



“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Jesus

May 17, 2026

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Just Love  
May 17, 2026

Just Love...with Purpose  
8:30 am & 10:00 am

## WELCOME!

*We welcome you to worship today. Park Ridge Community Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. We commit to the ongoing work of being a church journeying together to deepen our understanding of the nature of God's love and to fulfill our responsibility to embody the Christ Spirit in the world. No matter who you are or where you are on this journey, you are welcome and loved.*

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Grand Entry*

Wessinger

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day, to acknowledge a threshold moment—

**a thin place between what's been and what's to be— between what's been studied, learned, and accomplished, and all the more there is to study and learn and do.**

It is so very good to mark growth in celebration, and then so very good as well,

**to celebrate having further to grow— to note a mile-marker on the longer way and to take joy both in the distance traveled and the distance yet ahead.**

Bless this liminal time and space and those who stand in thresholds looking back and looking ahead.

**May we worship with a sense of both gratitude and anticipation. May our worship be with an awareness of how we grow our life along with our whole person— our minds, bodies, spirits, and emotions.**

And may we all journey forward with a profound sense of what it means to place our way where we've been and where we're going within the way of Jesus.

### \*HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our Lives, for the times when we have used the gifts of your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others.

**Forgive us, O God.**

When our use of your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity.

**Forgive us, O God.**

For believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community.

**Forgive us, O God.**

The Holy Spirit enables us to confess Jesus as Lord and in so doing, we are acknowledging our total allegiance to, and love for Jesus. Merciful God, forgive any lack of commitment by us to love as Jesus loved and to serve as he served.

**Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity and the faithful use of our diverse gifts.**

*Silent Prayers are offered*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The good news is that God has continued to love and forgive us in and through Jesus, who has sent us into the world in a variety of capacities. Friends, believe these words of grace: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Though I May Speak*

***Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire, and Have The Gift To All Inspire,  
and Have Not Love, My Words Are Vain, As Sounding Brass, and Hopeless Gain.***

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**BLESSING OUR GRADUATES**

**May you have wisdom in heart and mind; success in every challenge you find; courage to seek life's purpose for you; belief in yourself to make it come true; strength to do your best and endure; and the guiding light of faith to ensure that wherever you go, whatever you do, God's love will always see you through.**

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)**

*Grace and Majesty*

Krug

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10 am)**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

**MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)** *What A Friend We Have in Jesus, v. 2*

**\*PREACHING LESSON**

Luke 9:1-6

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"You Gotta Be"

Rev. Mollie Foster

**OFFERTORY**

*My God is A Rock*

arr. Parker/Shaw

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of Love, having been so deeply loved, it is our joy to offer you signs of our love. May the gifts we offer - finances, spiritual gifts, talents, skills, time, energy, our vocation, our education...all that we have and are, bring you glory. We are grateful for your calling to each of us according to your purpose, and leading us every step of the way. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*The Lord Bless You & Keep You*

Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

**INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE**

***In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the ushers.***

### Leading Us in Worship:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Katie Reboletti, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians  
Sue Douglass, Organist  
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist  
Chancel Choir  
Bells on High, Sandy Bowen

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PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our May Ushers: Bill Barsanti (captain), Tom Brunet, Lorel Brunet, Cindy Klimmick, Rich Roecker, and Sharon Kemerer.

## ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you are joining us in worship today. Please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

Please email [office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS are \$60 to sponsor! You can sign up to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church. All-gender/family restrooms are located at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via Zelle (our Zelle email is [giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)), or via our new online giving platform! You can text "GIVE" to (847)-908-9088 or scan the QR code to make a donation!



## OUTREACH

### LOVING LUNCHES



Help pack lunches for those in need with Loving Lunches on May 10th after the 10 am service! The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit. We are always in need of items for the lunches: individual chips, granola bars, juice boxes, and baggies.

**UCC Hawaii Flood Relief** Throughout the month of May, we're supporting our United Church of Christ siblings in Hawai'i as they recover from devastating flooding. Our Christian Outreach Team has committed to giving \$500, and we invite you to help us match—or exceed—that gift as a congregation. You can give by marking your donation "UCC Hawai'i Flood Relief" online or by placing a check in the offering plate or church office. Thank you for helping share God's love and care across the wider church.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Nursery (Ages 0-5)** Our nursery is open from 8:15-11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.

**Sunday School (Pre-K-12th Grade)** There is no Sunday School today, but we hope you'll join us for the School's Out Carnival from 11:30 am -1:30 pm! All ages are welcome. We'll have hot dogs, a bounce house, games, and lots of fun for everyone. Bring a friend — we hope to see you there!

