October 11, 2026 @ 10 am

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Vigésimo domingo después de Pentecostés

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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*" "How Can I Keep from Singing?" *by Lowry/Mary McDonald* Marie R.

WELCOME ~ *Palabras de Bienvenida* Rev. Julie Peterson

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ *Mayordomía Minuto para la Misión* Jim B.

INTROIT "O Worship the Lord" by *Anonymous* COTC Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP[1] ~ *Llamado a adorar* Rev. Julie Peterson

God calls us from all the places our lives have taken us and welcomes us into grace.

We come with gratitude, rejoicing in the love which has already made room for us.

Christ calls us to lives of gentleness, compassion, and peace.

We come ready to listen, ready to learn, ready to be changed.

The Spirit gathers us and reminds us whose we are.

With thankful hearts, let us worship God and live the grace we have received.

Dios nos llama desde todos los lugares a los que nos ha llevado la vida y nos acoge en su gracia.

Venimos con gratitud, regocijándonos en el amor que ya nos ha hecho un lugar.

Cristo nos llama a una vida de mansedumbre, compasión y paz.

Venimos dispuestos a escuchar, dispuestos a aprender, dispuestos a ser transformados.

El Espíritu nos reúne y nos recuerda de quién somos.

Con corazones agradecidos, adoremos a Dios y vivamos la gracia que hemos recibido.

*OPENING HYMN ~ *Himn* "Great God of Every Blessing" GTG #694
"Gran Dios de todas las bendiciones"

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Llamado a la confesión Jim B.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[3] ~ *Oración de confesión al unisono* Jim B.

Gracious God, you call us into lives shaped by your grace, yet we become distracted by so many other claims.

You invite us to live with gratitude, yet we hold tightly to what we have. You would make your gentleness known through us, yet anger, fear, and impatience too easily shape our words and actions.

You call us to compassion and peace, yet we sometimes live as though your grace has never reached us. Forgive us, merciful God. Turn our hearts again toward you.

Dios misericordioso, tú nos llamas a una vida moldeada por tu gracia, pero nos distraen tantas otras exigencias.

Nos invitas a vivir con gratitud, pero nos aferramos con fuerza a lo que tenemos. Tú quieres dar a conocer tu bondad a través de nosotros, pero la ira, el miedo y la impaciencia moldean con demasiada facilidad nuestras palabras y acciones.

Nos llamas a la compasión y a la paz, pero a veces vivimos como si tu gracia nunca nos hubiera llegado. Perdónanos, Dios misericordioso. Vuelve nuestros corazones hacia ti.

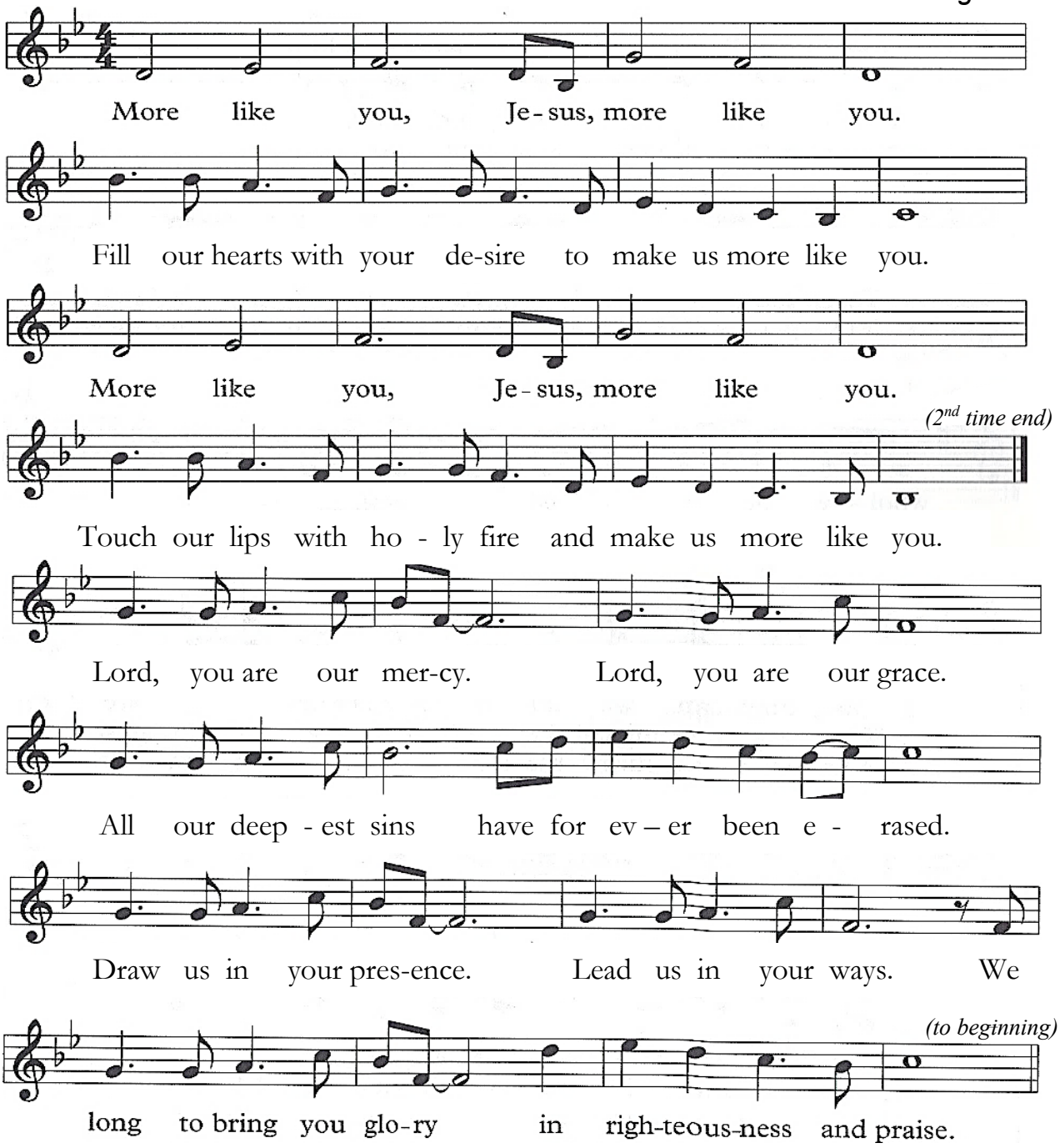
Root us more deeply in the life and teachings of Jesus, so the grace we have received becomes visible in the lives we live and the love we share.

