



2nd Sunday in Lent

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

March 1, 2026 @ 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

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WELCOME ALL ~ *Bienvenidos todos*

PRELUDE ~ *Preludio* “Break Thou the Bread of Life” arranged by Larry Shackley Dr. Robert K.

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

CHORAL INTROIT “A Hymn of Joy We Sing” by Aaron R. Wolfe COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ ~ *Llamado a adorar* Rev. Julie Peterson

Tell me something good!

God loves us more than we could ever imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than we could ever imagine.

Tell me something good!

God’s love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our loving God.

¡Dime algo bueno!

Dios nos ama más de lo que jamás podríamos imaginar.

¡Dime algo bueno!

Dios ama a toda la creación más de lo que jamás podríamos imaginar.

¡Dime algo bueno!

El amor de Dios nos encuentra en este servicio de adoración. No estamos solos.

¡Estas son buenas noticias!

Adoremos a nuestro Dios amoroso.

*OPENING HYMN ~ *Himno* “I Come with My Devotion” ~ “Vengo con mi devoción”
tune GTG #724 (O Jesus, I Have Promised) *text by Anne Strickland*

**I come with my devotion to love and serve my God
Whose loving cosmos formed me before I ever sought
The glory of the heavens or praise on earth below
So every gift I have now I lay before the throne**

**I hear my Savior’s calling to serve the lost and least
The hungry and imprisoned, the broken ones like me
For in each act of kindness it’s Christ for whom we care
All worthy of our love since it’s God’s face they bear**

**God made us in God’s image each person whom we meet
extravagantly loving all of humanity
So I’ll return the love which has formed me from the start
Loving my creator, myself, and every heart**

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ *Llamado a la confesión* Ken G.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Ken G.

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?

Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

Dios misericordioso, ¿te vimos hambriento y te dimos de comer? ¿Te vimos sediento y te dimos de beber?

¿Te vimos solo y te mostramos compasión? ¿O cruzamos la calle? ¿Desviamos la mirada? ¿Inventos todas las excusas posibles?

God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go.

Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.

Dios, anhelamos ser personas que amen a nuestro prójimo con el mismo amor inmenso que tú sientes por él. Pero debemos admitir que aún nos queda un largo camino por recorrer.

Perdónanos por las veces en que dejamos que los prejuicios, la escasez o el miedo se interpusieran en el amor. Lávanos y danos la valentía para volver a intentarlo. Con la esperanza de un mañana mejor, oramos.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silencios*

Ken G.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ~ *Garantía de perdón*

Rev. Julie Peterson

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ~ “Santo, Santo, Santo”

(sing 2x). GTG #595

Respuesta cantada

(himnario #595 incluye palabras en español)

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

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

SHARE GOD’S LOVE ~ *Comparte el amor de Dios*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION ~ *Oración de Iluminación*

Ken G.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 7:36-50

Ken G. & José S.

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 25:35-40

Rev. Julie Peterson & José S.

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

the good news is... great love for God & neighbor

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME ~ *Ofrezca Esperanza ...en el nombre de Jesús*

*HYMN ~ *Himno*

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

GTG #835

“Solo un paseo más cercano contigo”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ *Afirmación de Fe*

excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith

Ken G.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

En un mundo quebrantado y temeroso, el Espíritu nos da valor para orar sin cesar, para dar testimonio de Cristo como Señor y Salvador entre todos los pueblos, para desenmascarar las idolatrías en la Iglesia y la cultura, para escuchar las voces de pueblos silenciados durante mucho tiempo y para trabajar con otros por la justicia, la libertad y la paz.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

En gratitud a Dios, fortalecidos por el Espíritu, nos esforzamos por servir a Cristo en nuestras tareas diarias y por vivir vidas santas y gozosas, mientras esperamos el nuevo cielo y la nueva tierra de Dios, orando: "¡Ven, Señor Jesús!"

Con los creyentes de todo tiempo y lugar, nos regocijamos de que nada, ni en la vida ni en la muerte, pueda separarnos del amor de Dios en Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Presentando nuestros diezmos y ofrendas a Dios

Ken G.

*CHORAL OFFERTORY

"What Feast Will You Bring" by Charles McCartha

COTC Choir

*DOXOLOGY ~ *Doxología*

~ *Words for Communion Sundays*~

GTG #606

**Praise God, who fills each cup and plate, Whose table's wide and love is great,
From broken bread, may all be fed, And justice rise where fear has spread. Amen.**

Alabado sea Dios, que llena cada copa y plato, cuya mesa es amplia y su amor es grande, que del pan partido todos se alimenten, y que la justicia surja donde se ha extendido el miedo. Amén.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION ~ *Oración de dedicación*

Ken G.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Julie Peterson

Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padre Nuestro

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Come to the Table of Grace"

(vs1-4) GTG #507

Himno de preparación

"Venid a la Mesa de la Gracia"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ~ EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CENA DEL SEÑOR

Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ *Invitación a la Mesa*

Rev. Julie Peterson

At this table, we come from communities which know hunger and thirst. We come with a shared heart and spirit. Here we are invited to remember how Jesus ate and drank to forge relationship across boundaries. We come free of judgment, invited to leave our prejudices, shortcomings, and doubts aside, to receive the blessing of our Lord's grace.

