



Park Ridge Community Church
The Third Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE GIFT OF SUSTENANCE

HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 7, 2021

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

Prelude in C# minor

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The One who is "I am" calls out to us this day.

**God says: "I have observed the misery of my people.
I have heard their cry. I am here to deliver them."**

We find ourselves on this journey called Lent, searching,
weary, hungry, longing for an encounter with the Divine.

**God meets us where we are, and calls out "I am here.
I am yours. You are mine."**

Today, we remember when Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life."

Meet us here, Jesus our Sustainer.

Guide us. Care for us. For we are yours.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'*

This is the promise of God to whom we now pray.

Please respond with "hear our prayer"

Time of Silent Prayer

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Today, receive the Bread of Life;
today, hear the words of eternal hope;
today, trust in the One who hears your prayers,
and showers grace and forgiveness upon you.

**Today, we are set free to serve God's people, and to sing God's praises. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

*THE GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST, SHARED AMONG FRIENDS

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:1-8

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Johnson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

The Glory of These Forty Days v. 3

PREACHING LESSON

John 6:32-58

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Feeding the Soul

Sasha Gerritson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, you are the bread of heaven,
 giving life to the world.
 You fill our emptiness with your goodness.
 You come to our weakness with your strength.
 Take and use these gifts to bring in a rich harvest
 of your heavenly food and life-giving refreshment.
 Amen.

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together, v. 1 & 2

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.
He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!
 We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.
With him, we will walk the path to life.
 But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.
With hearts full of joy we come,
 giving thanks to God, our maker,
and offering our praise!

...We join our voices with those
 from every time and in every place,
 and with the choirs of heaven,
 who forever sing your praises:

Holy, holy, holy, God who calls life into being.
All the ends of the earth and far corners of the universe
sing of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes to take up his cross.
Hosanna in the highest.

...Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
 ...We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to say:

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

Let us give thanks!
Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice
you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion, this bread of life —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,

**forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

POSTLUDE

"Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

Elgar

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – MARCH 7, 2021

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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, musicians
Sue Douglass, organist
Dave Belden, violin
Karen Nelson, violin
Elizabeth Coffman, viola
Melissa Bach, cello
Wellington DaSilva, vocals and piano

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, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 28TH:

- We celebrate the progress that Sandy B has made in healing from back surgery.
- We celebrate the progress Cindy and Tom's friend Ray has made following his treatment at Mayo.
- We celebrate Pastor Carol's niece Paisley's healing and return to school.
- We celebrate that Bernice and Elaine Z are doing okay, in spite of a recent fire in their building.
- We celebrate the Birthdays of: Eric B., Ben S., and Zander G. on 3/1; Jaclyn W. on 3/3; and Judy M. and Kenna G. on 3/6.
- We pray for our volunteers serving Sunday Night Suppers today and for those who will find a caring meal today through our Community outreach.
- We hold in prayer Marylynn C's brother Greg, who has gone home now after surgery for esophageal cancer; celebrate progress and pray for continued healing for brother-in-law Patrick.
- Please pray for 2 friends of Kate Z - one childhood friend with stage 4 breast cancer has a husband dealing with kidney issues; another childhood friend has a child facing new medical challenges.
- Please pray for Tom B. as he prepares for upcoming employment interviews, and we celebrate the hope at the end of this stretch of unemployment.
- Please pray for Fred F who is dealing with some infection issues.
- Please pray for Shelley O's mother and father-in-law, Joan and Jim who are each struggling with health challenges and are hospitalized. Dave has gone to Kansas City to help.
- Our prayers for strength, healing, and endurance for Caroline D. and Evan C. remain constant.
- Please pray for Heather C. who is transitioning home after time in Shirley Ryan rehab. Prayers for Jan and Heather both.
- Melissa, who plays in our string quartet and friend of Karen N., asks for prayers for her mother-in-law Linda, whose breast cancer has metastasized and is aggressively spreading.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DIY BIBLE STUDY

We're trying a new way of Bible Studying together while apart called Do-It-Yourself Bible Study. You can download, print, and view the Study Guide through the PRCC Website and watch short videos on our YouTube channel. Participants can engage in this Bible Study, which ties directly into the sermon series as individuals or with a self-selected group of study companions! Find materials for the Do-It-Yourself Bible Study at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy. A few books are available for pick up in the Church Office.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Wednesday night *Disciple I* Bible Study meets each week on Zoom from 7:30 – 9 pm. *Disciple I* is a study through the scriptures covering Genesis through Revelation. During Bible Study, we watch a brief video, read aloud some of the passages from the week and engage in theological reflection about the implications of the scriptures in our lives. If you have never studied the Bible before, this class is for you! If you have studied the Bible all of your life, this class is for you! All are welcome to participate! Each week builds on other week's, but each week can also stand alone. Attend at much or as little as your schedule permits!

