

October 31, 2021

10:00 am

Park Ridge Community Church

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Crossing the Threshold: Service  
OCTOBER 31, 2021

10:00 am

## 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.*

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*La Grace*

Telemann

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship our God who calls for us!

**We gather with our hearts uplifted, ready for worship.**

God yearns for us to engage in deep,  
lifegiving relationship with God's very self.  
We come, for God gathers us here,  
with that community called faith:

**where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here  
into that home called grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, knowing God invites us to serve the least, the last, and the lost.

**Teach us, O God, how to serve.**

We come, for God empowers us here,  
Prepares us for service and sends us forth:

**We are here to serve, to love, to give;  
With our hearts, our souls, and our might.**

## \*HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory, v. 1-4*

see insert

## \*OPENING PRAYER

**God of Abundance, we celebrate the expanse of your love and goodness. We give you thanks for the blessings poured out in our lives. We hear you beckoning us, inviting us into deeper relationship, and we're not sure we're up to the task. We are yet to be convinced that you really mean it. We long to love you with all that we are, and we are ready to serve - you, our neighbors, our community, our friends, and our family. Prepare us for service in the space of this service. We pray in your Holy Names, Amen.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

## \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus came not to be served but to serve others, and he sets an example for us. As we serve and reach out, we participate in the work Jesus began. In Christ, we are made whole.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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 RESPONSE**

*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer, v. 4*

**PREACHING LESSON**

Amos 5:21-24

This is the word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Crossing the Threshold in Service**

Rev. Carol Hill

**CROSSING THE THRESHOLD IN SERVICE, A TESTIMONY**

Candace McGuffey

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Largo from Golden Sonata*

Purcell

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**May not only these gifts, but our very lives, bear witness that there is justice for all who have been pushed aside; there is hope for all who live in the shadows of power; there is love for all who have been rejected; there is healing for all the broken. We give you our time, talent, and treasure for the service of your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*O God of Every Nation*

see insert

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro di Molto from Divertimento II*

Mozart

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

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

LEADING US IN WORSHIP OCTOBER 31, 2021 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern  
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministries  
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministries

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians  
Sue Douglass, organist  
Karen Nelson, violin  
Dave Belden, violin  
Naomi Hildner, viola  
Melissa Bach, cello

Ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill

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**Sunday Worship Update – Next Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will bring both services back into the Sanctuary.**

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## God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907



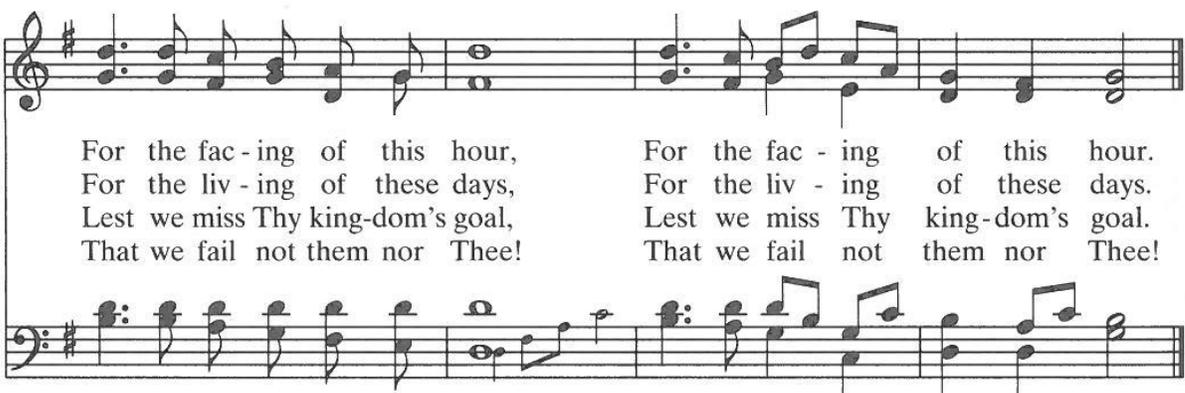
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

## O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,  
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,  
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease  
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,

Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;  
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,  
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;  
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,  
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;  
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign

In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.  
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

# 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, 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, Kate Zoellner.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>:

