

Stories of our Faith . . .

. . . Stories of our Lives



"Jesus told parables because they serve as keys that can unlock the mysteries we face by helping us ask the right questions: how to live in community; how to determine what ultimately matters; how to live the life that God wants us to live."

-*Short Stories by Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine

June 28th, 2020

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STORIES OF OUR FAITH...STORIES OF OUR LIVES

JUNE 28TH, 2020

ONLINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Lyle Nicholson, bass

Burleigh

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning.....

The dance began to swirl and ponder.

In the beginning, all was dark.

And the dance cast forth bright light.

In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things, creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills, vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

In our beginning, God blessed us.

And the dance went on, through our lives, into all that we have done.

Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding; at other times it was sprightly and fast.

Yet in the midst of it all, the Lord of the Dance is with us.

This dance, called Life, is everywhere - in the light and in the dark. It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.

How shall we dance our dance for God?

We shall live lives of hope and peace, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and all that he taught to us, so that others may join the dance.

Praise be to the Lord of the Dance, the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life!

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As sabers rattle in lands both close and distant
we confess that we are in pain,
fear has taken root in the souls of our being.

*Even as we turn to the parables,
familiar stories that we thought we loved,
we find troubling stories offering ever more questions.*

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
have mercy upon us.**

We are loathe to take account of the many ways
in which we unwittingly profit
from the machinery of war and greed.

*Still we read the parables of Jesus
which fly in the face of social convention
offending those who dare to listen.*

**Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
have mercy upon us.**

Believing that we are insignificant,
and at the same time fearful that we might become so,

we are timid to use our voices to speak truth to a world of war.
*Now the parables of Jesus offer a new vision;
now the servants dine and the masters serve,
now the last becomes first and the first becomes last.*

**Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
have mercy upon us.**

Silent prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the Story
that no sheep is unworthy of rescue,
no coin too small to be missed.
Hear the good news
that love is stronger than hate
and that this power is alive within you
now and forever.
Through the endless mercy of God,
we have been forgiven!
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 LESSON

Daniel 3:16-30

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Didn't my Lord Deliver Daniel
Angeli Choir & Junior Choir members

arr. Hayes

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

Matthew 20:1-16
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Courage to Dance

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Shall We Gather at the River?
Chancel Choir

arr. Lowry

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord of the dance of life, you have breathed into us your creative, joyful Spirit. You have lifted us from the dust into the swirling joy of your presence. We are so grateful for all that you have done for us. Breathe your life onto these offerings that they might provide new ways for your dance to continue, blessing those in this community and beyond. Amen.

***HYMN**

Immortal, Invisible God only Wise

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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

A Summer Place
Kent Wehnan, piano

Steiner

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

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

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – JUNE 28, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Rev. Dr. Michael E. Williams, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, piano
Angie & Andrew Weber, worship leaders
Angeli Choir
Junior Choir
Chancel Choir
Lyle Nicholson, bass
Kent Wehman, piano

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](mailto:Thom.Goodwin@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) 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](mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) 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](mailto:Mark.Holihan@stew0317@gmail.com) 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 TRAVELING

Pastor Carol and family will be on vacation from June 29 – July 13. If you have a pastoral emergency during any of this time, please contact the church office, and care will be arranged through Liz Swanson.

OUTDOOR OFFICE HOURS

Outdoor office hours have gone well, so the "office" will continue to be open for guests to come and chat and pray through the month of July as well!

An outdoor "office" on Mondays and Wednesdays (weather permitting) from 10 am - 1 pm. There will be a chair that gets wiped down after "visits". All are welcome to come and pray, chat, catch up, or just say hello. Please wear your mask as we continue to keep each other safe!

Outdoor Office (10 am - 1 pm)

June 29th and July 1st

July 6th and July 8th

July 13th and July 15th

July 20th and 22nd

July 27th and 29th

August 3rd and July 5th

August 10th and July 12th

August 17th and August 19th

August 24th and August 26th

August 31st

BUILDING CLOSURE UPDATE

We have received a variety of responses from the congregation to our recent survey about the possibility of reopening. Thank you for participating and offering your feedback. Currently, we are preparing for the possibility of having in-person services resume on Sunday, July 19. It is entirely possible that there would be a surge of cases, and that date would shift.