En esta mesa, venimos de comunidades que conocen el hambre y la sed. Venimos con un corazón y un espíritu compartidos. Aquí se nos invita a recordar cómo Jesús comió y bebió para forjar relaciones que trascienden las fronteras. Venimos libres de juicios, invitados a dejar de lado nuestros prejuicios, defectos y dudas, para recibir la bendición de la gracia de nuestro Señor.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving² ~ *Gran Oración de Acción de Gracias*

Rev. Julie Peterson

May the God of great compassion be with you.

Que el Dios de gran compasión te acompañe.

And also with you!

¡Y también contigo!

Only God is able to keep our hearts filled with hope and peace.

Solo Dios puede mantener nuestros corazones llenos de esperanza y paz.

We will offer our hearts to the One who shows us how to love.

Ofreceremos nuestros corazones a Aquel que nos muestra cómo amar.

Trust in the promises whose fulfillment we cannot see.

We lift our songs to the One who is always with us.

In the shadows of nothingness, you Holy One, bore your Light of creation so life might burst forth where there was none: white sands at the edge of blue green seas, shale formed under the crust of the earth, warm mornings and frigid nights to mark the seasons.

You blessed your children with creation's gifts so we might prove to be a blessing to others, but we watched the comings and goings of sin and death, allowing ourselves to be blown about by them.

Prophets dared to bring us words we didn't want to hear, calling us back to a way of life we had abandoned. But somehow, we preferred life in the absence of your presence. Then you sent Jesus, so we, along with all creation, might be saved. With those who weep at your feet, with those who have responded to your call, we lift our thanksgivings to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Who neither slumbers nor sleeps. All creation blesses your glorious name. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to plant seeds of faith. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy One, you are the God of blessings, and Jesus Christ is your Faithful One. The One who was truly righteous, emptied himself to fill us with grace. The One who had spoken life into existence, embraced death on the cross, so we might be justified through your grace and wonder. As we turn our heads to Jerusalem with Jesus, as we seek to leave our comfortable lives to follow, we share with one another the mystery we call faith:

Christ died, faithful to the end; Christ was raised, so all creation might be saved; Christ will come, to bring us to the place of your eternal grace.

Confiemos en las promesas cuyo cumplimiento no podemos ver.

Elevemos nuestros cánticos a Aquel que siempre está con nosotros.

En las sombras de la nada, tú, Santo, llevaste tu Luz de la creación para que la vida brotara donde no la había: arenas blancas al borde de mares azul verdosos, esquisto formado bajo la corteza terrestre, mañanas cálidas y noches gélidas que marcaban las estaciones.

Bendijiste a tus hijos con los dones de la creación para que pudiéramos ser una bendición para los demás, pero observamos el ir y venir del pecado y la muerte, dejándonos arrastrar por ellos.

Los profetas se atrevieron a traernos palabras que no queríamos oír, llamándonos de vuelta a una forma de vida que habíamos abandonado. Pero, de alguna manera, preferimos vivir en ausencia de tu presencia. Entonces enviaste a Jesús para que nosotros, junto con toda la creación, fuéramos salvos. Con quienes lloran a tus pies, con quienes han respondido a tu llamado, te elevamos nuestras acciones de gracias:

Santo, santo, santo eres, que no dormitas ni duermes. Toda la creación bendice tu glorioso nombre. ¡Hosanna en las alturas! Bendito sea Aquel que viene a sembrar semillas de fe. ¡Hosanna en las alturas!

Santo, tú eres el Dios de las bendiciones, y Jesucristo es tu Fiel. Aquel que fue verdaderamente justo, se despojó de sí mismo para llenarnos de gracia. Aquel que habló vida a la existencia, abrazó la muerte en la cruz para que fuéramos justificados por tu gracia y asombro. Al volver la mirada hacia Jerusalén con Jesús, al buscar dejar nuestras vidas cómodas para seguirlo, compartimos el misterio que llamamos fe:

Cristo murió, fiel hasta el fin; Cristo resucitó, para que toda la creación pudiera ser salvada; Cristo vendrá, para llevarnos al lugar de tu gracia eterna.

