

They'll Know We are Christians by our
LOVE.

Giving From the
HEART!



October 4th, 2020

8:30 and 10:00 am Service

Online and In Person

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

MINISTRY FLOWS FROM THE HEART
OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

WORLD COMMUNION 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy God, open our eyes to see how wealthy we truly are.

Lord, open our eyes.

Holy God, open our minds to reconsider what treasure truly is.

Lord, open our minds.

Holy God, open our ears to hear the cries of our brothers and sisters in need.

Lord, open our ears.

Holy God, open our hearts to those who truly suffer.

Lord, open our hearts.

Holy God, open our hands that we may give generously to others,
as you so generously give to us.

Lord, open our hands.

TESTIMONIAL FROM THE HEART

Naomi Siebert, Vice Chair

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, as faithful people we strive to play the game of life and follow your path at the same time.

But sometimes the rules of the game lead us in a different direction.

We lose sight of what the goal is.

We work to build up stores of wealth and treasure in our storehouses and barns.

And yet we wonder why we are not at ease?

God, remind us where our comfort really lies, remind us what the goal of the game really is.

We confess that we have swerved onto a new path.

We confess that the love of money has taken hold in our lives and in our world. We admit that we need to be pulled back onto your path.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No matter how many times we swerve onto a different path God always calls us back to God's path. No matter what goals may distract our attention, God always places the true goal in our sights. God forgives our wanderings and distractions.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

John 10:7-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PREACHING LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-19
This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Abundant Life: Giving From the Heart

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

TIME OF REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, help us to see how rich we truly are, both in material possessions and in the blessings you shower upon us each day. May we who are rich learn to share what we have with others. Help us to find abundance in our willingness to give, so that we may begin to live a life that is truly never ending. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**...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.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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

***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 – OCTOBER 4, 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

Thank you to our Ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, George Brandt, Laura Sissman, Lon Naudzius, Fred Siebert, and Bruce Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER GARDEN SERVICES

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>.

CHAPLAIN SWEAR IN CEREMONY FOR PASTOR CAROL

Chief Frank Kaminski will be present to swear Pastor Carol in as a Chaplain for the Park Ridge Police Department on Sunday, Oct. 11 at the 10 am service.



NEW MEMBER INFO SESSION

The Welcome/Membership Committee will be holding an online Information Meeting on **Monday, Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.** If you are interested in joining our PRCC family or finding out more information about our church, contact the church office, Pastor Carol, or one of us and we will provide you with the link!

DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. There will be a Study Guide available on our website <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy> OR printed out for you (upon request).

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM VIDEO DISCUSSION- October 11th at 7 pm

The Social Justice Team invites us to view the **Emmy award-winning WTTW documentary, No Place to Live: Chicago's Affordable Housing Crisis**, followed by a discussion with **filmmaker Bruce Orenstein**, on **Sunday evening, October 11th, at 7:00pm**, via Zoom. Viewing the film has been an eye-opening experience for many. James Balwin said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." Please join us on October 11th. You can view **No Place to Live** anytime at this link anytime: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWrSEL7xBnU>

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM YARD SIGNS



The colorful, double sided 24 x 18 inch signs come with a sturdy stand. They can be picked up after church on Sundays, or on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:30 to 12:00 in the Park Place Room. The suggested donation is \$15 and can be paid through Zelle (be sure to indicate that it's for a SJ Signs), or if you are paying by check or cash, it can be slipped under the church office door when picking up your sign. If you need further assistance, please contact Luan Zoellner at lzoellner@ameritech.net.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

We meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Study manuals Study Manuals are available from the Church office, or you may order your own online. This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class anyway!

SENIOR PALS

A new initiative to pair individuals in our congregation with a "Senior Pal" is beginning. Not only is this a way to ensure that regular contact with our seniors is maintained, but it is also a way to build a connection between people of different ages. Senior Pals connects people for a regular but safe social interaction and are being formed now. Senior Pals reach out to each other by phone, email, sending a note, marking special occasions or doing whatever works for the two of you. Senior Pals is an opportunity to build a relationship with someone to share and celebrate the wisdom of different generations. Being connected and engaged with each other is one of the many ways we share Christ's love. Consider sharing Christ's love as a Senior Pal.

