

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of an acoustic guitar. The guitar's body, neck, and headstock are visible, with the strings and frets clearly shown. In the lower-left corner, the keys of a piano are also visible, creating a musical theme for the cover.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO *Amy Grant*

**The Gospel According to Amy Grant:
Love of Another Kind
June 29, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Love of Another Kind
June 29, 2025

Pride Sunday
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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We've got our hope set high

That's why we came today.

We need to see the truth, we need to see the light.

**When it all comes down, if there's anything good
that happens in life, it's from Jesus.**

Through music, prayer, the word proclaimed and hearts joined together,

We come with hopes set high to worship God.

*HYMN

O Perfect Love

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, I'm really glad You're here. I hope you feel the same when You see all my fear and how I fail. I fall sometimes. It's hard to walk on shifting sand. I miss the rock, and find I have nowhere left to stand.

Lord, please help me. I raise my hands so You can pick me up. Hold me close. Hold me tighter.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We have found a place where we can hide: It's safe inside God's arms of love. Like a child who's helped throughout a storm, God keeps us warm in those arms of love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

El Shaddai

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Hebrew Translation: El Shaddai: God Almighty; El Elyon: The Most High God; na Adonai: O Lord; Erkahmka: We will love you

*PASSING THE PEACE

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM of Annabelle Grace Zarach (10 am)

Parents: Nathan and Lizzy Peters Zarach

Godparents: Dave Zarach and Kelly Rosenberg

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Annabelle, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY and GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Annabelle being baptized as she grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND BAPTISM

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Annabelle will bask in your love as she journeys through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

God Claims You

Refrain



Annabelle , Annabelle , God claims you, God helps you, pro - tects you, and loves you too.

Fine



D.C.

1.We this day do all a - gree a child of God you'll al - ways be.
2.We your fam - ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
3.And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lul - la by.

FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:28, 31-32, 35, 37-39

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Find A Way

Amy Grant

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Near to the Heart of God, v. 1

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*PREACHING LESSON

John 3:16-21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Love Is Finding a Way

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

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***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

Gracious God, your love always finds a way—to reach beyond our defenses and walls, to heal the hurts we've hidden, and open possibilities we've long written off. Find a way this day, O God, to allow your love and light to shine, overcoming hatred, injustice, systemic sin and cycles of violence. Use our gifts and our lives that love would find a way to celebrate and uplift all of your children, especially those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gender fluid. Help us to be a community where all of your children are safe, beloved, and free to be who you've created us to be. Amen.

*HYMN

Precious Lord

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

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

Leading Us in Worship June 29, 2025

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Sara Born, Lector

Sasha Gerritston, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

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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 if you have any questions.

NURSERY CARE The nursery is available for children up to age 5 from 8:30 am -11:30 am. Our nursery is located right next to Jordan Hall in the basement.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available in narthex.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS Alter 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), or via our new online giving platform! You can text "GIVE" to (847)-908-9088 or scan the QR code to make a donation!



MAINE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION is held on the 1st Sunday of the month! Bring your non-perishable food items to be donated to those in need.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) Throughout the summer months, we will not hold Sunday School regularly. However, we'll still have some special opportunities to gather! Mark your calendars for fun Kids Club days on July 20 and August 10. In the meantime, families are welcome to pick up in-worship activity buckets from an usher.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades) Youth Weekly Programming has concluded for the school year! We will resume in September!



PRCC CHURCH CAMP (August 23-24 at Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer, MI) All are welcome for this multi-generational camp experience! Register before July 23. Cost is \$125 per person including activities, lodging and 3 meals. Check in at 9 am on Saturday, Aug. 23 and Check out Aug. 24 at noon. For more information, contact Morgan or Pastor Mollie!

OUTREACH

LOVING LUNCHES

PRCC is pleased to support our partner and local non-profit organization Loving Lunches. Monthly, PRCC assists Loving Lunches by preparing 160 lunches that will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in the Chicagoland area. Volunteers are needed monthly! Our next packing date is July 13th! We are also in need of food to pack lunches! Scan the code to see the items needed.



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, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., , Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sam Orth, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Bernadine Williams, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM June 22:

- We pray for the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Gaza, and all places where violence occurs.
- We hold the Joyce family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of Brendan's grandmother, Rosemary Argus, who entered Life in the Resurrection on June 18



Unison

El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, El El - yon na A-do-nai;

age to age you're still the same by the pow-er of the name.

El Shad-dai, El Shad-dai, Er-kahm-ka na A-do-nai;

we will praise and lift you high, El Shad -dai.

Chords: Fm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Db, G, Cm, G/D, C/E, Fm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Db, Bb, Bb7, Eb

Translation of Hebrew:

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El Elyon: The Most High God

na Adonai: O Lord

Erkahnka: We will love you

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O Perfect Love

PERFECT LOVE 11.10.11.10

Dorothy Frances Gurney, 1883

Joseph Barnby, 1889

1. O per - fect love, all hu - man thought tran - scend - ing.
 2. O per - fect life, be Thou their full as - sur - ance
 3. Grant them the joy which bright - ens earth - ly sor - row;

Low - ly we kneel in prayer be - fore Thy throne,
 Of ten - der char - i - ty and stead - fast faith,
 Grant them the peace which calms all earth - ly strife,

That theirs may be the love which knows no end - ing,
 Of pa - tient hope, and qui - et, brave en - dur - ance,
 And to life's day the glo - rious un - known mor - row

Whom Thou for - ev - er - more dost join in one,
 With child - like trust that fears nor pain nor death,
 That dawns up - on e - ter - nal love and life.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light; Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, June 29- HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR CAROL!

8:30 am - Garden Worship (Outdoor Lawn)

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, June 30

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

7:00 pm - SPRC Committee Meeting (Library)

7:30 pm - Fellowship Committee Meeting (Parlor)

TUESDAY, July 1

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY, July 2

10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

THURSDAY, July 3 (OFFICE CLOSED)

9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)

11:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)

Friday, July 4 (OFFICE CLOSED)

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

06/29 Parker Anderson; Carol Hill
07/01 Chris Oberholtzer; Lois Orth-Zitoli

07/04 Sandy Bowen
07/05 Eileen O'Neill-Burke



Char Kenzel

is turning

100!!!

Longtime PRCC member Char Kenzel will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 9th! Although she cannot attend services in person, she would like all her friends at PRCC to know that she misses them and cherishes their time together.

Join us in celebrating by sending cards to:

Char Kenzel

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