



*When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
Psalm 104:30*

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 23, 2020
8:30 and 10:00 am
Outdoor Service & Online



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SACRED EARTH, SACRED WORK – REALIZED IMPACT
AUGUST 23RD, 2020

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

I lift up my eyes to the snow-capped mountains-
The green-sloped fields and the cliffs by the bay.

Oh, beautiful world!

Where will our help come? I cry to the skies.

Our guidance comes from God, our Co-Creator of heaven and earth.

Even as we sleep, our Maker will not rest.

Even when we turn our face away from creation's needs,

God will continue to call us.

**God who molds and carries the lands of
Israel and Palestine, United States and Mexico,
Russia, Botswana, China, Ecuador, and Australia
will neither slumber nor sleep-
Not as human walls are crafted, as sea levels rise, as land burns.**

Our Maker offers us shade and tools
when temperatures climb and as hate surges.
Even as Creation burns with fevers,
we're gifted the sun's comfort and the moon's compassion
to accompany us around the clock.

God our Maker will call us from all evil.

"Children, care for one another.

See this world as an extension of me and you,"

God will beg us.

And as we extend our hands to our neighbors,
to the grass below and sun above, we will see that God our Maker
will keep our going out and our coming in
from this time on and until Heaven and Earth pass away.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To bring new life to the land to restore the waters to refresh the air
We join with the earth and with each other.

To renew the forests to care for the plants to protect the creatures
We join with the earth and with each other.

To celebrate the seas to rejoice in the sunlight to sing the song of the stars
We join with the earth and with each other.

To recall our destiny to renew our spirits to reinvigorate our bodies
We join with the earth and with each other.

To recreate the human community to promote justice and peace to remember our children
We join with the earth and with each other.

We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:
for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news: We not only join with the earth and with each other, but we join the Creator of the Universe in seeking the healing and wholeness of this world. God compels and propels us forward for the healing of the earth.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 31

CELEBRATING THE CONFIRMATION OF

Seamus Lynch, Clark Simpson, Sam Sacor, Lydia Zweifel, and Johnathan Larson

Introduction

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Confirmation

Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to these new members to the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus name, we pray.

Welcome

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and on behalf of the entire congregation, I welcome you to the full privileges and responsibilities of membership of the one, holy, apostolic church, and in particular to the life and membership of Park Ridge Community Church. We present you each with the Bible and a handmade cross as a welcome to you. May the Holy Spirit be with us all now and always.

AMEN.

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

Luke 16:19-31

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

All creation is a word of God.

All creation speaks volumes of God.

SERMON

One Life to Live: Choices and Consequences

Rev. Carol Hill

CREATION CARE OPPORTUNITY

TIME OF REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Giver of every blessing, we give you thanks.

Use these gifts that we offer to restore, reconcile, and replenish your creation.

***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 23, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Sally Mauery, Deaconess

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>. Keep an eye out for September services!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND YOUTH PARTY ON THE LAWN – TODAY!

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 TODAY for our Youth Kick Off on the Carriage House Lawn at 1 pm 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!

NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Outreach Team is now collecting donations of school supplies, backpacks, and personal hygiene products. Donation bins will be available in the Park Place Room on Sunday mornings and during Medical Lending hours on Mon/Wed/Fri. Please see the upcoming September newsletter for all of the details!



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 16th:

- Happy Birthday to Chloe, Carrie, Zach, Grace, Kelly, Scott, and Justin!
- It is a joy to welcome Andy into membership; Andy is married to Tracy, and their children Ryen and Logan are involved in youth and confirmation. It is our joy to welcome Andy officially as a member!
- Prayers for Judy whose back surgery went well, but is now experiencing significant pain in her knees.
- Bernice asks for prayers for her friend Jim who received a pacemaker this week, and his wife Jan as she cares for him and their friend Christine.
- Sally & Tim request prayers for their close friend Nancy and her family who are grieving the sudden loss of her 21 year old son this week.
- Prayers for Maria, Axl's grandmother, as well as all of Axl's family and friends as they grieve this devastating loss. Axl entered life in the resurrection on August 6.
- Our prayers for the family and friends of Earlene Beile, member of PRCC for over 50 years. Earlene entered life in the Resurrection on August 7, and the family are tentatively planning a memorial service at PRCC next summer.
- Janet Johnson would also like to express her heartfelt thank you to our caring church family for the prayers, love, and support shown to Axl's family. They have all felt the warmth you have sent their way and so appreciate the prayers of healing.