



Making
Sense of
Good
&
EVIL

September 11, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Making Sense of Good & Evil: To Loathe or to Love

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

10:00 am

WELCOME!

We welcome you to worship today. Park Ridge Community Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. We commit to the ongoing work of being a church journeying together to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's love and to fulfill our responsibility to embody the Christ Spirit in the world. No matter who you are or where you are on this journey, you are welcome and loved.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

Elgar

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Create in us clean hearts, O God!

Renew a right spirit within us.

Our memories of this day invoke fears, anger, and bitterness,

But you invite us to love our enemies.

As we worship, refine in us a renewed willingness to bear gracious goodness into the chaos of the world.

**Fill us with a steady commitment to
return love in the face of fear,
hope in the midst of despair,
and mercy for every brokenness of the world's design.**

Form anew the heart and mind of Christ in us, here, now, today.

*HYMN

Oh God of Every Nation

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, open our hearts and eyes

**so that we might see the face of our adversary,
and recognize, as you do, that they are our sister, our brother.**

God of Justice, You call us to live in truth.

**Give us the strength to admit our past transgressions,
and to build new partnerships with old enemies.**

God of Peace, You call us to love our enemies.

**Give us the wisdom to translate that love into a choice for
dialogue over demonization, diplomacy over military confrontation.**

God of Nonviolence,

Lead us on your path to peace that we might walk humbly with you.

Silent prayers are offered

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The Prince of Peace ushers in a new way, based on love, and he starts by loving each of us, offering forgiveness, mercy and grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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*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**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

What is this Feeling?
from the musical *Wicked*

S. Schwartz

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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

Poeme

Fibich

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 5:21-24
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love, not Hate

Pastor Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Believe

M. Miller

***DOXOLOGY**

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of Peace, we bring our hearts, our lives, and our gifts to you. We pray that you would use all that we have to sow seeds of peace, to foster care and compassion, and to embody your love in this world. Bless these gifts. Bless our lives. Bless our world. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

***HYMN**

Our God Our Help in Ages Past

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***BENEDICTION**

The Prayer of Saint Francis

unison

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Go Forth Into the World in Peace

J. Rutter

POSTLUDE

Menuetto and Trio, Quartet Op. 76 No. 4

Haydn

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry
Fred Siebert, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, piano
Theresa Egan, soprano
Meg Thomas-Cary, mezzo
Lyle Nicholson, bass
Karen Nelson, violin
Dave Belden, violin
Naomi Hildner, viola
Melissa Bach, cello
Chancel Choir

CREDITS

Prayer of Confession written written by Dave Robinson. Posted on Pax Christi USA website.

<http://paxchristiusa1.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/peaceweavings-iran.pdf>

Youth Group Today!

6-12 graders

(friends always welcome!)

Eugene Jarvis, PRCC member and game designer, has invited the PRCC Youth to the Raw Thrills game design studio for a tour and to play new games! We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 and return at 4:00. Please let Pastor Mollie know if youth plan to attend in order to best arrange transportation!



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY SEPT. 11

- 8:30 am** - Chapel Worship (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am** - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 1:00 pm** - Community Memorial Service at City Hall
- 2:00 pm** - Youth Group Field Trip to Raw Thrills Game Design Studio
- 5:00 pm** - Faith Development Team Meeting (Library)

MONDAY SEPT. 12

- 10:00 am** - Bible Study (Library)
- 7:00 pm** - Worship Support Group Meeting (Parlor)

TUESDAY SEPT. 13

- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits (Jordan Hall)
- 4:00 pm** - Junior Choir (Choir Room)
- 5:00 pm** - Middle School Choir (Choir Room)
- 7:00 pm** - Crop Walk Rally (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm** - New Member Information Session (Jordan Hall)
- 7:30 pm** - Stephen Ministry (Library)

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 14

- 6:00 pm** - Confirmation (Great Hall)
- 7:30 pm** - Bible Study (Chapel)

THURSDAY SEPT. 15

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 6:15 pm** - Bells on High Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7:30 pm** - Christian Outreach Meeting (Library)

FRIDAY SEPT. 16

SATURDAY SEPT. 17

- 7:30 pm** - Junior Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night (Hinton's Home)

Happy Birthday!

- 9/11 - Bob Krahl
- 9/12 - Barbara Adams;
Kathy Chandler
- 9/13 - Sue Beckner
- 9/14 - Kati Weber
- 9/15 - Emily Stewart;
Kathy Berry
- 9/16 - Laura Sissman

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are joining us in worship today. Please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

COFFEE HOUR begins next week, September 18th! If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please let Naomi Siebert or Pastor Carol know!

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

Thank you to our September ushers: Sharon Kemerer, Cindy Klimmeck, Paula Mack, Lorel Brunet, Tom Brunet, Bill Barsanti, and Bob Mack,

ALTAR FLOWERS are available for dedication through the Church Office. They are \$40.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

YOUTH GROUP is invited to the Raw Thrills Game Design Studio for a tour and to play new games today! We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 pm and return at 4:00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered for children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade during the 10:00 am service! Pre-K-4th grade gather in the Sunday School Wing, 5th grade in the Library, and 6-12th grade in the Great Hall! On the 1st Sunday of each month, 6-12th graders will remain in worship for Holy Communion. The Nursery is available for all those under 3 years of age located on the lower level.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that we 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:

Laura Beaudine, Heather Cannon, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki,
Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Brian Stevens, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner, Bernice Zabawski

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 4TH:

- Angie asks us to continue to hold her mom, Nikki in our prayers. Nikki was diagnosed with a tumor in her lung and will be undergoing treatments.
- Leena asks us to pray for a friend, Jesus, who is recovering from a heart attack. He is only 27.
- Anthony asks us to hold Nana Jean in our prayers.
- We hold Janet's friend, Nancy, in our prayers as she grieves the loss of her husband John. We prayed for this family last week as John entered hospice care and passed away on the same day.
- Please pray for the family and friends of long time member Bill Neumann who entered life in the resurrection Tuesday this past week.

