

Sacred Earth, Sacred Work



To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.
Revelations 21:6

Park Ridge Community Church Learning · Growing · Serving · Playing

We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the way of life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is the goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship.

August 16, 2020
8:30 and 10:00 am
Outdoor Service & Online



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SACRED EARTH, SACRED WORK – WATER IS LIFE

AUGUST 16TH, 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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God, the Lord and Giver of Life.

God gives us the waters of new life.

In the deserts of our lives, in the wilderness within,

God gives us the waters of new life.

To give us hope when our lives run dry, to give us strength when our world seems barren.

God gives us the waters of new life.

To let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain,

God gives us the waters of new life.

To make justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a living stream,

God gives us the waters of new life.

To give us-- and our world-- a second chance and a new beginning,

God gives us the waters of new life.

Come, people of God, open your lives to receive God's new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all creation, of rain and fire, of ponderosa and piñon, of desert and forest, we your people lift our prayers to you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For rain in this thirsty land and for hope in this hard time,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For firefighters on the front lines, for pilots and support crews
and all who work night and day to contain devastating fires,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the people in places of wildfires who have lost their homes, communities and livelihoods,
for native peoples whose homelands for generations have been scorched and burned, for all persons who
have been forced to evacuate or who are still in danger,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the animals and birds who have also lost their homes to fire,
for your plants and trees, rivers and lakes, and all creation that is suffering
because of drought and fire and often because of human greed or human carelessness,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For farmers, ranchers, and the people of rural communities
whose lives and livelihoods are threatened by drought;
for landscapers, business people and day workers who may lose their jobs in this dry time.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the just and wise use of the water you have given us,
to be gracious stewards of your creation and good neighbors with all people,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the wisdom to conserve and the grace to share the natural resources
you have given all of us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For city councils and church councils, county commissions and tribal governments, state authorities and
national leaders,

to have your courage and your vision to make hard decisions for the common good.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you who hear every prayer of every heart,
hear now the prayers we lift to you.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear all of our prayers, spoken and unspoken.

Remind us that you are the One who listens and who hears.

**Help us to be a people who also listen and hear—
to one another, to our brothers and sisters, to all creation.**

Give us the courage;

grant us the wisdom to love one another and this earth as you do.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 42

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.*

PREACHING LESSON

Genesis 2:4-7; Exodus 14:21-29; John 5:1-11; Revelation 21:6

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God.

All creation is a word of God

All creation speaks volumes of God

SERMON

Water of Life

Rev. Carol Hill

CREATION CARE OPPORTUNITY

TIME OF REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of all we are and have and will become, receive our offerings. Transform them by your grace into
hope and salvation to all who thirst in body or spirit. Make them be like a gentle rain on parched
lands, so the world may see and believe your life-giving love endures forever. 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 – AUGUST 16, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

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

WAYS PRCC STAYS CONNECTED

While our building is closed to regular activities and events, we are committed to remaining connected while maintaining social distance.

Email Joys/Concerns

We want to know how you are! If you are celebrating, tell us! If you're facing a challenging situation, tell us! If you would prefer to keep your prayers confidential, please tell us that as well. Email all joys and concerns to our Director of Pastoral Services, Liz Swanson at liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

Join Google Hangout at Noon on Wednesday

Stay for 5 minutes or up to an hour, as we are guided through a prayer, brief devotion and time of checking in. This Hangout will be guided by a PRCC Minister or Staff person. You can join online at meet.google.com/odp-gkmd-ppy or by phone at +1 929-324-9209 PIN: 127 512 232#. If you need help logging into or need a church google account, email Thom Goodwin at thom@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

Pass the Peace - Make a Call

Pick up the phone and reach out to a few folks from church to say hello! Need help downloading the directory app? Notice that your picture on the app is outdated? Email Jaclyn at office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org for help!

Yoga and Meditation

Cindy Klimmeck is offering ZOOM Yoga and Meditation, the link for all of her meetings is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9671602932> Meeting ID: 967 160 2932. Monday Meditation is at 9 am, Monday Night Yoga is at 7 pm, Chair Yoga is Tuesday at 10:15 am, and Friday Meditation is at 9 am. **You will need to enter the password 227332 to gain access.**

Send in your Offering

We are still counting on your tithes and pledges. Feel free to drop a check in the mail to 100 Courtland Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068 OR sign up for Automatic withdrawal (this is free)...contact Mark Holihan at stew0317@gmail.com to set up electronic giving and never have to worry about it! You can also give through Zelle or PayPal. To give online go to: bit.ly/prccdonate or, contact the Church Office for more details!

CONTACT US:

Call the Church office: (847) 823-3164 or email office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org if we can serve you! Phone calls and emails will be answered promptly whether we are in the building or not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR CAROL OFFICE HOURS

In August, Pastor Carol will be taking meetings by appointment. She can meet you at the church, your yard, or a local coffee shop. Please reach out to Pastor Carol or the Church Office to make an appointment.

AUGUST GARDEN SERVICES

For the month of August, 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.

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-worship>

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND YOUTH PARTY ON THE LAWN

We will be celebrating the Confirmation of last year's Students: Johnathan, Seamus, Sam, Clark, and Lydia at our 10 am service on Sunday, August 23rd. Youth 6th – 12th grade are invited to join us on August 23rd for our Youth Kick Off on the Carriage House Lawn. Join us at 1 pm on August 23rd for socially distant games and Kona Ice!

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH YOUTH

Be sure you send in your feedback on the survey to tell us what you'd be comfortable with as we plan our fall program calendar! We are gearing up for Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group and want to plan activities that feel safe, meaningful, and fun! Your input is crucial! Also, Youth t-shirts and sweatshirts are available for ordering! Get your orders submitted in time to tie-dye in September!

KINDRED CONNECTIONS – All New Church-Wide Endeavor

In order to facilitate connections throughout our congregation, we are going to create new "Kindred Connections" with between 10-15 people (some couples, some individuals). Each Kindred Connection will have a facilitator who will keep each individual in their prayers. Each person in the group is invited to pray for their group, check in occasionally, and choose to participate or not in periodic zooms, phone calls, card campaigns, etc. Using our Kindred Connections, we hope that even as we continue our remote church experience, all people will feel connected to one another and to God. **YOU MUST SIGN UP.** We want you to choose to participate. Simply fill out the online form OR call OR email the church office. Kindred Connection groups will be filled and you'll know your group starting on Rally Day, Sept. 13!



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 August 9th:

- Happy birthday to Denise, Emma, and Liz!
- Happy 39th wedding anniversary to Rick and Gail on August 8th and to Tim and Laura who celebrated 36 years of marriage on August 4th!
- We celebrate the joys of planning for the fall and all that is to come in the year ahead.
- We celebrate the courage of our congregants in reaching out to request support when in need.
- We pray for the numbers of people around the world starving and in need of food.
- We hold in prayer all those killed, injured and the 100's of thousands left homeless after the explosion in Beirut.
- Nancy requests prayers for her brother in law George who has suffered many health issues and now is facing prostate cancer.
- Ginny asks us to pray for her friend Ralph who was just diagnosed with colon cancer and had surgery on the 7th.
- Please pray for Bernice and Elaine's friend who went to the hospital on Friday as she faces possible surgery. They are asking for prayers for a good outcome and complete recovery.
- Our prayers are with Janet, with her niece and nephew Jordan and Janelle, and their entire family. Axl, who just turned 3 and has been fighting a fierce battle with cancer, finished his fight and entered life in eternity with God on August 6th.