Arraízanos más profundamente en la vida y las enseñanzas de Jesús, para que la gracia que hemos recibido se haga visible en la vida que llevamos y en el amor que compartimos.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION ~ *Nuestra confesión silenciosa*

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

* SUNG RESPONSE ~ *Respuesta cantada* "More Like You" ~ "Más como tú"

Sing the Faith #2167

*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* Jim B.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9 Jim B. / 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 22:1-14 Rev. Julie Peterson / José S.

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SERMON A Life Worth Wearing Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME ~ *Ofrezca esperanza... en el nombre de Jesús*

*HYMN ~ *Himno* "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" GTG #700
"Voy a vivir para que Dios pueda usarme"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH[2] ~ *Afirmación de Fe* *adapted from the 1st Answer of the Heidelberg Catechism* Jim B.

We belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

By his grace we are forgiven and set free. We trust God holds us securely and watches over our lives. In joy and in sorrow, in certainty and uncertainty, we are never beyond God's care.

Through the Holy Spirit, we are assured of eternal life and reminded again and again whose we are.

Therefore, with grateful hearts, we seek to follow Jesus Christ: practicing compassion and gentleness, seeking justice and peace, and offering our lives in faithful service.

We belong to God, and by God's grace, we seek to live as people who know it. Amen.

Pertenecemos —en cuerpo y alma, en la vida y en la muerte— no a nosotros mismos, sino a nuestro fiel Salvador, Jesucristo.

Por su gracia, somos perdonados y liberados. Confiamos en que Dios nos sostiene con seguridad y vela por nuestras vidas. En la alegría y en la tristeza, en la certeza y en la incertidumbre, nunca estamos fuera del cuidado de Dios.

A través del Espíritu Santo, tenemos la seguridad de la vida eterna y se nos recuerda una y otra vez a quién pertenecemos.

Por eso, con corazones agradecidos, buscamos seguir a Jesucristo: practicando la compasión y la mansedumbre, buscando la justicia y la paz, y ofreciendo nuestras vidas en servicio fiel.

Pertenecemos a Dios y, por la gracia de Dios, buscamos vivir como personas que lo saben. Amén.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD Jim B.
Presentando nuestros Diezmos y Ofrendas a Dios

OFFERTORY "Sanctus" *by Schubert/Arr. Moore* 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* Jim B.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Julie Peterson
Oraciones del Pueblo y el Padrenuestro

*CLOSING HYMN ~ *Himno* "Take My Life" ~ "Llévate mi vida" *(vs 1, 2, 4, 6)* GTG #697

*BENEDICTION ~ *Bendición*

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 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" *by Sicilian Mariners* COTC Choir

POSTLUDE "How Can I Keep from Singing" *by Lowry/James E. Clemens* Marie R.

