

Crea en nosotros corazones limpios, oh Dios; Pon espíritus nuevos y correctos dentro de nosotros.

Sostén en nosotros espíritus dispuestos y restáuranos al gozo de tu salvación.

¡Adoremos a Dios!

*OPENING HYMN ~ Himno “Here in This Place” ~ “Aquí en este lugar” (vs 1-2, 4) GTG #401

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ *Llamado a la confesión* Rev. Julie

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Rev. Julie

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know.

We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to “me and mine.” Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short.

Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so you might bring us into the glory of what will be.

Cristo vivo, con quien caminamos hasta la cruz, confesamos que buscamos siempre un camino más fácil. Anhelamos la plenitud de la vida contigo, pero tardamos en abandonar las comodidades de la vida que conocemos.

Buscamos el fruto de una nueva vida, pero no estamos dispuestos a morir a nosotros mismos. Nos llamas a la vida en comunidad, pero nos aferramos obstinadamente al “yo y lo mío”. Sin embargo, ofreces la gracia de la vida abundante, incluso y especialmente cuando nuestros mejores esfuerzos son insuficientes.

Transfórmanos, renuévanos y libéranos de nuestro apego a lo que fue, para que puedas llevarnos a la gloria de lo que será.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silenciosa* Rev. Julie

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ~ *Garantía de perdón* Rev. Julie

*SUNG RESPONSE ~ *Respuesta cantada* “Holy, Holy, Holy” ~ “Santo, Santo, Santo” GTG #595

*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* Rev. Julie

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah (*Jeremías*) 31:31-34 Rev. Julie/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 John (*Juan*) 12:20-33 Rev. Dr. Craig Howard/Cheryl W.

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SERMON Hidden in Plain Sight Rev. Dr. Craig Howard

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

*HYMN ~ *Himno* “Spirit, Open My Heart” ~ “*Espíritu, Abre mi Corazón*” GTG #692

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH² ~ *Afirmación de fe* Rev. Julie

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day, and he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Esta es la buena nueva que hemos recibido, en la cual estamos firmes y por la cual somos salvos, si la retenemos: Cristo murió por nuestros pecados según las Escrituras, fue sepultado, resucitó al tercer día, y se apareció primero a las mujeres, luego a Pedro, y a los Doce, y luego a muchos testigos fieles.

Creemos que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios vivo. Jesucristo es el primero y el último, el principio y el fin; él es nuestro Señor y nuestro Dios. Amén.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Rev. Julie
Presentando nuestros Diezmos y Ofrendas a Dios

CHORAL OFFERTORY “Surely He has borne our Grievs” – *Lloyd Larson* COTC Choir

**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*

Rev. Julie

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER ~ *Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padrenuestro*

Rev. Julie

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno*

“Lift High the Cross” ~ “*Levanten en Alto la Cruz*”

GTG #826

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendición*

Rev. Dr. Craig Howard

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

“A Gaelic Blessing” – *John Rutter*

COTC Choir

*POSTLUDE

”Allegro” – *By S. Surzynski*

Dr. Robert K.

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Rev. Dr. Craig Howard began serving as Executive Presbyter of Chicago at the end of 2021. Before coming to Chicago, he served as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy in St. Louis, Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation, and as Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of Milwaukee. Craig is a native of Chicago's south suburbs. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University and earned MDiv and DMin degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary.

Craig's first career was in business as an insurance executive. After being ordained to specialized ministry, Craig served as Director of Recruitment and Admissions at McCormick Seminary and later as Chief Development Officer. Craig has served several racial ethnic churches including Latinx, African American, Korean, and Euro American — and also a new church development in the Pentecostal Church.

Craig's spouse is the Rev. Marilyn Gamm, who is also a pastor in St. Louis. They have two adult daughters who both live in Chicago.



Judy (friend of Glenna)
Sandy (friend of Mary and George R))
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
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)
Ron C (John H's brother-in-law)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-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)
Scott G (Donna/Ron's friend)
David H (Cathy W's friend)
Jack H (Mike/Chris' friend)

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Mark H (Joe's friend)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
Dottie K (Sue/Joe's friend)
Mary Ellen K (friend of Dave W)
**Reba Louise, Dorothy, Carolyn,
and Charlotte** (John/Cheryl's family)
Sheila L (Donna's family member)
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)
Steve M
Opal (Donna H's mother)
Marcia O (Karen's friend)
Ellen/John R (COTC former members)
George/Mary R
Lamar R (John/Cheryl's friend)
Tom R (Sue Li's brother)
Doris S (Cathy W's mom)
Lowell S (Marie's cousin)
Laurie U
Carol W (Karen's friend)
Caregivers
**People devastated by terrorism, war,
natural disasters, and our country**
Families who grieve



Weekly Calendar

<p>Sunday, March 17 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i></p>	<p>10 am ~ Worship Service 11 am ~ Coffee Hour 11:45 ~ Adult Sunday School</p>
<p>Tuesday, March 19</p>	<p>11 am - 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet 11 am ~ Zoom Gathering No Bell Choir Rehearsal 7 pm ~ Session meeting</p>
<p>Wednesday, March 20</p>	<p>12 noon ~ Lunch with Pastor Julie</p>
<p>Thursday, March 21</p>	<p>4-6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet 7 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Sunday, March 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<p>10 am ~ Worship Service 11 am ~ Palm Sunday Brunch No Adult Sunday School</p>

March 24

PALM SUNDAY

**Please join us for Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10 am
& Potluck Brunch after the Worship Service.
The sign up for the Potluck is in the lounge.**



The flower arrangement this week is from the Truelsens in celebrating of Judie's birthday.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Please bring items for Pantry to Church of the Cross on the 1st Sunday of each month!

The most commonly needed food pantry items:

- Canned meats
- Canned pasta
- Soup
- Juice
- Snacks and crackers
- Baking items
- Tomato products
- Paper goods
- Hygiene products



EASTER FLOWER FUNDRAISER **for Veterans through Who We serve**

Easter Flowers can be ordered in the narthex until
March 17th, before/after Worship Service.

The cost per plant is \$20.

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE

Wed, March 20th ~ *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg

Wed, April 17th ~ *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

Wed, June 12th ~ *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano

Wed, July 10th ~ *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Wed, August 14th ~ *The Canary Girls* by Jennifer Chiaverini

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



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YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Envelopes are available in the lounge and narthex.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.