

The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred photograph of an acoustic guitar. The guitar's body, with its natural wood grain, and its dark fretboard with metal frets are prominent on the right side. On the left side, the white and black keys of a piano are visible, also in a soft focus. The overall lighting is warm and moody.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO *Amy Grant*

**The Gospel According to Amy Grant:
Prayer
August 10, 2025**

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Prayer

August 10, 2025

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

When friends who care can't be there to ease away my pain,
And peace of mind it's hard to find, like sunlight in the rain.

**God sees my heart- the deepest part inside this lonely me
And reachin' in, God's love begins to heal the heart in me.**

Sometimes we're raining on the inside and our hearts well up with tears that start to pour.
**But when we're raining on the inside, let God's cries of love break through.
Know that God loves me and you, once more.**

*HYMN

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lay down your failures and excuses, all of the dreams that never come true. The past is a crutch we've been using - time to break that thing in two. Open our eyes to tomorrow. Open our lives to God's care. Open our past to God's mercy. Open our hearts, God'll be there.

Silent Prayers are Offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Yesterday's gone forever. We'll never change a thing we've done, but the guilt is behind us if our heart's moving on. Never give an inch, just believe me: What God said, God's gonna do, and God said when They started, God's never gonna quit til They're through.

We believe that God has already forgiven and redeemed us today, tomorrow, and for all time. 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 Hans McLean Nelson (10 am)

Parents: Eric Nelson and Sarah McLean Nelson

Godparents: Elisa Poland and Keith Nelson

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

Here we come to the water, to baptize Hans, 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 Hans being baptized as he 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 Hans will bask in your love as he journeys through this life. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONGREGATION

God Claims You

Refrain *Fine*

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

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

2 Chronicles 7:12-16

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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)

Jesus Loves Me, v. 2

*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 11:1-13

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Let Us Pray

Rev. Mollie Foster

OFFERTORY

Better Than a Hallelujah

A. Grant

*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

Holy One, hear our prayer this day. Thank you, for all you have given us. Thank you, for all you have done for us. Thank you for using our carefully crafted words and sighs too deep for words. Thank you, for listening to our prayers - now and always. Turn our hearts of thanksgiving into lives of loving action. Amen.

*HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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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 August 10, 2025

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Eugene Jarvis, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministry
Sue Douglass, Organist
Karen Nelson, Violin
Dave Belden, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Margaret Daly, Cello

Credits: Call to Worship from Raining on the Inside, written by Amy Grant and Kathy Troccoli © 1982. Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance from Tomorrow, written by Amy Grant, Gary Chapman, and Bruce Hibbard, © 1984. Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Carol Hill, 2025.

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 August Ushers: Barbra Madro (CAPTAIN), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek, Christopher Browning, Marty McHugh, Marylyn & Dick Collentine, and Mike Proue.

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



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL (PK-5th Grades) Children are invited for a special "Summer Meet Up" today following the Children's Message at the 10 am service. Simply follow Morgan and team to the Sunday School wing for today's festivities!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SEPT. 14.

WACKY WEDNESDAY for Middle School students will resume on Aug. 27 from 2:30-3:30 pm.

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, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM August 3rd:

- We join with those who are celebrating anniversaries this week, including Grace and Tom Curtis celebrating 28 years; Marc & Kathy Erlandson celebrating their 50th, and Tim and Laura Lapp celebrating their anniversary! Congratulations to all!
- Please pray for a family that is dealing with a heavy load of long-term unemployment, children's medical needs, and mental health crises in the midst of it all.
- We hold Margie C. in our prayers as she recovers from a fall.
- We pray for Siobhan's father who is healing from a medical procedure and her grandmother who is healing from pneumonia.
- Reese asks for prayers for her brother, Jackson, and all of her camp counselors.
- The Hollingsworth family asks for prayers for a refugee family they are working with, as they search for jobs and security.
- Prayers for those who have lost loved ones, especially an anonymous prayer remembering a mom who entered life in the resurrection 13 years ago.

El Shaddai

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.