If you would like to connect regularly with someone, please, call or email the church office or follow the link in CC News. If you need more information about this please connect with Kimberly Walters, Mike Proue or Liz Swanson.

DEPRESSION AND GRIEVING IN THE TIME OF COVID

October 27th at 7:30 pm

For several years, Stephen Ministry has taken note of the fact that October is mental health month. In this difficult time when we are all feeling isolation, depression, and grief, we are taking advantage of having Dr. Gregory Sarlo as a member of our congregation. Dr. Gregory Sarlo is a clinical psychologist who deals with these issues on a daily basis. He is going to share with us what he knows about coping with these feelings. Please feel free to join the Stephen ministers as we learn more about how to care for ourselves and each other. To learn more please see the October CC News, contact a Stephen Minister, or the Church Office.

CROP WALK 2020

This year the Crop Walk will be held virtually on October 18th but we will still host fundraising events around town and would still greatly appreciate your support on our team page -

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/134903/ParkRidge-Community-Church>.

All of our fundraisers include dine in or carryout and will not require you to bring fliers.

Fundraisers:

October 7th – Graziano’s (noon to 8 pm)

October 13th – Chipotle (4 pm to 8 pm)

PUMPKIN PATCH IMPORTANT DATES

October 10th – Unload Pumpkins at 9 am

October 16th – Wehman Band Concert in the Patch at 6:30 pm

Visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/pumpkin-patch> to sign up to volunteer!

WELCOME THE ONA TEAM

As we begin our journey through the Open and Affirming process, we need to conduct some research to see what is of the greatest need and interest to our community; your input is critical in helping us with this task! You can find this survey at <https://forms.gle/Nn2oYYVeJnV4ngKy9> or by contacting the Church Office or from the October CC News.



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 SEPTEMBER 27TH:

- We celebrate the ministry and journey of our Stephen Ministers - those newly commissioned, those giving care, and those serving in other ways.
- We are wishing happy birthdays to Sharon and Kathryn on 9/28, Lucas on 9/29 and Ed Numrych turns 91 on 9/30!
- We celebrate that Leena, Liz and Dave's daughter is expecting and due to have her son in November. We pray for the rest of her pregnancy and for she and Josh as they become parents together.
- Prayers for Ginny, who is healing from a fall last weekend.
- Prayers for our college students who are facing challenges of different learning situations, different social situations, and balancing many competing expectations and needs.
- Prayers for Evan and Carson, both receiving treatment for cancer, as well as all those receiving chemo and radiation this week.
- Prayers for Reggie, seeking care in Evanston. The family is hopeful that this rehabilitation will help the issues she's facing, and are thankful that there are not signs that the cancer has returned.
- Prayers for Tim's sister Yvonne and their family, as they grieve the death of their son Gus last week. This week, her husband Greg entered life in the resurrection, after struggling with Lewy body dementia for several years. These back to back deaths are quite painful for their whole family. We pray for their comfort and God's peace.
- Marty Sandstrom, newer member at PRCC entered life in the resurrection this past Wednesday. We hold his wife Sue, their kids and all of the Sandstrom, Douglass, and Born families as they grieve this loss and celebrate the life of this remarkable person!



Crop Walk Fundraiser!

Wednesday October 7th, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

We will receive 20 % of all dine in or carryout orders!



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Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...
Ephesians 5:25b-26 NIV

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH?

Generosity is a term we rarely use. Some may think it is reserved for only the wealthy. Actually, generosity is not about our bank accounts, it is about our hearts. Jesus' response to the widow's offering shows this. Generosity reflects God's nature. Our generosity impacts eternity, as people find and experience God through the ministries of our church.



**Ministry Flows From the Heart
and is Made Possible by Your Generosity**

*"And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.
What's more, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God."
1 Peter 2:5 NLT*