

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 7th, 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

Make Them Hear You from *Ragtime*
Wellington Da Silva, tenor

Flaherty

*CALL TO WORSHIP

From the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.

Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. It led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to you with tender forgiveness.

On a dark winter night, you sang your sweetest song and birthed a Savior who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.

At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you. They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day – you gave your Son to be a witness to your love.

From his cross He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all he had said was true?

The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think or do.

They were astonished at his presence with them.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace.

Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices.

Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. Let us tell the story to all the earth!

*HYMN

O God of Every Nation (verses 1, 2 & 4)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, too often we have discounted your work in our lives, taking credit ourselves, naming “luck” or good fortune, and dismissing your presence. We have not loved you as we ought. We have failed to be your church. We have turned away from the people you’ve called us to serve. We have allowed fear, busyness, and our litany of excuses to keep us from being faithful. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, that we might express our love for you with everything we have!

Silent prayers of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It sounds so simple; we think it *is* too simple. But which is the burden you would choose: hate or love; anger or forgiveness; pain or peace? God invites us to receive the gifts which make it possible to have lives of faithful obedience.

This is the good news: God forgives us and takes our burdens from us. As we let them go, we welcome hope, joy, and grace into our lives. 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

Exodus 5: 1-4, 13:17-22

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Love to Tell the Story
Angie & Andrew Weber

Fischer

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PREACHING LESSON

Luke 15:4-32

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lost.

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

How Can I Keep from Singing?
Theresa Egan, soprano

arr. Lowry

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy Giver of Life, breathe your Spirit on these gifts. Ignite our hearts with passion to love and serve you. Let us boldly live out the stories of our lives, sharing your goodness with everyone we possibly can. May your generosity inspire our own in our living and our giving. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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From the Beginning, followers of Christ have broken bread together.

Gathered at tables fancy and simple, sharing wafers or full meals.

In this era of pandemic and separation we continue to gather together.

**Sitting in our homes, with our own supplies,
but linked together by the bits and bytes and cables.**

The meal we share is hosted by the God who meets us where we are.

And so all who seek to live by the values of God's Kingdom

are welcome to join as we eat together, from a distance.

Let us break bread together in our homes.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Feel the wind of God blow in your lives.

Refreshing us, bringing in new air.

We offer the God, who is in our every breath, our prayers

With the breath of God in us we share our fears, our hopes, our dreams, our thanks.

God, you speak Creation into being.

We give thanks for all that You have made.

For the waters from which life sprang forth,

for the wind that fills our lungs, for the food that fills our bellies,

for the fellow creatures with whom we share the world.

We sing songs and shout cries of praise and thanksgiving.

God, you call us to live in you and you choose to share our lives.

And so we pour out our fears and anxieties...

We scream our laments...

We dare to share our dreams and visions...

**Trusting that you hear our prayers,
trusting that in love you hold them and answer them.**

God, you meet us where we are, be that in our churches,
or in the fields, or in the forest, or in our living rooms.
You speak to us constantly through many voices,
sharing our stories, inviting us to share yours.
You remind us over and over again
that even when we are distanced from each other we are not alone.

**We thank you for all those voices
that have shared your love and promise over the centuries:
prophets and pastors, men and women filled with your Spirit,
all those who remind us of how you would have us live within the world you have made.**

And as followers of Jesus of Nazareth, who we call Christ, we join in the cry of the ages:
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

As followers of Jesus,
the One we name as the Messiah, we remember His story.
**Born of the young woman Mary, raised in a backwater town,
He came out to share your vision for the world.**

He modeled your Kingdom, lived by its values,
and in doing so enraged those with power.
**Knowing what was to come,
He promised that we would not be left orphaned;
that an Advocate, the Holy Spirit, would be there to sustain us always.**

Then He was arrested, tried, convicted and executed.
But the story was not over.

You, God of power in weakness, you raised Him from death
and He returned to breathe hope and life into His fear-filled followers, into us.

As we gather for this meal, we remember a meal Jesus shared with his friends
on the night before His death. We remember that he took some bread,
blessed it, broke it, and passed it to them saying:
This is my body broken by and for the world. Eat it and remember me.
Then later He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and passed it to them saying:
This is the Cup of the New Covenant, drink it and remember me.

And so, even all these years later,
we continue to eat and drink and remember, sharing in the meal of faith,
sharing in the story of God.
And pledging, as we remember, to follow the Way that Jesus laid out for us.