- Dan S. is celebrated a birthday on 10/24; Al K. had a birthday on 10/25; Charlyn R. and Julie H. on 10/27; Gretchen K. on 10/28; Hannah S. on 10/29; JoEllen F. yesterday on 10/30
- We celebrate the birth of Braden Cruz Reboletti, born last night to Luz and Zack, and of course we celebrate with proud grandparents Katie and Keith. So thankful for the health of both Braden and his mama. Prayers for Luz and Zack in these days ahead as the excitement begins of having a newborn.
- We celebrate the success of the Crop Walk, those who walked, those who donated, and all who helped make a way that all might have enough to eat.
- Please continue to hold Pastor Carol's aunt Megan in your prayers as her team figures out what regimen of therapies and supports will help regain her function as she continues to struggle after her stroke. Please keep her wife, Michele in your prayers as well as she occupies the roles of caregiver and advocate as well as spouse.
- We continue to hold our friend Alayne R. in our prayers, who has continued to struggle with health issues. We pray for a clear way forward filled with peace and Jesus' abiding presence.
- Please hold the Mack family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Bob's uncle Frank. Uncle Frank entered life in the resurrection and his services were held this past week. We continue to hold Paula, Bob and all their family in our prayers as they grieve and miss this man who was a giant in their lives.
- We pray for Ginny F. as she has had a number of health issues and hospital stays over the last week and half. She will be getting physical therapy before returning home.
- Please hold Bill W's Aunt Terry in your prayers as she begins hospice care with Bill's cousin Jeannie.
- Also hold Tricia W's friend Kim in your prayers as she heals from last months' stem cell transplant and the anticipated ability to be with others.
- Please pray for Ed N's health and for some clarity in the communications with his doctors after a stay in the hospital this week.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this week are from Laura Sissman in loving honor of her mother, Judy Hedberg

# SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

**Our annual Service of Remembrance will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.** This meaningful service, held at 7:30 pm, will include prayers, music, and reflection time to honor those individuals who have been a part of our community who entered life in the resurrection since November 2020. Any loved one, regardless of membership at PRCC, can be included. The names listed below will be honored at this service, please review the following list and let Liz Swanson any edits or additions:

Emmett Allen  
Frank Andriacchi  
Jessica BeCraft  
Andrew Beranek  
Marcia Boehm  
Patrick Brooks  
Betty Carpenter  
Nicholas Conrardy  
Erika Cornelisen\*  
Caroline Dase\*  
Mark DuBrock  
Ric Eichin  
Dale Fancher  
Brian Farrell  
Gary Feurer  
Bill Fingl  
John Flannery  
Constance Formosa  
Mark Graczyk  
Peter Gerritson  
Gene Hanyzewski  
Janice Hebert  
Judy Hedberg\*  
Cindy Hibbard\*  
Sheila Hohmann  
Lori Holland  
Fred Litrenti  
Frances Litrenti  
Cole Kain  
Jackie Kapolnek  
Susie Leonard

Gale Lyle  
Timothy Madden  
John Maigler  
Rick Mauery  
Sue Milburn\*  
Barbara Milosevich  
Jane Moody\*  
Mike Mooney  
Nick Mourouzis  
Helen Mulopulos  
Chloe Nassau  
Brenda Nelson  
Jim O'Brien  
Elvira Panarese  
Rae Patterson\*  
Shannon Pietroske  
Isabel Schmidt  
Richard Sheumaker  
Doris Simpson  
Gordon Smith  
Warren Wade  
Gary Weber  
Ireberta Zamora  
Bill Zoellner\*  
Tammy Zorn\*  
Stella Rose Weller

**\* indicates a member of the Congregation**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Save the Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## VOLUNTEER!

### PATCH TEAR DOWN

Patch Take Down: Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 am

### LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER – November 4<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to volunteer for the next LPCS night, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln10>

## ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

### ADULT ED: Tuesday Daytime Bible Study: Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World

Disciple II invites participants to consider scripture as we get into the Word of God through Scripture and apply it to our lives in the world. We will hear about historical context, explore meanings of the original Hebrew texts and apply the Torah to everyday life. In the first 16 weeks, we will explore Genesis and Exodus, and then in 2022, this study will pick up Luke and Acts as we see how the early church applied these basic teachings that are so foundational to the community of faith. Workbooks are available from the church office for \$20 each and will be used for the entire year. We will meet in the library, OR participants can choose to join over

zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3ROSEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aQT09>

### Thursday Night Bible Study: Mental Health Series

Join us for a 4 week study on Thursday evenings called “The Bible and Mental Health”. If you have any questions or need more information, please connect with Pastor Carol or Liz Swanson

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83091129872?pwd=QXFCSDVsWEhvNWUxOU5XZFliNEVlZz09>

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN’S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children’s Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you would like to register for the coming Sunday School year, you may do so through the Church Office, by contacting Shelley O’Brien, or on our website - <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/christian-education>.