It is your Spirit poured out upon us and upon the gifts of the Table which brings us new life. It is the brokenness of the bread which gives us life, a life poured out for those who have no hope, for those who wander in the shadows. It is the grace of the cup which overflows with your gifts, so we might go to be a blessing to all forsaken by the world.

And when our journey has ended and we find ourselves in the home you have prepared for us, we will continue to sing our glad songs to you forever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Words of Institution ~ *Palabras de Institución*

La noche en que fue traicionado, nuestro Señor tomó pan, lo bendijo, lo partió y se lo dio a sus discípulos diciendo: “Tomen, coman. Este es mi cuerpo entregado por ti. Cuando comáis de esto, hacedlo en memoria de mí”. De la misma manera tomó la copa diciendo: “Esta copa es el nuevo pacto sellado en mi sangre, derramado por ustedes para perdón de los pecados. Cuando bebáis de él, hacedlo en memoria de mí”. Cada vez que comemos este pan y bebemos esta copa, proclamamos la muerte salvadora del Señor resucitado, hasta el día de su regreso. Y hasta ese día, seguiremos reuniéndonos en santuarios, cocinas, salas de estar y parques para celebrar la gracia del profundo amor de Dios por nosotros. Amados Hijos de Dios, esta es la fiesta gozosa del pueblo de Dios. Reunámonos y compartamos esta fiesta que nuestro Señor ha preparado.

Communing Together ~ *Comunión Juntos*

We celebrate Holy Communion by intinction. All who believe in Jesus the Christ are invited to come forward to receive the elements. The bread is gluten free. If you prefer to use prepacked cups, they are available in the narthex. And, please come forward with the others for your blessing.

Celebramos la Sagrada Comunión por intincción. Todos los que creen en Jesús el Cristo están invitados a pasar al frente para recibir los elementos. El pan no contiene gluten. Si prefiere utilizar vasos preenvasados, están disponibles en el nártex. Y, por favor, acérquense con los demás para recibir su bendición.

Prayer after Communion ~ *Oración después de la Comunión*

Rev. Julie Peterson

Eternal One, in this bread and this cup you transform us from individuals into members of the Body of Christ.

Through the action of your wondrous love, you now send us into your world, wounded and beautiful, to share the good news of hope and joy with all.

We humbly ask our service to the least among us—those who are members of your family—draws us closer to you and to those we serve.

May the bond uniting us with you and with the community grow stronger as we dedicate our time and effort to caring for, supporting, and accompanying those most in need.

Eterno, en este pan y en este cáliz nos transformas de individuos en miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo.

Por la acción de tu maravilloso amor, nos envías ahora a tu mundo, heridos y hermosos, para compartir la buena nueva de esperanza y alegría con todos.

Humildemente, te pedimos que nuestro servicio a los más pequeños —quienes son miembros de tu familia— nos acerque más a ti y a quienes servimos.

Que el vínculo que nos une contigo y con la comunidad se fortalezca al dedicar nuestro tiempo y esfuerzo a cuidar, apoyar y acompañar a los más necesitados.

Enable us to discover the presence of your love in every act of help and compassion, so by serving others, we may also experience your closeness and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Haz que descubramos la presencia de tu amor en cada acto de ayuda y compasión, para que al servir a los demás, también experimentemos tu cercanía y misericordia. En el nombre de Jesús, oramos. Amén.

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno*

“Beautiful Things” ~ “Cosas hermosas”

see insert

by Michael & Lisa Gungor

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendició*

Rev. Julie Peterson

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 con los que nadie ama. Salgamos al mundo y compartamos el amor de Dios.. Amén y amén.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior” by John Newton

COTC Choir

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà in F Major” by J. S. Bach

Dr. Robert K.

Many of us enjoy remaining in the sanctuary for the postlude music. We understand if you need to leave. A muchos nos gusta quedarnos en el santuario para la música del postludio. Entendemos si necesitan irse.

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Addie (Donna/Ron's friend)
Avonne (Laura's mother)
Emmalyn (great-niece of Laurie U)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Sue A (former member)
Beth B (Stu R's sister)
Becky B (Cathy W's sister-in-law)
Mike B (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
Mary Ann B & her daughter Lisa C
Rick B (friend of John H)
Robert B (Jim B's father)
Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)
Christian (grandnephew of Jane/Dave)
Denise (Ken's cousin)
Dan C (neighbor of John & Cheryl)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Patti C (Karen's friend)
Sabina C (Adelaide's sister-in-law)
Chuck/Renee (Laura's brother/wife)
Linda D (Jim/Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Belinda F (friend of Sue/Jim L)
Gary F
Karen F & her daughter Lisa M
Nick F (Mike/Chris' extended family member)
Marilyn (Stu T's sister)
Adelaide, Baaba C, & Naana G
Miranda G (Sue Li's friend)
Harriet (kin of John/Cheryl)
Jennifer, Matt & family (friends-John/Cheryl)
Jessica (niece of Nancy/Charlie)
Ken H (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
Jones (Donna's friend 2 yrs needs kidney transplant)
Art K (Charlie's brother)
Charlie K
Jeri (Laura's friend)