Holy Spirit, you blow through closed doors and into the places where we are.
**You meet us in our homes and fill us with hope,
you light the fire of transformation in our hearts.**

As we pause to eat and drink this morning,
make us, while separate, unified in heart and hope.
In this bread and this cup, may we meet the Risen Christ.
In this meal of faith and transformation, may we feel the fire and wind of the Kingdom.

And once we have eaten, may we be unified
in the common quest to share the dreams You have given us.

Willing to offer what we have so that those dreams and visions take shape in our world.

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ,
who breathes hope and peace into our fear,

and who encouraged us to pray together, and so let us sing the prayer Jesus taught...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father, which 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 THE CUP

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.
The Drink we pour is the Drink of Love.
These are Gifts from God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

We have broken the bread, we have poured the drink, we have shared a meal together.
Even while we remain physically separated, we have been united in our souls.
May this meal we share with each other and with the whole Christian family,
across the centuries and miles, change who we are.
May it feed the fire in our bellies. May it strengthen us when the storms blow through.
And now, as we continue to live as people who have had the Holy Spirit breathed onto and into us,
may we love and serve God, our neighbor, and ourselves.
So that the Kingdom of Love is made real in our lives. Amen

*HYMN	<i>When Israel Was in Egypt's Land</i>	334
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	Lutkin
POSTLUDE	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Alex Makkawy, tenor	arr. Miller

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 7, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister	Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister	Sue Douglass, piano
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services	Angie & Andrew Weber, worship leaders
Wellington Da Silva, lector & soloist	Theresa Egan, soloist
	Alex Makkawy, soloist

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!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Will be on hiatus for the summer, see you in September!

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/prccdona 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

RAISE A GLASS!

Join us on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 am, as we raise a glass to those who are concluding a role. meet.google.com/qru-zeex-ufh
Join by phone +1 415-903-0414 PIN: 515 841 570#

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 1 and 3 June 8 and 10 June 15 and 17 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!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study with Pastor Carol will be on hiatus for the summer until September.

PRCC CONNECTS – Google Hangouts

Our weekly online check ins will continue over the summer once a week on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

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 this months CC News to view our phased re-opening plan.

HEY YOUTH!

Love to skateboard? Bake? Play a musical instrument? Teach us how! Simply record yourself teaching a hobby or sharing one of your gifts. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to create videos to share with the PRCC community by sending videos to Pastor Mollie via text or email.

Cell: 913-683-2321

Email: pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



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.

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 May 31st:

- We wish Happy Birthdays to: Carrie & Deuce, turning 8; Sue, Karl, and Ann.
- We celebrate our Graduates and pray for each of them as they conclude one chapter and begin the next.
- We celebrate the generosity of our congregation as we replace the windows in the sanctuary and renew God's House with windows for today and the future.
- We celebrate that one of our youth - Eric will be participating in an astronomy program this summer and can do so since it's online.
- We celebrate weather than means we can have outdoor office hours for you to drop in and check in, pray, and have some masked face to masked face pastoral care.
- We celebrate that Eric's sister in law Susan, who has been hospitalized with a staph infection was able to come home with ongoing medications.
- Sue's mom Gloria, who is 90 years old with waves of clarity and spunk and waves of dementia and confusion; things have been more difficult recently.
- We continue to pray for Judy, who had spinal surgery just over a week ago and is home with considerable pain.
- We continue to pray for Judy, Laura's mother, who has suffered some falls and is having a tough time with her healing process.
- We continue to pray for Marty, who suffered a stroke two week ago and continues with rehab and reports that he is pleased to be making some progress.
- Fred's mom Betty, who had throat surgery and is healing and recovering.
- Mary's brother Jim, who has chronic health issues, and has been hospitalized for double pneumonia.
- We pray for Dan's partner Ron, who is currently in the hospital with covid-19 and his wife Karen entered life in the resurrection this week from heart issues, with potential covid complications.
- Teri's nephew Stephen as their journey towards adoption continues with a court date at the end of June.
- We pray for Kate and Brendan Joyce, who have recently suffered a miscarriage and we pray for all those families who have grieved the loss of a pregnancy, a child, or who struggle with becoming pregnant.
- This Friday through Sunday, June 5-7 are Gun Violence Awareness days, when folks will wear orange and we remember the tragic losses of lives due to the proliferation of guns in this nation.
- We grieve the murder of George Floyd, African American man in Minneapolis, and the incidence of racially motivated violence that continues to plague our nation. We pray for anti-racist work and united efforts to stop the execution of black and brown people in our nation.
- And...on this Sunday, we unite our hearts with churches around Park Ridge and around our nation as we lament and grieve the deaths of 100,000 Americans who have died of Covid-19 and 352,000 people around the world.