**Wacky Wednesday and Youth Choir Wacky Wednesday (6th-8th Grades)** Wacky Wednesday provides a fun and safe space at PRCC for Middle School Students on Early Release Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm. **WW will conclude this Wednesday, May 20th for the school year.**

# ADULT MINISTRY

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Ellinger Transept**

Wednesday Night Bible Study is discussing "Who Stole My Bible". This text takes a look at cherished biblical texts that have been co-opted. Books are \$10 from the Church Office.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST - Thursdays at 9:00 am**

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda! All are welcome! Join us on Zoom!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that we hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of the 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:**

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Greg Sarlo, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM May 10th:**

- We give thanks for Mothers and for all who serve as mentors, caregivers, and guides throughout life.
- We celebrate with the Joyce family the arrival of their new nephew, Clive Jackson.
- We hold in prayer the students who are preparing for AP and final exams, and for teachers as they navigate the end of the school year.
- We pray for Janet's friend, Pam, as she cares for her husband, Paul, during a series of health crises.
- We hold in prayer Angie W.'s mother, who entered hospice care recently. We pray for her peace, and that Angie and the rest of her family will feel surrounded by God's presence.
- We pray for Fred F. and his family as his health continues to decline.



# CONGRATS GRADUATES!



## **Emma Dase**

Maine South High School

Attending:  
Colorado State University  
Animal Science



## **Aria Geye**

Maine South High School

Attending:  
The Joffrey Ballet  
Contemporary Ballet



## **Alena Goodwin**

Maine South High School

Attending:  
University of South Carolina  
Psychology



## **Samantha Hill**

Maine South High School

Attending:  
University of Michigan  
Aerospace Engineering



## **Sydney Hollingsworth**

Maine South High School

Attending:  
Purdue University  
Integrated Business & Engineering



## **Nate Jarvis**

Glenbrook South High School

Attending:  
DePaul University  
Math & Computer Science

# CONGRATS GRADUATES!



**Alex Yuen**

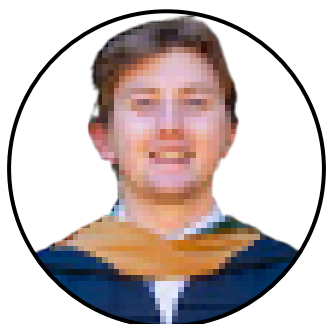
Buffalo Grove High School

Attending:

UCLA

Computer Science

## HIGHER EDUCATION



**Aidan Collins**

Michigan State University

Master of Science

Accounting



**Kathryn Mauery**

University of Illinois Chicago

Master of Urban Planning & Policy

Environmental Planning



**Tim Mauery**

Northwestern University

Master of Arts

Counseling

*May God bless these graduates as they step into a new chapter with courage, wisdom, and compassion.*

*May they “act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God” (Micah 6:8), and trust that “the One who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion” (Philippians 1:6).*

*Go in peace, grow in grace, and shine the light of God in the world. Amen.*

PRCC NEWS MAY 2026

# Park Ridge MEMORIAL DAY Parade!

WALK WITH US IN THE  
PARK RIDGE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

**May 24: Parade Prep Party:** 6:30 pm, Carriage House Driveway

**May 25: Parade Day!** Line up time and place TBD

**SIGN UP HERE!**

**OUR THEME: "LOVE IS IN THE AIR"**



- BRING NON-CHOCOLATE CANDY
- WEAR YOUR PRCC SHIRT!
- FUN & CREATIVE SIGNS WELCOMED

PRCC NEWS MAY 2026



**PRIDE**  
in **PARK RIDGE**  
FRIDAY, June 5



Order T-shirts  
and yard signs here



**JUNE 5TH**

**4:00-8:00 PM**

**Hodges Park**

live music / food trucks / vendors  
inflatables & facepaint 4-6 PM  
guest speakers @ 6 PM  
drag show @ 7 PM

Sponsors and Volunteers needed!! For more information, go to  
[www.prideinparkridge.com](http://www.prideinparkridge.com)

# CHURCH EVENTS

## SUNDAY, May 17

- 8:30 am - Chapel Worship
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am - School's Out Carnival (Church Lawn)
- 3:00 pm - Sunday Night Supper  
(First United Methodist Church)

## MONDAY, May 18

- 1:00 pm - PEO Chapter DA (Jordan Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)
- 7:30 pm - Board of Directors (Jordan Hall)

## TUESDAY, May 19

- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Stephen Ministry Training (Parlor)

## WEDNESDAY, May 20

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 3:30 pm - Youth Opera Choir (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

## THURSDAY, May 21

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)



05/17 Edde Young  
05/17 Sarah Young  
05/18 John Crowl  
05/18 Ella DiCristofano  
05/19 Kathy Logan  
05/20 Amanda Hogle  
05/20 Katie Reboletti  
5/22 Elizabeth Khwaja  
05/23 Kristin Krizman

### 100th Birthday Celebration for Jack Tilley!

Join us in celebrating Jack Tilley's 100th birthday on June 9! His family invited the community to shower him with birthday cards filled with warm wishes and cherished memories.

**Send cards to:** 35 Shawmut Ave, La Grange, IL 60513

*(Cards will be saved and shared with him on his special day.)*

There will be a dessert open house from 1:00–2:30 pm at his residence. Family, friends, and community members are all welcome! If you'd like to attend, please reach out so we have plenty of root beer floats ready 312-402-4366 (call or text).

His family thanks you for all the love and support you've shown Jack over the years.



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