



The Greatest Commandment

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev Julie Peterson

We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart,
and with all our soul, and with all our mind.

And we shall love our neighbor as ourselves.

Drawn by love, we come to offer our whole selves in Christ's service

Let us worship the Lord!

OPENING HYMN

"I Love You Lord" (*sing 2x*)

GTG 627

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

O God, we know your Greatest Commandment. The words dwell in our hearts, and rest on our lips. And yet, we are so slow to act upon them. When we encounter neighbors in need we are quick to pass judgment, even though love demands empathy. We see your children suffering, but we are too busy, too weary to respond, even though love demands compassion. We see unjust systems strip others of dignity but believe we are powerless to effect change, even though love demands action. And whenever we do not treat our neighbors as we ourselves would hope to be treated, we do not love you fully.

Forgive us, Lord. Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, so we might be faithful to you and your commandments.

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONDING TO GRACE

“Glory to God!”

GTG#582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

SHARE GOD'S LOVE

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Jesus Loves Me”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Cathy W.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:34-46

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

It's About Love

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS' NAME

PASSING THE PEACE

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

(Grant us Peace)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH¹

adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9:32-33

Cathy W.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human sufferings that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

CHORAL OFFERING

"The Gift of Love

Jane, Dave & Marie

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Cathy W.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound"

GTG #766

see next page....

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.

BENEDICTION

¹Call to Worship 53.1, © 2019 Office of ¹Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pg115, 182

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



DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email or text Pastor Julie.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

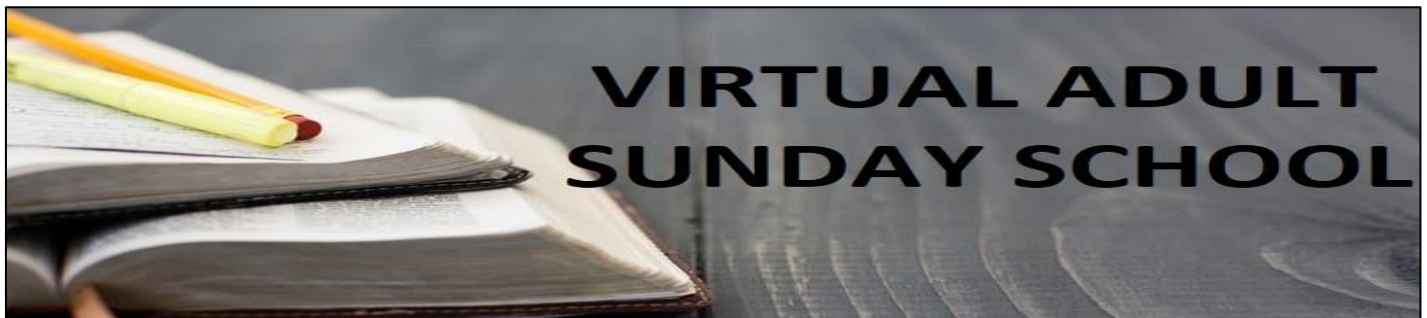
Avonne (Laura's mother)
Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Connie & Ed (friends of Karen)
Kevin B (Joe L's co-worker/friend)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Sushma B
Virgil B (friend of Karen)
Andree C
Chuck C (Laura D's brother)
Patrick C (Stu/Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura's sister-in-law)
Jim C (Mary Ann's son-in-law)
Tom C (Ann M's brother-in-law)
Betty D (Marie R's cousin)
Linda D (Jim/ Sue's relative)
Margaret E (Joe L's company president's Mom)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Donna F (Jim/Sue's aunt)
Karen F
Lori F (George R's OES friend)
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of Stu/Marie)
Nick G (Stu/Marie's grandson)
Ricky G (Sue/Joe's nephew)
Rita H (Jim/Ann's relative)
James and Sandra (friends of John/Cheryl)
Jessica (Charlie/Nancy's niece)

