

Sacred Earth, Sacred Work



All ate and were filled.

Luke 9:12

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 30, 2020

8:30 and 10:00 am

Outdoor Service & Online



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SACRED EARTH, SACRED WORK – FOOD FOR ALL

AUGUST 30TH 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today hungry, longing
to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread
and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine,
tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth.

God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.

The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready
to be harvested by our hands and our hearts.

Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We offer you our thanks, Creator God, for this wondrous planet that is our home.
We are moved to awe when we are touched by the beauty, complexity, diversity,
abundance and enormous scale of this world -- this one small corner of your creation.
As part of a global community, we lift up our heartfelt hopes for the health and sustainability
for your Earth, and for all that dwells within it. We have read the news, O God, and we have
seen the evidence of environmental problems ranging from local to global.
We are deeply concerned, and we do want to find paths to healing.

Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Call us to compassion at the state of the Earth.

We lift up, too, our grief and our confusion in the face of these difficult problems.
We feel pain and loss at the extinction of species. We feel anguish at spreading health
problems that spring from environmental causes. We are anxious about diminished
resources and demolished habitats. We hear mixed messages, and feel divided loyalties.
We want to do the right thing, but it can be hard to find truth, and hard to know what to do.
Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our troubled emotions and our confused thoughts.

We name and confess our personal involvement in the Earth's distress. Knowingly and consciously,
we each engage in actions and behaviors that take a toll on our planet, and that degrade our community.
Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our confession of hurtful acts.

We also name and confess our lack of engagement, our lack of action. We have not made practical
choices or taken realistic actions that would have made us agents of help and healing for the Earth.
We have been silent and distant when we could have spoken and been engaged.
Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our confession of inaction.

We know, O God, that many of the environmental problems that so concern us are not driven
by personal choices alone. The state of the world is shaped by governmental policies,
economic institutions, corporate deeds, social values, and diffuse cultural trends.
While these are not matters of private choice, we do admit to our participation in these
broader powers.

***Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our complicity and involvement
in the powers and principalities.***

These are difficult and changing times. The very rules of life and ethics are changing around us. We live in a world with an exploding human population, and with astounding and powerful new technologies. We take heed of new scientific discoveries, and discover fresh wisdom in ancient truths that were once thought stale. We are coming to realize that the very things we have held close to our hearts as normal, good and right are now at the core of what brings death, destruction and instability.

Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our fear and confusion in this time of change.

Gracious and loving God, God of the Exodus and Spirit of the prophets, God made flesh among us in Jesus our Christ -- be with us. Do not allow us to turn away from the pain and confusion that surrounds us. Call us now, as you always have, to be engaged and relevant to this moment in history. Call us to new visions, new understandings and new relationships. Fill us with your deep forgiveness and lead us into life-giving hope. Grant us courage to face the challenges of this day.

Move within us, O God, in a time of silence. Receive our commitment to faithfulness.

A time of silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Spirit of God, we rejoice that you have moved within us and enriched our prayer. By your grace and power, we are forgiven and made new. By your love, we find healing for our hurt, and we are called to bring healing to your creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 107:1-9, 33-43

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 9:12-17

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

All creation is a word of God.

All creation speaks volumes of God.

SERMON

Enough

Rev. Carol Hill

CREATION CARE OPPORTUNITY

TIME OF REFLECTION

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Creator God, thank you for all the earth and all the wonderful things you've made on it. Thank you for the highest mountains and the deepest oceans. Thank you for the deserts and the forests. Thank you especially for the land where food is grown. Bless the land and bless all the people who grow food on it so we can all eat. Comfort and help those who do not have land and do not have enough food to eat. Use what we have generously given so everyone can have enough. Amen.

***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.***

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

A CELEBRATION FOR TERI BIEDKE

GRATITUDE PARADE FOR Teri Biedke TODAY AT 11:30 AM.

Cards and gifts can still be sent in, and they will be passed along to Teri. Teri, we celebrate the ways you have loved and served this congregation with such a generous heart! You are a blessing, and we are thankful!

Dear friends,

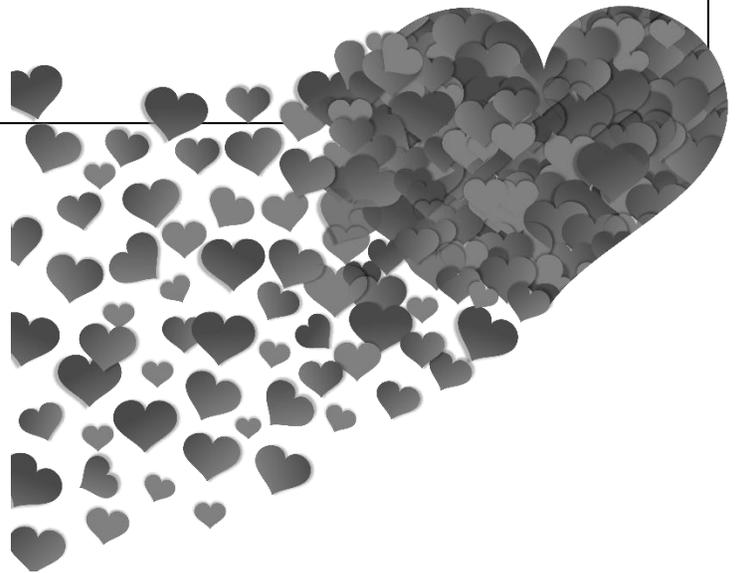
I hope you are well and feeling peace during these difficult times. I have so cherished the connections we have created and sustained even during our long physical separation. As we look toward a school year of continued change, my reflections have led me to change my own status of Children's Minister at PRCC. I remain a faithful member of the congregation, but it is time for me to transition off the staff team.