Chord symbols: Fm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Db, G, Cm, G/D, C/E, Fm, Bb, Eb, Cm, Db, Bb, Bb7, Eb.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struction, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

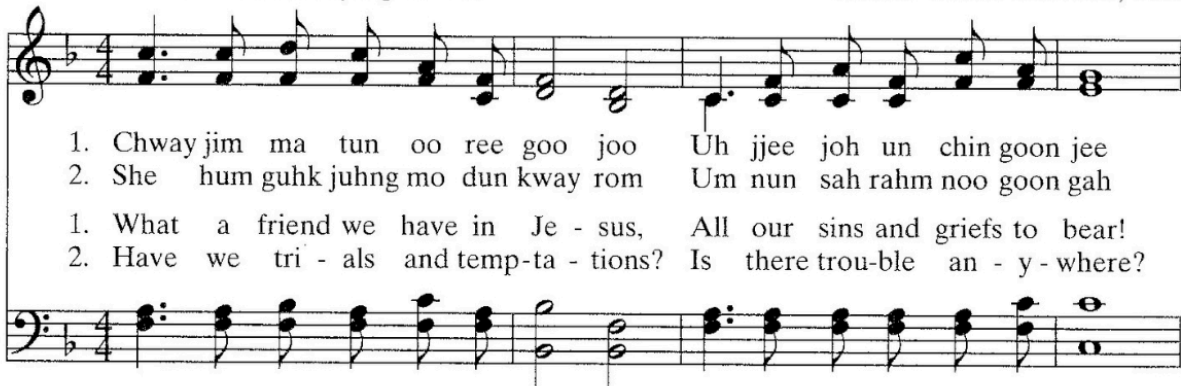
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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Joseph Scriven, c. 1855

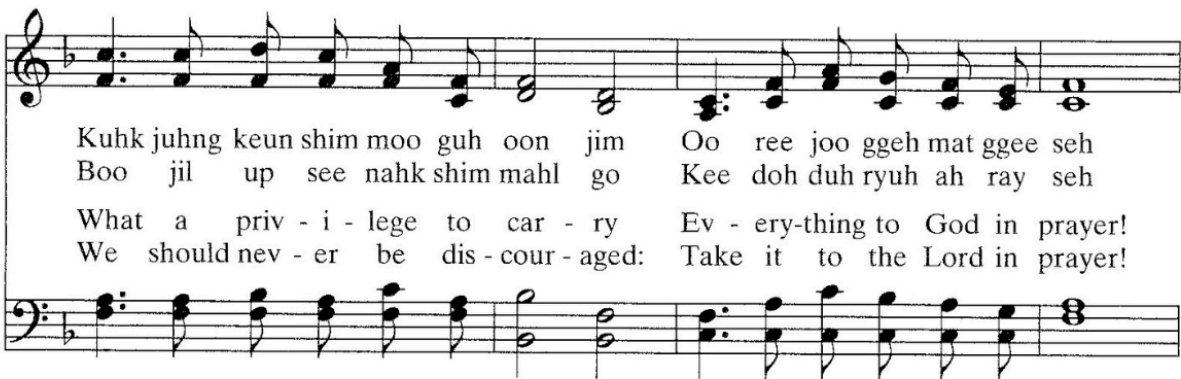
Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue

Charles Crozat Converse, 1868



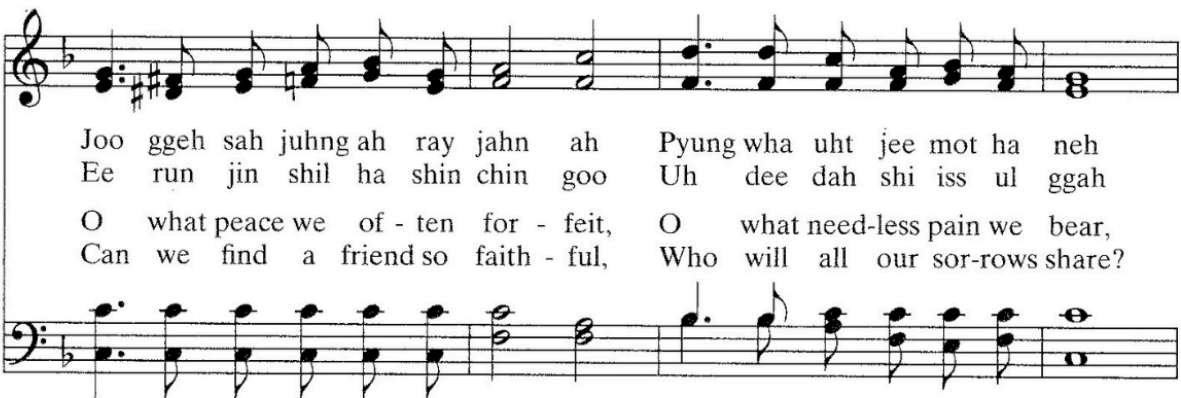
1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jjee joh un chin goon jee
 2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?