IF cases remain down, then here's what you can expect from PRCC:

- All Services will be livestreamed, available for viewing "live" at the time of the service or later at your convenience.
- We will offer multiple services outdoors and one indoors. (Right now, we are considering 8 and 9:15 am outdoor; 10:30 am indoor) We will pre-register individuals and families for all services, allowing some room for walk-ins. 50-person capacity will be maintained for indoor and outdoor. In case of rain, outdoor service would move into the sanctuary.
- Masks will be worn by all participants, including worship leaders. Sanitizer will be available.
- 6 ft. social distance between households will be maintained, indoor and outdoor - with both worship spaces having designated spaces to sit.
- Bulletins will be available at entry points, along with an offering basket. Participants can continue to give electronically or place their offering in the basket when you enter, but a plate won't be passed. Bulletins would be single-use - you take your own with you.
- The services will last approximately 40 minutes, including time of prayers, sharing our joys and concerns, scripture readings, some special music sung from a distance by only 2-3 musicians, a sermon, blessing and benediction. We may also experience a baptism or two and possibly Confirmation as well. We can turn and look one another in the eye as we pass the peace from a distance, and children will have a relevant coloring page (BYOCrayons) and a children's message at one of the services.
- Communion will be celebrated each month, with each person receiving their pre-packaged element with the bulletin upon entry (or bringing your own from home).
- Ushers will take a picture of attendance, which combined with pre-registration, would allow us to contact the worship attenders if there was a known exposure.

Churches have been problematic spaces, inadvertently fostering the spread of Covid-19, so we want to be very careful. We appreciate the congregation's patience and understanding as we work through all the logistics. We are considering July 19 and 26 as "test dates," and we can see how the services go. Then we can adjust, return to online only, add more services, etc. depending on what we experience in July. That being said - we continue to monitor guidelines and cases daily and will alert everyone and update our plans accordingly.

PRCC YOUTH LUNCH BUNCH

Youth are invited to bring their own lunch and blanket or chair on the church lawn with their peers and Pastor Mollie! We will be safely distanced from one another as we spend time chatting and catching up!

When: Tuesdays, thru July 28 @ noon

Where: PRCC Lawn (by the Butterfly Garden)

Nine youth may sign up at a time to abide by the Stage 3 guidelines. Youth can sign up for as many weeks as they'd like!

To sign up, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4cabad2da5f49-youth>



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, Troy Gilbert, 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.

Sunday Services are filmed in advance, any requests that come in after recording will be included in the following week's service. Prayer requests mentioned online will not include last names to protect the privacy of individuals since services are available to the broader public.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM JUNE 21ST:

- Please pray for Bill Irvine who was hospitalized after falling and breaking 7 ribs and is now in rehab hoping to get home in a week.
- Prayers continue for Mary's husband Sam, who had surgery last Monday and whose healing over these next few weeks and months will be important.
- Pray for Marty's healing, strength, and progress after suffering a stroke. Marty remains in Rehab through the end of the month.
- Please continue to hold the Thom, Andrea, Alena, and Luke in your prayers as they continue to grieve the death of Andrea's father, Jim.
- Pray for Sue, whose daughter Kathy is in town, as she has surgery on Monday and her recovery thereafter.
- We hold all of our congregants who are travelling in our prayers - for safety, time of renewal, protection from virus.
- Winnie Ericksen celebrated her 85th birthday last week on Friday, June 19. Alexia Salamone celebrated her birthday last week on Tuesday.
- This week we celebrate JD and Pastor Carol's brother Donny, Leah, Cindy, Lauri, and Jane – Happy Birthday. Also a very special Happy 90th to Herb!
- Also, Happy Birthday to Thom, Dana, Nancy, and Alex!
- We celebrate Pride Month and the diversity in sexual orientation and gender identity, and celebrate ruling by the Supreme Court that extend protection to LGBTQ individuals.
- We celebrate a new Social Justice Team emerging at PRCC to help guide our work as a congregation on issues of social justice in our church and community.
- We celebrate Father's Day, wishing a Happy day to all the dads, grandfathers, godfathers, stepdads, adopted dads, those who have provided guidance and love over the years.
- Janet asks for prayers for her nephew Axl, who is in the hospital with kidney issues.
- Please pray for 2 year old Carson who is receiving treatment at Lurie's for Wilms Tumor; chemo treatment continues for the next several weeks.
- Elaine asks for prayers for Bernice, whose macular degeneration has become more challenging.