Prayer Requests

- Debbie A (Jim/Sue's friend)
- Emmalyn (great-niece of Laurie U)
- Beth B (Stu R's sister)
- Becky B (Cathy W's sister-in-law)
- Mike B (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
- Lisa C (Mary Ann B's daughter)
- Rick B (friend of John H)
- Robert B (Jim B's father)
- Brenden (family of Laura D's co-worker)
- Celica (granddaughter of Elizabeth/José)
- Tom C (friend of Karen)
- Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
- Patti C (Karen's friend)
- Sabine C (Adelaide's sister)
- Chuck/Renee (Laura's brother/wife)
- Linda D (Jim/Sue's relative)
- Elise (Family friend of Laura D)
- Betty F (Chris L's mother)
- Karen F & her daughter Lisa M
- Nick F (Mike/Chris' family member)
- Chris H (brother of former member Cathy C)
- Marilyn (Stu T's sister)
- Adelaide, Baaba C, & Naana G
- Harriet (kin of John/Cheryl)
- Jennifer, Matt & family (friends-John/Cheryl)
- Jessica (Nancy/Charlie's family member)
- Ken H (Cathy W's brother-in-law)
- Nicole K (Stu/Marie's friend)
- Kristin L (George/Mary's friend)
- Mike L (Mike/Chris' nephew)
- Sheila L (Donna's family member)
- Diane M (George/Mary's friend)
- Judy McC
- Fay M
- Michael (friend of Donna/Ron)
- Crisann M (friend of Mike/Chris L)
- Don M (Hank/Glenna's son)
- Hank/Glenna M
- Steve M
- Terry & Sue M
- Marcia O (Karen's friend)
- Lamar R (John/Cheryl's friend)
- Ray (Laura's friend's brother)
- George/Mary R
- Tom R (Sue Li's brother)
- Doris S (Cathy W's mom)
- Joe S (José son)
- Mark S (Rachel's father)
- Martha S (John/Cheryl's friend)
- Shannon (Laura's niece)
- Laurie U
- Carol W (Karen's friend)
- Joyce V (Mike/Chris' daughter Jen's friend)

- Caregivers
- Our country, people devastated by terrorism, war, natural disasters, and fires
- For people in war zone, especially children
- Students/Teachers/Schools
- People in need of employment
- Families who grieve the loss of loved ones

  Family of Hank Morgan

Announcements & Upcoming Events

	October 11		October 18		October 25		November 1
			Hispanic Heritage Sunday				Stewardship Sunday
	Rev. Julie Peterson		Helen Robles		Rev. Julie Peterson		Rev. Julie Peterson
Worship Leader	Jim B		Pastor Julie		Cathy W		JimL
Disciple on Duty [4]	Charlie						
Usher [5]	Charlie						
Counter [6]							
Greeter [7]							
Communion Set Up	n/a		n/a		n/a		
Flowers for Worship [1]							
- Dedication (memory/honor/celebration) [9]							
Coffee Hour Coordinator	Adult Study Group		Micah Team		Nancy K.		Stewardship Team
- Food Contributors [11]	Cheese & Crackers	Groenewold	Fruits	Cathy W			
Select item from list and then enter your name to the right	Reg. Cookies	Buchholz	Reg. Cookies	Cheryl			
	GF Cookies	Pastor Julie	GF Cake	Pastor Julie			Stewardship Lunch
	Fruits		Muffins	Taco dip - Pastor Julie			
	Cake	Sue&Jim	Other	Chips and Guacamole			
			Other	Jicama			
Sound [2]	Jim		Jim		Jim		
Streaming [12]	Stu		Cathy		Stu		
Parking Valet Volunteer 1							
Parking Valet Volunteer 2							

Sunday, October 11

10 am ~ Worship Service with Rev. Julie Peterson
11 am ~ Town Hall ~ Fire/Medical Safety
11 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~ Adult Sunday Class

Tuesday, October 13

11 am ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
11 am ~ Zoom Gathering with Pastor Julie
1:30 pm ~ Corporate Operations Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

10 am ~ Nominating Team Meeting
12 noon ~ Bible Study Lunch with Pastor Julie
1 pm ~ Hispanic Bible Study in the Library

Thursday, October 15

4–6 pm ~ Lilies Clothes Closet
7 pm ~ Choir Practice

Sunday, October 18

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Sunday
10 am ~ Worship Service ~ Helen Robles preaching
11 am ~ Coffee Hour
11:45 am ~ Adult Sunday Class

Tuesday Zoom Gathering

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

Tuesday ESL Classes

ESL (English as Second Language) Classes are held every Tuesday at 12 noon in the basement library. This is during regular Tuesday Clothes Closet Hours.

Wednesday Bible Study Lunch

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.

Wednesday Book Club

Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Contact Judie T. for the Zoom access details. Schedule for meetings:

October 21: Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson

November 18: The Things We Never Say
by Elizabeth Stroud

December 9: The Book Club for
Troublesome Women

January 13: The Mountains We Call Home
by Kim Michelle Richardson

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

The group meets Wednesdays at 7 pm.
Contact Stu Rutter for more details.

Thursday Coffee & Conversation

This is a relaxed time to gather with Pastor Julie over coffee to share conversation and enjoy each other's company. Gatherings will be held at COTC about twice a month on Thursdays at 10 am.
Next meeting – October 22

Contact Us

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Adult Sunday School

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

Donate to Food Pantry

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

Sunday Coffee Hour Sign Up

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting coffee hour! Please sign up to donate items in the coming weeks, and also to host coffee hour.

Parking Valet Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on Sundays.
Sign up on the Worship Schedule online.

Community Clothes Closet

Items needed:

- Seasonally Appropriate Clothing
- **Toiletries – needed now**
- New Socks and Underwear
- English and Spanish Children's Books

Stewardship Sunday

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms" - 1 Peter 4:10

Join us on Sunday, November 1 for our Annual Stewardship Service & Lunch.