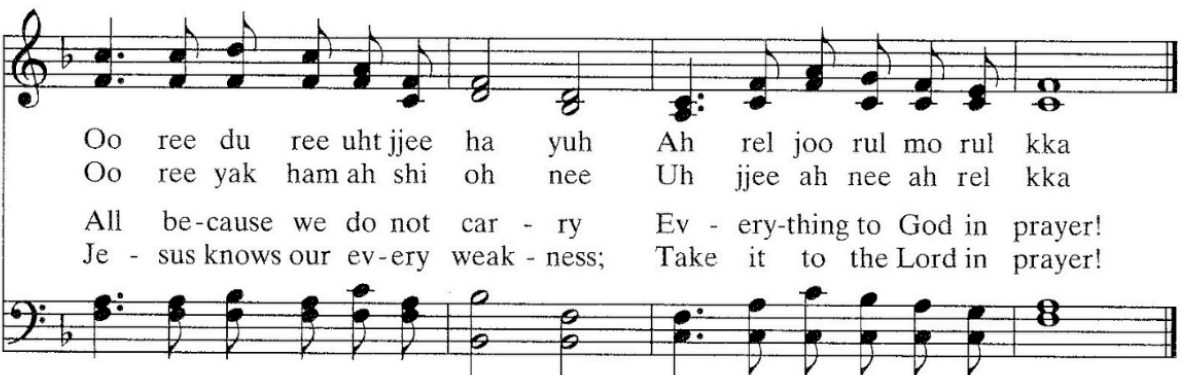
Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh
 Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray seh

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh
 Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul ggah

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?



Oo ree du ree uht jjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka
 Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah rel kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 10

8:30 am - Garden Worship (Outdoor Lawn)

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:00 pm - Worship Committee (Library)

MONDAY, August 11

6:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, August 12

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

7:00 pm - Welcome and Membership Committee Meeting (Zoom)

7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, August 13

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

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastor Office)

THURSDAY, August 14

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

Happy Birthday

08/10

Gisella Milla

08/11

Mary Lynch

Sean Lynch

08/12

Chloe Sanderson

08/13

Liz Swanson

08/15

Mary Hannon

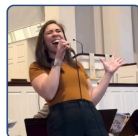
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Zach Nelson

Carrie Plach



Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year



One Service: 10:00 AM

with a special backpack blessing!

LUNCH & FUN

FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

JORDAN HALL 7-9PM

PRCC'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 INVITES YOU TO

September Swap-a-looza



ALL ARE WELCOME FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, BEVERAGES, DESSERT AND "SHOPPING."

A \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION WILL GO TOWARDS THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 FUND WHICH SUPPORTS OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY.

PLEASE BRING 3 HOME DECOR OR PERSONAL ACCESSORY ITEMS TO SWAP. EXAMPLES INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY LOVED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS READY FOR A NEW HOME, IE. FRAMES, WREATHS, VASES, BOWLS, ETC. AS WELL AS HANDBAGS, JEWELRY, SCARVES, HATS. MAYBE YOU HAVE AN UNUSED GIFT CARD HIDING IN A DRAWER TO PASS ALONG. NO CLOTHING, PLEASE.

AND YOU'LL GO HOME WITH 3 "NEW TO YOU" ITEMS!!

QUESTIONS AND/OR RSVP TO JAMIE @ 847-344-1692 OR TRICIA @ 847-707-0713

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