Lynne (Laura's friend)
Mike L
Sheila L (Donna's family member)
Judy McC
Fay M
Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
Don M (Hank/Glenna's son)
Hank M
Steve M
Terry M
Eric N (Jeff/Julie's nephew)
Marcia O (Karen's friend)
Priscilla (José's friend)
Lamar R (John/Cheryl's friend)
Ray (Laura's friend's brother)
Ellen R (former member)
George R
Marie R
Tom R (Sue Li's brother)
Doris S (Cathy W's mom)
Martha S (John/Cheryl's friend)
Sharon (Laura's family member)
Shelby (Laura D family-in-law)
Carol W (Karen's friend)
Valerie (Jose's granddaughter)
Joyce V (friend of Mike/Chris' daughter Jen)
Caregivers
**Our country, people devastated by terrorism,
 war, natural disasters, and fires**
For children in war zones
Students/Teachers/Schools
**For the protection of all in danger, so they may
 have food, shelter, health, and recovery**
Families who grieve
 ✠ **Family of Lowell S (Marie's cousin)**
 ✠ **Family of Rev. Leslie Shear**

COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Sunday
March 1**

2nd Sunday in Lent
Monthly collection for Schaumburg Food Pantry items
10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev Julie Peterson
11:00 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~Adult Sunday Class

**Tuesday
March 3**

11 am ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
11 am ~ Zoom Gathering
6 pm ~ Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday
March 4**

12 noon ~ Lunch with Pastor Julie

**Thursday
March 5**

4 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
7 pm ~ Choir rehearsal

**Sunday
March 8**

3rd Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Begins
10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev Julie Peterson
11:00 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~Adult Sunday Class

Worship Resource Schedule:

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
	Communion 2nd Sunday in Lent	Daylight Savings Begins Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday
Worship Reader [3]	Ken G	Jim B.	Laurie	Cathy	Jim L
Disciple on Duty [4]					
Usher [5]					
Counter [6]					
Weekly Shovel/Salting [7]					
Greeter [8]	Terri	Terri	Terri	Terri	Terri
Communion Set Up	Laura D	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Flowers for Worship [1]					
- Dedication (memory/honor/celebration) [10]					
Coffee Hour	Session (& Ann)	Pastor Julie	Laurie U	Sue Le	sign up in lounge
- Food Contributors (fruits, cookies, coffee cake or cheese & crackers)	Coffee cake - Stu T Jim L - Brownies Kathie D - Chs/crackers Fruit - Jim B.				Palm Sunday brunch sign up in lounge
Sound [13]	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim
Streaming [14]	Stu	Cathy	Cathy	Stu	Stu
Spanish Reader [2]	José	José	José	José	José



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Next meeting – March 12

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.

Join Pastor Julie for Tuesday's Zoom gathering

Join us via Zoom on Tuesdays at 11 am.
Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join.

Book Club

Meetings are once a month on Wednesdays at 7 pm

April 1 - Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
May 6 - The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

Lent Events & Announcements...

Online 2025 Lenten Devotionals are available. Please check your email for the link.

March 29 @ 10 am – Palm Sunday Cantata Worship ~ “Jesus”
& Palm Sunday Brunch after worship. Sign up for brunch in lounge.

April 2 @ 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

April 5 @ 10am – Easter Sunday Cantata Worship ~ “Jesus”

**Donations
Needed**

- One Great Hour of Sharing, deadline is Easter Sunday
- Easter Flowers Fundraiser, March 1st, March 8th & March 5th
- Donations to purchase Aldi Gift Cards for Lakeview Elementary families, deadline is March 8th

Donate to the Schaumburg Food Pantry

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

ESL—English as a Second Language Classes

**ESL Classes are held every Tuesday at 12 noon in the basement library.
This is during regular Tuesday Clothes Closet Hours.**

Sign-Up Form for Coffee Hour!

Sign up

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting coffee hour! Bringing in 1 item at a time has been a good alternative. Please sign up to donate items in the coming weeks, and also to host coffee hour. Together, we can make it work.

Donate to our Community Clothes Closet

Items most needed now:

**Seasonally Appropriate Clothing
Toiletries
New Socks and Underwear
English and Spanish Children's Books**

Men's Bible Study

**The group meets Wednesdays at 7 pm.
Contact Ken Groenewold or Stu Rutter for more details.**

Adult Sunday School

**The group meets on Sundays at 11:45 am.
Everyone is invited to join in the study in the Gathering Place**



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