Karen
Marge K (George R's OES friend)
Steve (Jane's brother)
Bob L (husband of Judie T's friend)
Jim/Sheryl L (Ken/Pat's son-in-law/daughter)
Phyllis L
Spence L
Judy M
Klee M (Fritz/Fay's son)
Kofi M (Adelaide's family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Rachel M (Rutter's granddaughter)
Steve M
Dick McW (Ann M's brother)
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Shannan (Terri H's niece)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
George R
Maria R (Laura D's friend)
Jessie R (Julie/Jeff's niece)
Ann & Geoff S
Marnie S (Glenna M's friend)
Shirley (Cathy W's aunt)
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Those who grieve
Those devastated by terrorism
Our world and all victims/families
affected by COVID-19
Those affected by the devastating forest fires



The WINGS Resale Stores are in need of men's clothing.

Donate your suits, jackets, pants, shirts, ties, belts, shoes, just to name a few to your local WINGS Resale Store!



The group meets via Zoom on **Sundays at 11:30 am.**

Our study book is “The Color of Compromise. The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism” by Jemar Tisby. The book tells the story of how people of faith have historically - up to now - worked against racial Justice. **EVERYONE is invited to join the study**—just let Pastor Julie know you are interested, and the Zoom info will be sent directly to you.



Our next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4 at 7 pm

We will be discussing “The Water Dancer” by Ta-nehisi Coates.

If you want to be included, please email Judie at judietrue@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation.



Join us via Zoom every **Wednesday at 12 noon** for bible study as we discuss scripture passages for our upcoming worship service. Contact Pastor Julie for the Zoom access information to join the Bible Study.

October 28	Matthew 23:1-12; Joshua 3:7-17
November 4	Matthew 25:1-13; Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
November 11	Matthew 25:14-30; Judges 4:1-7
November 18	Matthew 25:31-46; Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24



Men's Bible Study will meet on October 28, and November 18
Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

Our current study is on the book *A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald. We meet via Zoom. We encourage new attendees, so if interested, please contact Ken G. or Stu R. for access details. If you do not have a copy of the book, *A Resilient Life*, consider ordering from Amazon.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

**DROP OFF AT 1 ILLINOIS BLVD HOFFMAN ESTATES
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 9-1PM.**

FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Monetary donations allow us to purchase goods based on the needs of our clients at wholesale prices and is the easiest way to meet the growing demand at this time. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. Donations can also be made online through our website schaumburgtownship.org. Please remember to signify the donation should be made to the Food Pantry.

FOOD DONATIONS:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Oatmeal and Cereal
- Canned Meats (tuna fish, chicken, ham, Spam)
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, mandarin oranges)
- Canned Pasta Meals
- Beef Stew, Chili, Pork n Beans
- Canned or Boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Dry Beans
- Tomato Products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Roni
- Rice A Roni
- Toilet Paper and Paper Towels



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*Please note the list will be updated regularly - we have no brand preference



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Sunday, October 25

3 - 4:30 p.m.

via Zoom

Pre-register here:

