

They'll Know We are Christians by our
LOVE.

Giving From the
HEART!



October 18th, 2020
8:30 and 10:00 am Service
Online and In Person

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

VISION AND HOPE ARE INSPIRATIONS OF THE HEART

OCTOBER 18TH, 2020

WELCOME!

We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see your vision for our church.

Vision and Hope are Inspirations of God's Heart.

Give us eyes to see and ears to hear you clearly.

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Give us the courage to trust in and act upon the vision that comes from you.

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TESTIMONIAL FROM THE HEART

Jan Steiner

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we want to have our cake and eat it, too:

we want to be a friend of the world and still be your friend.

Yet, Jesus taught us: "No one can serve two masters."

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:

help us to seek your kingdom first.

Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,

and to be friends with the people you call us to serve.

Help us also to remember that our best relationship

is the one we have with you.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*"The wisdom from above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy" (James 3:17).*

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
and we are given a new way to live.

**Let us accept God's grace,
and live new lives of faith, obedience, and joy.**

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:1, Joel 2:28

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 6:33
This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Future With Hope

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

TIME OF REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God who has gifted us with such amazing abundance,

here we step out of the desire to get and choose to give instead.

We give out of our abundance so that others may know abundance of their own.

May these gifts enrich the world around us. May the act of giving awaken in our hearts a vision of what is possible in the world. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

**INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

****DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND AND SING ALOUD AS YOU ARE CALLED TO.***

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – OCTOBER 18, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Thank you to our Ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, , Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, and Bruce Nelson

CROP WALK 2020

This year the Crop Walk will be held virtually TODAY! If you have not yet signed up to walk you can either sign up online OR Sandy Bowen will be available today from 8:30 am to 1 pm at the church.

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/134903/ParkRidge-Community-Church>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER GARDEN SERVICES

We will be offering two outdoor services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am with livestreaming available. If you would like to join us in person, please visit the Sunday Worship page on our website to sign up. **Keep an eye out for news about November services!** <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-worship>.

DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. There will be a Study Guide available on our website <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy> OR printed out for you (upon request).

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM YARD SIGNS

The colorful, double sided 24 x 18-inch signs come with a sturdy stand. They can be picked up after church on Sundays, or on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00 in the Park Place Room. The suggested donation is \$15 and can be paid through Zelle (be sure to indicate that it's for a SJ Signs), or if you are paying by check or cash, it can be slipped under the church office door when picking up your sign. If you need further assistance, please contact Luan Zoellner at lzoellner@ameritech.net.



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

We meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Study manuals Study Manuals are available from the Church office, or you may order your own online. This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class anyway!

SENIOR PALS

A new initiative to pair individuals in our congregation with a "Senior Pal" is beginning. Not only is this a way to ensure that regular contact with our seniors is maintained, but it is also a way to build a connection between people of different ages. Senior Pals connects people for a regular but safe social interaction and are being formed now. Senior Pals reach out to each other by phone, email, sending a note, marking special occasions or doing whatever works for the two of you. Senior Pals is an opportunity to build a relationship with someone to share and celebrate the wisdom of different generations. Being connected and engaged with each other is one of the many ways we share Christ's love. Consider sharing Christ's love as a Senior Pal.

If you would like to connect regularly with someone, please, call or email the church office or follow the link in CC News. If you need more information about this please connect with Kimberly Walters, Mike Proue or Liz Swanson.

DEPRESSION AND GRIEVING IN THE TIME OF COVID

October 27th at 7:30 pm

For several years, Stephen Ministry has taken note of the fact that October is mental health month. In this difficult time when we are all feeling isolation, depression, and grief, we are taking advantage of having Dr. Gregory Sarlo as a member of our congregation. Dr. Gregory Sarlo is a clinical psychologist who deals with these issues on a daily basis. He is going to share with us what he knows about coping with these feelings. Please feel free to join the Stephen ministers as we learn more about how to care for ourselves and each other. To learn more please see the October CC News, contact a Stephen Minister, or the Church Office.

