

A 20/20 Lent: Seeing Clearly



March 1, 2020
10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent

MARCH 1, 2020

10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to Park Ridge Community Church! We are so thankful that you are present for worship on this day. We strive to be a place where all may gather to find hope, healing, joy, and peace no matter where you are on life's journey.

We celebrate that we have diversity in faith, and unity in Christ!

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of my Heart.

Healer of the blind, restorer of sight,

You enter the wilderness

Of our hungers,

Our lust for power,

Our eagerness to test God:

Be with us on our journey, we pray.

Nought be all else to me save that Thou art -

Our sight gets distorted,

Our priorities rearranged,

Our feet accustomed to stumbling in the dark.

Clear the obstacles from our path, we pray.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,

We allow our thoughts to be consumed by the mistakes of others.

We obsess about how undeserving others are of your grace.

We dwell on our best efforts rather than trying to rectify our errors.

Strengthen our resolve to live faithfully and love fully.

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Enlighten us with your Truth.

In our waking, sleeping, working, and playing,

Fill us with your grace that we might see you more clearly.

*HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the next few moments, let us reflect on our sins:

our actions and inactions that have fractured our relationships
with God and our neighbors.

Time of Silent Confession

God of revelation,

unveil your Kingdom in our midst.

Show us who we truly are in you:

expose the illusions that distort our vision,

deliver us from temptations that contort our living,

open our eyes in this time of trial -

that resistance may be the secret of our joy

and our joy a sign of your peace. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Our God reaches out with the gentleness and strength of a Loving Parent,
To catch us when we fall, to take us by the hand and lead us.
As we clear our bleary eyes, may we see ever more clearly the simple Truth:
God has been and always will be a God of steadfast love and mercy.
We are forgiven. **We are forgiven indeed! Amen.**

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*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 OF THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 4:1-11

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to attend Sunday School, Youth may remain in Worship.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Lenten Prayer
Chancel Choir*

Pergolesi

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 7:1-5

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Log in MY Eye?

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

*Inflammatius
(translation: When Thou Comest Into My Sight)*

Ressini

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Too often, we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves. But you would have us see those who hunger for hope, as well as bread; those who are caught in the injustices of the world; those who struggle to find themselves. And in seeing, we become generous and loving, even as we have been loved by Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

see the back cover of the hymnal

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

LEADERSHIP PLUNGE ANNOUNCEMENT

***HYMN**

Be Thou My Vision

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – MARCH 1, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Marty McHugh, Lector
Lily Craig and Miranda Thomas, Acolytes

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, often called the Lord's Supper, this morning. All who profess Christ are invited to partake. As the plate is passed, you are invited to take a piece of the bread, and then pass the plate to your neighbor. All bread is gluten free to accommodate those with allergies. Please hold the bread so that we may partake together. We will follow the same practice in passing the cup.

LEADERSHIP PLUNGE

Donations to see your leader of choice dunked will be taken until the Passing of the Peace. Join us on the front steps for the Leadership Plunge immediately after service! Children will be brought up from Sunday School at the end of the service and will be dismissed from the back of the Sanctuary.

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are joining us in worship today. If you are interested in more information about our worship, programs, service, and fellowship please visit our website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, call the Church Office (847) 823-3164, or speak with an Usher or Pastor.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER for seat cushions, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our March ushers: Vaughan Hapeman, Wayne Tumminello, Scott Nelson, Charlie Giera, Liz Ewald, Rick Thomas, and Aurea Thomas.*

FIRST AID KITS are located in the Church Office, Sunday School Wing, Narthex Usher Closet, and Kitchen. The AED device is located outside of the Church Office.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to dedicate flowers to someone special or in honor of a special date, please contact the Church Office.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

NURSERY CARE is provided from 8:30-11:15 am each Sunday in the lower level. Infants to age 5.

NAME TAGS are available for all people! Thank you for wearing your nametag to help us know one another. If you need a new or replacement tag, please let us know!

COFFEE HOUR After 10:00 am Service, please join us downstairs in Jordan Hall for Coffee Hour. (Jordan Hall is accessible by elevator) **Thank you to Siri Nelson and Jim Muenzer for hosting this week.** *If you are interested in hosting, please sign up in Jordan Hall or contact Lauren Kleingers!*

NEWCOMER POSTCARDS please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Pauline Numrych, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 23rd.

It's a joy to celebrate Barbara & Bill Scharringhausen's 63rd and Paul & Charlyn Rauch's 59th wedding anniversary.

It's a joy to have Danny Brewer back in worship with us after back surgery.

Bernice & Elaine are grateful for prayers as they recover from the flu and pneumonia.

Please pray for Doug Conner as he facing back surgery on 2/27 and pain control issues.

We hold the friends and family of George Manasian, a longtime resident of Avenues to Independence in our prayers as they grieve his loss.

Please pray for the friends and family of Bill & Sheila Blackburn as they grieve the loss of Bill's mother Juanita.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school takes place during 10am worship. Begin in the Sanctuary.

10-10:15 am - All gather in the Sanctuary as worship begins

10:15 am - Pastors dismiss preschool through 5th grade students and teachers to class after the Children's Message

10:15 am - preK-2nd grade go to music time, then to class in Sun. school wing

3rd gr. My Bible class go down to the Parlor (no music time)

4th-5th gr - go to class, down in the Library

11:15 classes finish; **TODAY – Parents can pick up at the back of the Sanctuary after the Leadership Plunge.**

Please complete a registration form, available from the Sunday school wing or our website, www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, with contact and allergy info. Return forms to Teri or Shelley, or to the church office.

Nursery open for babies through 5-year-olds on the lower level, 8:30-11:15 weekly

March Sunday school offerings will go to Uncle Pete's Sack Lunches.

Beginning today: My Bible class, where 3rd grade and older children learn to use the Bible, will take place during Sunday school, down in the 3rd grade class space, the Parlor, March 1 - April 19 (except March 22 for spring break and April 12 for Easter). **Please register** today, using the form outside the Parlor door.

Questions? Shelley or Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

UNCLE PETE'S SACK LUNCHES

Please sign up to bring food items on Sign Up Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b48a9aa28a3ff2-uncle2>) or contact Shelley & Teri, sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, and plan to join us in packing 100 lunches 9-9:50 am on Sunday, March 15!

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School for the Youth today, March 1st, so that the Youth can experience Worship and Communion.

HEAVEN UPDATE

TODAY during Youth Group we will begin painting our mural! Join us from 4-6 pm!

ERIC NELSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Eric Nelson Scholarship was set up to honor Eric Nelson and his generous donation of proceeds from brokering used cars on behalf of the youth group at Park Ridge Community Church. Eric demonstrated a commitment to giving back to Park Ridge Community Church well beyond his years in the youth program. All senior youth (12th grade) who are PRCC members or active non-members are eligible to apply. Please see the church website or contact the office for an application. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2020.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Save the Date: July 20-22!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible Study: 10 am Gathering; 10:30 am Study co-led by Winnie Ericksen and Pastor Mollie

In *Called*, author Susan Robb shows us how God interrupts the lives of ordinary people, calling and empowering them to lives of service they never would have imagined on their own. Discover how to hear and respond to the unique call God is placing on your life in this six-week study. For more information or questions, contact Winnie or Pastor Mollie.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Ellinger Transept,; led by Pastor Carol

Bible Study will start again this week, we will use our 2020 Seeing Clearly daily devotional for our Lenten series. They are available through the Church Office or can be found throughout the church.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

EXODUS WORLD SERVICE DINNER

Rick and Gail Benedetto would like to invite those interested in helping refugees to the Celebration of Hope complimentary dinner banquet held by Exodus World Service, of Park Ridge, on Friday, April 3 at the Drury Lane, Oak Brook Terrace. Learn how Exodus supports life-changing connections between refugees and volunteers. There will be an opportunity to make a donation, if you wish. For more information and to register, please visit exodusworldservice.org Under "hospitality team host" please choose Gail Benedetto to be seated with others from PRCC.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Join other friendly volunteers from our congregation to help prepare and serve dinner for **Thursday, March 5th's** dinner at **Lincoln Park Community Services**. **Cooking** begins at **2:00** in the church kitchen. We plan to leave church at **5:30** and return before **9:00**. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, please contact Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net).

YOUTH AND TEACHER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Jeanine Schultz Memorial School Youth and Teacher School Supply Drive

The Jeanine Schultz Memorial School founded in 1965 by parents and members of the community to address the needs youth not included in public or private schools. Their needs are great, and their resources are limited. Please drop supplies in schoolhouse in Park Place Room. **Be sure to see the Thank You notes on the bulletin board!**

COSMETIC BAGS

Please save your clean empty cosmetic bags, the type that hold the freebies given out by the large cosmetic companies. We are collecting them through March. They will be used as part of our outreach to the Bridge Project. Thanking you in advance for your continued support of our outreach ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Marylynn Collentine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MY BIBLE CLASS

My Bible class, where 3rd grade and older children learn to use the Bible, will take place during Sunday school, in the 3rd grade class space, March 1 - April 19 (except March 22 for spring break and April 12 for Easter). **Please register** by Wed. Feb. 26, so we have enough materials, at sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

WOMEN'S EVENT

April 3rd at 7:30 pm

We will gather with our favorite chocolates and drink of your choice to prepare soap sacks for the Bridge Project. Please see CC News for more details!

PALM SUNDAY EGGSTRAVAGANZA

All families are welcome to our first annual Easter event in the Great Hall on Palm Sunday afternoon, April 5, 3-5 pm. Children and their parents will play, learn and create at Holy Week and Easter stations. If you would like to help with preparations or at the event, please contact pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org or Teri & Shelley at sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

KINDRED SPIRITS THIS WEEK

Pastor Carol will be our guest this Tuesday, March 3rd to share pictures and stories of her Holy Land Journey. Please join us at 11:30 am with a sack lunch, beverages and dessert provided.

CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

2020 Scout Sunday will be on March 15th, we invite all Scouts to come in their uniforms and participate in Worship if they wish. Please contact Thom Goodwin for details.

HOLY WEEK 2020

Palm Sunday – April 5th

8:30 am & 10 am

Eggstravaganza at 3 pm

Maundy Thursday – April 9th

7:30 pm

Good Friday – April 10th

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday – April 12th

8:30 am & 10 am



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Women’s AA	7:00a Men’s Breakfast	8:30a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation		8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship	7:00p Yoga	11:30a Kindred Spirits	10:00a Women’s AA	12:00p Staff Meeting	9:00a Pickle Ball		10:00a Worship
11:00a Leadership Plunge	7:00p Structure Meeting	4:00p Junior Choir	6:00p Confirmation Class	6:00p Private Basketball	10:00a Women’s AA		11:30a Creation Care Team
12:00p Angeli Choir		7:30p Stephen Ministry	6:30p Women’s eCircle	6:30p Bells on High			12:00p Angeli Choir
4:00p Youth Group		7:30p Trustees Meeting	7:00p Fly Fishing	8:00p Chancel Choir			4:00p Youth Group
5:00p Sunday Night Supper			7:30p Bible Study	8:00p Men’s Basketball			8:00p Men’s Basketball
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STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation
 Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children Ministries
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