- We pray for the Klimmeck family as they grieve the loss of Cindy's mom Betty who entered life in the resurrection on 9/2, the same day as her 92nd birthday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBER INFORMATIONAL SESSION - September 13th, 7:00 PM

Do you want to learn more about PRCC? Are you interested in becoming a member? Join the Welcome and Membership Committee for an informational session on Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 pm in person or on Zoom. We also invite you to become a new member on Sunday, September 18th at the 10:00 service. Contact the church office or Sue Douglass (suedouglass@hotmail.com) if you're interested in either date! You can find the Zoom link for the meeting on our church calendar: <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/calendar>

MISSION TRIP CELEBRATION DINNER - September 18th, 5:00 PM

All are invited for a dinner in Jordan Hall to hear about and celebrate the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Knott County, KY! Tickets price of \$30 covers the cost of dinner and supports the 2023 mission trips! To reserve your spot, fill out the form here: <https://forms.gle/okyKWAFDmdgJRP4N6>, or contact the church office.

VOLUNTEER

JOIN THE RIDE TEAM

Are you interested in volunteering to give rides to those in need? Reach out to the church office to be added to our ride team list! We will work to pair you with someone who needs rides to church services or events.

LOVING LUNCHES

Come join in serving PRCC's newest Outreach Partner, Loving Lunches. Each month PRCC will assist Loving Lunches by preparing and assembling 300+ lunches which will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness in the Chicagoland area. Our next date to serve is TODAY! If you would like to volunteer, you can join in Jordan Hall at 11:00 am, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-loving>, or contact Paula Mack at paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on Oct. 6th for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln21>, or contact Luan Zoellner at lzoellner@ameritech.net.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Please let the Church Office or Morgan And Shelley if you are interested in volunteering on Sundays during the 10 am service!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-K-5th Grades) New this year: Due to our shortage of Sunday School teachers, we are asking each family to commit to teaching Sunday School one day of the year. Sign up on the PRCC website for a day that works best for your family. Sunday School registration is live. Please sign your child(ren) up on the PRCC website!

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 11: First Day of Sunday School!
 September 18: Sunday School
 September 23-25: Family Camp!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th-12th Grades) Youth will depart service after the Children's Message and meet in the Great Hall!

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP! (4th & 5th Grades) We are excited to reignite the Junior Youth Group to provide monthly gatherings for 4th and 5th graders! Mark your calendars for the next gathering on Saturday, Sept. 17. We will gather at the Hinton's House for an outdoor movie and s'mores from 7:30-9:30 pm. Parents are also invited to participate in this time of fellowship with one another!

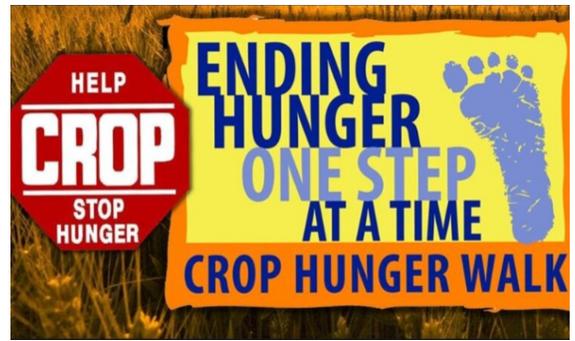
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CONFIRMATION CLASS (7th Grade and up) Confirmation Class meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6-7:30pm in the Great Hall!

FAMILY CAMP - September 23rd - 25th <https://www.ymcachicago.org/duncan/>

We celebrate that 42 people of all ages will be attending our first annual Family Camp! It will be a time of being in nature, growing closer to God and one another through camp fires, star gazing, ropes courses, and other fun activities! If you are interested, contact Morgan, Shelley, or Pastor Mollie for availability!

2022 CROP WALK



You can register to join the **Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team** at crophungerwalk.org/nilesil. You can also support a walker with a donation or make a donation to the team online. Don't forget to support the City BBQ fund-raiser on Tuesday the 20th!



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September 18th, 5-7pm

Mission Trip celebration Dinner



ALL are invited for a dinner in Jordan Hall to hear about and celebrate the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Knott County, KY!

Cost:
\$30
/person

Reserve your spot by:
Sept. 11

Evening Includes:

- Catered Dinner!
- Stories from Work Crews
- Mission Trip Video
- Bluegrass Music
- Reveal of 2023 Mission Trip Cities!

To reserve your spot, email the Church Office:
office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Thank you for your support!
Funds will cover cost of dinner and support the 2023 Mission Trips!



PARK RIDGE CHOIR
NEEDED

*911 Memorial
Ceremony*

Sunday, Sept 11, 2022
Ceremony starts 1:00 pm

Children and adults are needed for our 911 Memorial choir. Songs will be (and practicing at school):

The National Anthem
God Bless America

Please arrive at 12:45 and gather near the front steps of the City Hall building at 505 Butler Ave

If you have questions, please contact Sasha Gerritson
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312-560-1072



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