This is the best team I have ever worked with in any capacity, and I treasure my time working with them and with all of you. In stepping down from staff, I allow more time and energy to go toward my family and my other job, teaching adults English as a Second Language. I look forward to new possibilities for me at PRCC, connecting with all of you in different ways.

I am dedicated to helping our amazing staff to serve you in any way I can. They have been so creative and resourceful during this time, and I know they will continue to offer ways for all of us to connect to God and each other. Pastor Mollie and Shelley are already hard at work preparing for the new version of Children's Ministry at PRCC! I hope you'll join me in supporting their efforts.

Blessings to all of you,

Teri



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.

SEPTEMBER 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>. Keep an eye out for September services!

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!

RALLY DAY WEEKEND!

- CROP Walk Fundraising Concert Featuring the Wehman-To-Go Band on Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:00 pm. Donations go towards the CROP Walk!

- Sunday, Sept. 13

- Kindred Connections Launch!
- Worship with Backpack Blessing!
- Bible Studies begin this week!
- Children Sunday school Kicks Off!
- Youth Parent Overview Meeting.
- Bring a canned good to church!
- Hot dog grilling competition - send in your pics of your Deacon Dogs from home!

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!

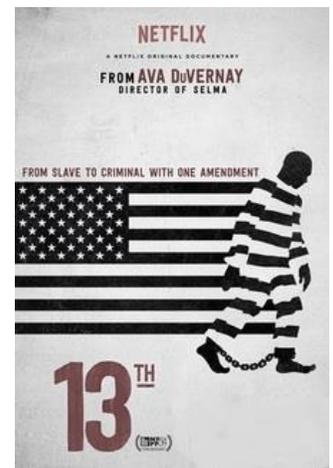
NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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!

SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM VIDEO SERIES

The Social Justice Team, in coordination with the Faith Development Team, is sponsoring a series of conversations around documentaries and movies dealing with social justice issues. The first conversation will be held via Zoom on Sunday evening, September 13, from 7:00 to approximately 8:15 – or however long you can attend. It will be based on the Ava DuVernay documentary "13th," which addresses the devastating impacts of the language of the 13th Amendment on the black community at the time, and persisting today in mass incarcerations and criminalization. This video is available on YouTube and other media outlets for free. A study guide will be available soon on the PRCC Google drive.

This first conversation will be introduced by Cheryl Lynn Cain who is a Pastor of Multicultural History at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Joliet, and adjunct faculty at North Park University. In addition, she is the niece of George and Lynn Brant. Rev. Cain is active in the Stateville project that PRCC has supported since the 175th anniversary justice activities. She will talk about the status of the Stateville project, the grant application to Eli Lily to expand the project, and the potential for our involvement in that expansion. Please plan to view the documentary and join the conversation on September 13th!



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Join Pastor Carol as we begin a 30-week journey through the scriptures using the Disciple Bible Study series. This series will begin on September 16 and conclude in the middle of May, covering Genesis through Revelation. We will meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Each participant should have a Study Manual. They are \$33 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!



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 23rd:

- It is a joy to celebrate the Confirmation of Seamus, Sam, Lydia, Johnathan, and Clark!
- Happy Birthdays to Pete, Jim, Wayne, Aria, Corey, Max, Angie, Jan, Michael and Leena.
- Please continue to pray for Sue's mother Gloria. Gloria lives in Florida and now will be receiving hospice care in her nursing home there.
- Sue also asks for prayers for her husband Bill, who is having a medical issue and, in the hospital, undergoing tests. We pray for answers and a clear treatment solution.
- Elaine asks for prayers for her friend Sandra and her 18-year-old son Chris, both are potentially sick with Covid and are suffering horribly.
- Grace asks for prayer for her son Evan, who after several appointments with specialists this week will have surgery this upcoming Wednesday, and hopefully there are more answers to follow. Prayers for Evan, for his treatment team, and for his family who are filled with anxiety.
- Jane asked for prayers for her sister Marilyn who has suffered a stroke and complications from that. Please pray for Marilyn and those caring for her including her husband Herb & Jane.
- Wednesday was Axl's funeral. The family has been so grateful for our prayer support but "Saying so long, until we meet again is hard on the heart"
- Prayers continue to 2-year-old Carson, who completed her 13th week of chemo.
- Rick and Gail ask for prayers for their son Matt and daughter-in-law, who have travelled home to California and are both sick with COVID.
- Jim and Pete ask for prayers for the family and friends of Michael, who entered life in the resurrection this week.
- Pat asks for prayers for husband, Bob with ongoing medical issues.

RALLY WEEKEND CONCERT

BENEFITTING 2020 CROP WALK



FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 @ 6 PM

\$10 per adult donation

**Park Ridge Community Church
Side Lawn on Prospect Ave.**

Bring your lawn chairs and blanket; wear your mask; keep social distance and prepare to have a blast!

The Wehman-To-Go Band will thrill the audience of all ages as we kick off PRCC's Rally Weekend!

A suggested \$10 donation per adult, plus donation basket will be available to support the 2020 Park Ridge/Niles CROP Walk! Donate Online:

www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil