



4th Sunday in Lent

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

March 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

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

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

CCLI Music Copyrights - #2992287 & CCLI Streaming License, #20364741

WELCOME ALL ~ *Bienvenidos todos*

PRELUDE ~ *Preludio* “Come, Gracious Spirit” *arranged by Lani Smith* Dr. Robert K.

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

CHORAL INTROIT “O Worship the Lord” *by R McCutchan* COTC Choir

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

God loves field mice and roaming cattle.

God loves birds which take flight when a church bells ring.

God loves babies, the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and wise eyes.

God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong.

God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats, the wildflowers and the puffer fish.

God loves ALL of creation.

So let us worship our with-us God!

Dios ama a los ratones de campo y al ganado que deambula.

Dios ama a las aves que emprenden el vuelo cuando suenan las campanas de la iglesia.

Dios ama a los bebés, a los jóvenes, a los impresionables y a los sinceros.

Dios ama a quien tiene manos arrugadas y ojos suaves.

Dios ama a los grandes robles y a los árboles de hoja perenne, firmes y fuertes.

Dios ama a los abejorros y a los gatos atigrados, a las flores silvestres y a los peces globo.

Dios ama a TODA la creación.

¡Así que adoremos a nuestro Dios que está con nosotros!

*OPENING HYMN ~ *Himno* “God of Great and God of Small” GTG #19
“Dios de lo Grande y Dios de lo Pequeño”

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ *Llamado a la confesión* Laurie U.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹ ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Laurie U.

Scripture citations in order: Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Isaiah 43:1.

God said, “*When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.*”

Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

Jesus said, “*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*”

We confess, humanity has clung to weapons and war far more than we have pursued peace.

God said, “*When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.*”

We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

Dios dijo: “*Cuando un extranjero resida entre ustedes en su tierra, no lo maltraten.*”

Dios Santo, confesamos que hemos maltratado a los inmigrantes en nuestra tierra.

Jesús dijo: “*Bienaventurados los pacificadores, porque ellos serán llamados hijos de Dios.*”

Confesamos que la humanidad se ha aferrado a las armas y a la guerra mucho más de lo que ha buscado la paz.

Dios dijo: “*Cuando recojas las uvas de tu viña, no espigues lo que quede; será para el extranjero, el huérfano y la viuda.*”

Confesamos que hemos acaparado nuestros recursos y no nos hemos preocupado por nuestro prójimo.

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.
May this good news change our lives!**

Afortunadamente para todos nosotros, Dios también dijo: “No temas, porque yo te he redimido; te he llamado por tu nombre; eres mío”.

Por la gracia de Dios, a pesar de nuestros pecados y defectos, somos redimidos, reclamados, perdonados y amados. ¡Que esta buena noticia nos cambie la vida!

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silencios*

Laurie U.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS ~ *Garantía de perdón*

Rev. Julie Peterson

*SUNG RESPONSE
Respuesta cantada

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

(sing 2x) GTG #595

(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*

Laurie U.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Laurie U. & 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 19:13-15

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... protection & care for the vulnerable

Rev. Julie Peterson

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

*HYMN ~ *Himno*

“Heaven Shall Not Wait” ~ “El cielo no esperará”

GTG #773

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH² ~ *Afirmación de Fe*

A Creed from the Iona Community

Laurie U.

We worship one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose image we are made, to whose service we are summoned, by whose presence we are renewed.

Adoramos a un solo Dios, Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, a cuya imagen fuimos creados, a cuyo servicio somos convocados, por cuya presencia somos renovados.

Thus, we believe it is central to the mission of Christ that we participate through word and action to rejoice in the diversity of human culture, to preserve the earth in all its beauty and frailty, to witness to the love of God for every person, and to invite all to share in this mission.

Por lo tanto, creemos que es fundamental para la misión de Cristo que participemos con palabras y acciones para regocijarnos en la diversidad de la cultura humana, preservar la tierra en toda su belleza y fragilidad, dar testimonio del amor de Dios por cada persona e invitar a todos a compartir esta misión.

We believe through the power of the Holy Spirit the persecuted shall be lifted up and the wicked will fall, the heartfelt prayers and hidden actions of God’s people shall change for good the course of human history, the ancient words of scripture shall continue to startle us with fresh insight.

