

# 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STORIES OF OUR FAITH...STORIES OF OUR LIVES  
JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

FATHER'S DAY  
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

*Kindred Spirits*  
Kent Wehman, piano

Boswell

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the splendor of creation, to the song in our hearts,

**We give thanks for your mighty works, O God.**

When we start to count the blessings in our lives,

**They are as many as the grains of sand!**

If we were to try and stifle our joy and wonder,

**Even the rocks themselves would sing out!**

May we never stop telling the stories of all that God has done.

**May our words, our actions, and our lives tell the story of God's great love!**

#### \*HYMN

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God,  
when we catch sight of the totality of your claim on our lives;  
our believing wavers.

When we hear the absurdity of your unbreakable covenant with us;  
like Sarai and Abram, we laugh.

When we face the foolish wisdom of the looming cross;  
like Peter, we suggest an alternative.

Meet us in our disbelieving, loving God,  
move us gently into the deep waters of faith.

*Silent prayers of confession*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Like a Loving Parent, God hears our remorse, forgives us and covenants to walk with us on the way leading to abundant life. In the endless love and mercy of the God of our stories, we are 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

Genesis 18:1-14

##### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Baby Yet to Be Born*  
Mark Holihan

#### 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 13:31-33

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**The Measurements of Grace**

Rev. Carol Hill

**OFFERTORY**

*Lean on Me*

Withers

Thom Goodwin, Mark Holihan, Bob Mack, Bruce Nelson

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Giver of all gifts,  
we are so grateful for your every blessing  
that we cannot possibly keep quiet about it.  
We pray for those who do not know  
the joy of your abiding presence in their lives.  
We ask that you reveal yourself to them  
through the gifts we have given  
and through the lives we live.  
Reveal yourself, O God,  
that all your children may find their story in you. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*Guide Me O, Thy Great Jehova*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

*This is My Fathers World*

Sheppard

Bob Mack

**POSTLUDE**

*\*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 21, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Greg Sarlo, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, piano  
Angie & Andrew Weber, worship leaders  
Mark Holihan, musician  
Bob Mack musician  
Thom Goodwin, musician  
Bruce Nelson, musician

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## Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

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Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

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stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

# 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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

## OUTDOOR OFFICE – Joy in June

Come and meet with Pastor Carol outside PRCC. Pastor Carol will set up 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 Joy in June (10 am - 1 pm)

June 22 and 24

If you would prefer or need, Pastor Carol can come to you! She will stand outside your house with a mask at an appropriate distance, and you can catch up that way. Call or email to schedule a time and day that works for you!

## BUILDING CLOSURE

The Building closure and in-person worship suspension will continue until we are given clear guidelines from the state and/or new instruction from the CDC. Please see the June CC News to view our phased re-opening plan.

## 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 14<sup>TH</sup>:

- We congratulate the 2020 confirmands who have completed Confirmation. We will celebrate in person at a later date when it is safe.
- Outdoor Office hours have been a great joy in the life of our church, Pastor Carol will be meeting for one more week on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- John and Kathy celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 15. They also ask for prayers as they travel to visit their daughter in Tacamah, WA.
- Karen asks for prayers for continued recover from bunion surgery.
- Marty has moved to rehab, please continue to pray for his progress.
- Please continue to pray for Paula's niece & nephew as they work to keep the pregnancy healthy & sound before being induced on 7/15.
- Please pray for the Conner family as they grieve the loss of Margie's uncle and travel to Massachusetts to be with her aunt.
- Doug asks for prayers as he continues to recover from knee surgery.
- Grace requests prayers for her mother in law who was taken to the hospital and is awaiting test results.
- We hold the family & friend of Jim, Andrea's father, in our prayers as they grieve the loss of Jim.