PUMPKIN PATCH

Visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/pumpkin-patch> to sign up to volunteer!

WELCOME THE ONA TEAM

As we begin our journey through the Open and Affirming process, we need to conduct some research to see what is of the greatest need and interest to our community; your input is critical in helping us with this task! You can find this survey at <https://forms.gle/Nn2oYYVeJnV4ngKy9> or by contacting the Church Office or from the October CC News.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday November 1th we will be offering our annual Service of Remembrance. Due to pandemic restrictions this service will be presented virtually as a time to honor the memories of loved ones within our church family who have died during the past year. Family members of those whose names will be included will be receiving a letter in the next week. If you do not receive such a letter but have someone you would like to include in this service, please phone Liz Swanson before 10/26. The Service of Remembrance is a very comforting worship service and we want to welcome all who wish to have loved ones included.





Cans of Care Wednesdays

1. Buy/Collect items to donate to Food Pantry
2. Locate closest PRCC Cans of Care Collection Point
3. Drop Items into Collection Bin

(Contact Church Office to arrange pick-up, if needed)

PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Heather Cannon, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OCTOBER 11TH :

- Happy Birthday to Chris (10/11); Pastor Carol's dad (10/13) And last week we celebrated anniversaries for Sally and Tim, Alex and Kelly, and Laurie and Tom!
- We celebrate the energy that our new Kindred Connections are creating; nurturing caring connections across our congregation with over 140 individuals participating.
- We celebrate that last week, there was a blood drive held in collaboration with Maine South students and several folks from our congregation that was a huge success, providing much needed support to the American Red Cross as they respond to dwindling blood supplies for people in need.
- We celebrate that Evan is making great progress, and his doctors are pleased with his progress, though we continue to hold him in our prayers as his battle with this aggressive form of leukemia continues.
- Gina asks that we pray for her family as they had to say goodbye to her brother's dog Fazzu this week.
- Pray for Amanda's brother Adam, who is being deployed on Tuesday, leaving behind his wife and 1 and 3-year-old children. We pray for his safety, for his family to adjust and find ways to cope with his absence, we pray for his unit and for all our servicemen and women.
- Pray for Bill, who had a brief visit to the hospital this week, but is home in Barbara's care and all systems are doing well.
- Pray for Judy, who was taken to the hospital last week with a stroke. Judy is now back at Wesley Place, but Pray for Laura, as she and her family cares from a distance as they await assessments and treatment plan.
- Bernice asks for prayers for her friend BeeBee who has covid and is at home quarantining but having a difficult time. Bernice also asks for prayers for herself as she is struggling with sciatica, which has impacted her ability to walk. She's grateful for the MLC and those who helped her get to her car last Sunday.
- Pray for Todd, who is preparing for hip replacement surgery and then a move out of state. We also pray for Sally, who is also having hip replacement on Tuesday.
- We continue to pray for Reggie, Carson, The Cryns/Lapp family, and all those who are sick, ill, and grieving.

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"But me--who am I, and who are these my people, that we should presume to be giving something to you? Everything comes from you; all we are doing is giving back what we have been given from your generous hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14 The Message

IF GOD OWNS IT ALL, WHY SHOULD I GIVE?

- Expresses your **love for God**
- A sign of your **gratitude** to God for all you have received
- Makes you a **partner** with God to fulfill a Divine mission
- **Honors God** as your source and provider
- Results in your spiritual **growth**
- **Changes** your heart
- Your giving **pleases God**

Because we are created in God's image, and God is loving and giving, it should be second nature for us to give. However, we allow fear and self-interest to hold us back, and this limits how God can work in our lives.

What limits have you placed on your generosity?

What fears are keeping you down and preventing you from being generous?

Can fear and worry change one thing in your life?

"Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment."

1 Timothy 6:17