bit.ly/ServiceofLamentRegister

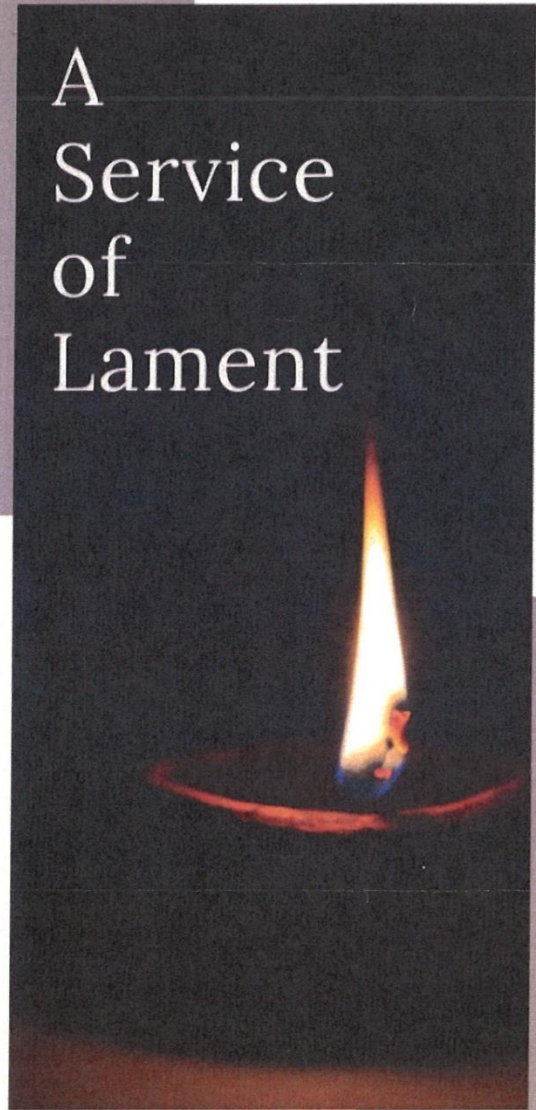
Preacher: The Rev. Denise Anderson,
former co-moderator of the General
Assembly and Coordinator of Racial
and Intercultural Justice, PMA

Please have a candle available for the service.

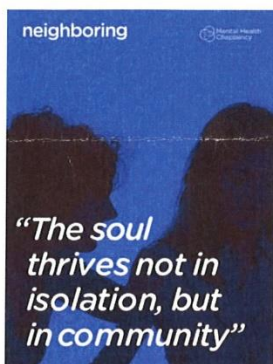
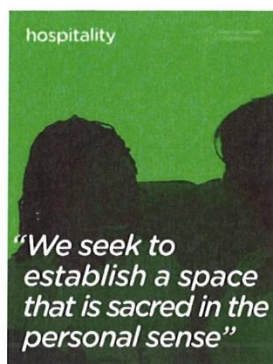
Worship will follow the pattern of Psalms of
communal lament and following the service
there will be small group discussion.

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A Service of Lament



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Rooted in our natural capacities as human beings to act on our concern for another person, *Companionship* is a relational response to isolation and distress, supportive of healing and recovery.

2020 Pilot Virtual Companionship Workshop

The Workshop is offered in three 1.5-hour sessions via Zoom
Participants MUST register and Attend ALL 3 Sessions

Sundays: November 1st, 8th, 15th | 4 to 5:30 p.m.
REGISTRATION Deadline: **October 26, 2020** (9 a.m.)
Register Here: bit.ly/CompanionshipRegistration
Questions: mentalhealth@chicagopresbytery.org

Participants in the Companionship Workshop will gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to move out of transactional engagement and into genuine relationships with people in need through the embodiment of the Five Practices of Companionship.

Workshop Facilitators: Barbara Gorsky & David Thornton
Workshop & Materials Sponsored by:

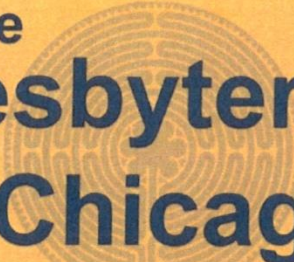
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The Companionship Movement is a program of Pathways to Promise
For more information visit www.thecompanionshipmovement.org

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Let us worship God as the gathered and dispersed Presbytery of Chicago

In this time of loss and fear and unrest and division,
we will come together to give thanks to God
through liturgy, music, and discussion.

Four worship services: October 25, December 13, January 10, and March 14
Save the dates from 3-4:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon.

- **October 25** - Service of Lament. The preacher will be the Rev. Denise Anderson, former co-moderator of the General Assembly and Coordinator of Racial and Intercultural Justice, PMA.
- **December 13** - Service of Advent. The preacher will be the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Washington Office, PCUSA.
- **January 10** More details to come.
- **March 14** More details to come.

All are welcome! Please see the *Presbytery Connect* newsletter for the Zoom registration link a few weeks before each event.

If you are not on the newsletter mailing list, please contact
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