<https://zoom.us/j/92824720898?pwd=ZlpVUzR1Uy9wYkhTT3BvYmRXtFF3dz09>

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YOUTH NEWS

ATTENTION SENIORS!

This scholarship, given on behalf of the youth of the church, is awarded to a graduating senior that has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the mission and life of our church through their presence and service during high school. The scholarship is intended to help ease the burden of their college expenses. This scholarship was initiated to honor the generosity Eric Nelson showed our youth programs after graduating high school. Eric was in his early 20's and was starting his auto business. He pledged to contribute a portion of the proceeds from each car sold to the youth program. One student will be selected to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. All active senior youth (12th grade) are eligible, member and non-member. Applications are due by April 15th.

Email Jaclyn Weir at office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org for the application!

STAYING CONNECTED

SUNDAY COFFEE ZOOMS

We had such a good turnout during the Coffee Hour Zooms during Advent that we are going to keep them going! After taking a little break for the holidays, Sunday morning Coffee Zooms has re-Zoomed on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 am. Gather with your ministers and fellow congregants as we share joys and concerns, laugh together and quickly touch base. These 30 minutes are precious as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95163782426?pwd=c2kvM2xGR3pRMWs3MzNWU1lzUGNNUT09>

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WEDNESDAY ZOOM – CONNECT WITH PRCC

The weekly Hangouts are now on Wednesdays at noon on ZOOM and we will continue to discuss the upcoming Sunday worship scriptures. Anyone and all are welcome to join in! Pastor Mollie guides our time together. Participants can eat lunch and engage as you like!

<https://zoom.us/j/91239346091?pwd=R3ZWSWdHWG85a1Q5b1AzbxJ60XpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 912 3934 6091 Passcode: 62285

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ ON ZOOM

Join Liz at noon for lunch and conversation -

<https://zoom.us/j/92014175334?pwd=Njd2UXpkN0pMV0dSYTdScWhnankxdz09>

Meeting ID: 920 1417 5334 Passcode: 994443

March Schedule:

3/9 – Pastor Carol will be joining us to share PRCC news

3/16 - Time Warp Fat Tuesday (due to the snow on actual Fat Tuesday 2/16, we are celebrating March 16th. The date is the same so this seems doable!)

3/23 - Remote learning through the eyes of a middle schooler.

3/30 - BINGO

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

EXODUS WORLD SERVICE

Rick and Gail Benedetto have been helping local refugees for several years. They invite you to join them for a virtual 1 hour Celebration of Hope by Exodus World Service of Park Ridge on Thursday, April 15 from 7-8pm CST. In this multimedia event you will hear inspirational stories of refugees who are rebuilding their lives after fleeing war or persecution, and the volunteers who welcome and befriend them. Learn how the year ahead will bring many new opportunities to walk alongside refugees.

Please visit exodusworldservice.org to register and choose Gail Benedetto from the drop down box under “host”.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Lincoln Park Community Services is open for volunteer meal assistance. We do not serve dinners in person, but can deliver home cooked meals to the shelter. Because the PRCC kitchen remains closed, we hope that a few members/families would be willing to cook various parts of the meal in their homes. We also need 1-2 volunteers to deliver the meals to Lincoln Park Shelter on our assigned date.

We need individuals/families to prepare one of the following meal components to feed 35 people on **Thursday, April 1st (Maundy Thursday)**. Please visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/lincoln-park-shelter> to sign up.

SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

PRCC will be a part of **Sunday Night Suppers**, but with different procedures due to Covid-19. Until health guidelines change, we will provide 85 pre-packaged meals from a restaurant or caterer, 85 individual drinks (juice or milk), and 85 pre-packaged individual desserts from a store (sorry, no homemade items allowed). Please visit

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-supperts> for more info and to volunteer.

PRCC assigned dates are:

2021 - April 25, May 16

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLASSES

BINGO!

Join us March 7th for Bingo hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Please contact the Church office if you would like to participate.

ONA DISCUSSION PANEL

Join us March 8th at 7:00 pm for our next ONA discussion panel. We will be joined by Rev. Rich Havard: Pastor and Executive Director of Inclusive Collective, Campus Ministry at UIC. Kaitlyn Frantz: Pastor at Inclusive Collective of NIU, and La'Quentin Jenkins: Case Manager at Quad County Urban League, and Black Gospel writer and singer.

<https://zoom.us/j/91885855286?pwd=elpQLzJZY1NqemlFMVd1b1kraG9XZz09>

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YOGA OPPORTUNITIES

Cindy Klimmeck offers 4 types of yoga/meditation throughout the week: Chair Yoga on Tuesday morning at 10:15 am, and Mindfulness Meditation on Friday morning at 9 am. **Yoga Nidra is now available via recording 24/7**, the link can be found on the church calendar.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9671602932>

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