We believe God has called the church into being to be the servant of the kingdom, to be a sign of God’s new order, to celebrate in every land worship which raises our hearts to heaven.

We believe Christ, fully aware of our differences, prays we may be one so the world may believe. And to this we are committed for the love of God, in the way of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Creemos que por el poder del Espíritu Santo los perseguidos serán enaltecidos y los malvados caerán; las oraciones sinceras y las acciones ocultas del pueblo de Dios cambiarán para bien el curso de la historia humana; las antiguas palabras de las Escrituras seguirán impresionándonos con una nueva perspectiva.

Creemos que Dios ha llamado a la iglesia a la existencia para ser sierva del reino, para ser signo del nuevo orden de Dios, para celebrar en toda la tierra un culto que eleve nuestros corazones al cielo.

Creemos que Cristo, plenamente consciente de nuestras diferencias, ora para que seamos uno para que el mundo crea. Y a esto nos comprometemos por amor a Dios, a la manera de Cristo, por el poder del Espíritu Santo.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

Presentando nuestros diezmos y ofrendas a Dios

Laurie U.

*CHORAL OFFERTORY

“Lord Take My Life” by David Asplund

COTC Choir

*DOXOLOGY ~ *Doxología*

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*

Laurie U.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padre Nuestro

Rev. Julie Peterson

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno*

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”
“Id, hijos míos, con mi bendición”

GTG #547

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendición*

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 J Stainer

COTC Choir

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Moderato” by Franciszek Walczynski

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.*

¹Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

²A Wee Worship Book © W102015 Wild Good Resource Group, c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland.
www.wildgoose.scot, pg 105



Addie (Donna/Ron's friend)
Avonne (Laura's mother)
Emmalyn (great-niece of Laurie U)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
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)
Dan C (neighbor of John & Cheryl)
Derek (Charlie/Nancy's nephew in Bahrain)
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 yr 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)
Rudy (Elizabeth/José son)
Doris S (Cathy W's mom)
Joe S (José son)
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
✠ ...Yoo Sun L. (Hamilton C.)

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday
March 15

4th Sunday in Lent
10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev Julie Peterson
11:00 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:30 am – 1 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
11:45 am ~Adult Sunday Class

Tuesday
March 17

11 am ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
11 am ~ Zoom Gathering
4 pm ~ Prayer Service Spanish led ~ in Sanctuary
7 pm ~ Session Meeting

Wednesday
March 18

12 noon ~ Lunch with Pastor Julie

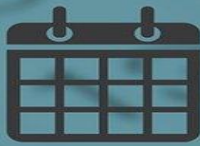
Thursday
March 19

4 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
7 pm ~ Choir rehearsal

Sunday
March 22

5th Sunday in Lent
10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev Julie Peterson
11:00 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~Adult Sunday Class

	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 2	April 5
	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Easter Sunday
Worship Reader [3]	Laurie	Cathy	Jim L		
Disciple on Duty [4]					
Usher [5]					Laura D
Counter [6]					
Weekly Shovel/Salting [7]					
Greeter [8]	Terri	Terri	Terri		Terri
Communion Set Up	n/a	n/a	n/a	Judie T	Laura D
Flowers for Worship [1]					
- Dedication (memory/honor/celebration) [10]					
Coffee Hour	Laurie U	Sue Le	sign up in lounge	n/a	Everyone
- Food Contributors (fruits, cookies, coffee cake or cheese & crackers)		cheese & crackers	Palm Sunday brunch sign up in lounge		Easter Treats Sunday Bring your favorite Easter treat to share
Sound [13]	Jim	Jim	Jim	Jim	
Streaming [14]	Cathy	Stu	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 26

Bible Study 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, The Resurrection of the Messiah” & Palm Sunday Brunch after worship. Sign up for brunch in lounge.

April 2 @ 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

April 5 @ 10am – Easter Sunday Worship ~ Bring your Favorite Treat for Coffee Hour

**Donations
Needed**

- Easter Flowers Fundraiser, Last day ~ March 15th
- One Great Hour of Sharing, deadline is Easter Sunday

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 Class

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



475 West Higgins Road,
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
Office: 847-885-1199

Website: www.churchofthecross.online
Office email – office@cotc-pcusa.org
Pastor email – pastor@cotc-pcusa.org