



Making  
Sense of  
**Good**  
&  
**EVIL**

October 2, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am  
Park Ridge Community Church

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Making Sense of Good & Evil: Mission Possible

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## 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

*Ritual and Dance*

B. Nelson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

What do you do, when God calls?

**Wake up. Listen. Act.**

What do you do when God asks you to do something difficult?

**Wake up. Listen. Act.**

What do you do when God asks you to do something impossible?

**Wake up. Listen. Act.**

**Because, with God, nothing is impossible.**

Even changing ourselves?

**Even changing the world.**

Wake up. Listen. Act.

**And, with all that is living, we worship God.**

### \*HYMN

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, we confess our doubts in what you can do. We confess our despair over the evil in the world. We confess our inability to imagine a world filled with peace. Forgive our lack of faith. Open our hearts and minds to all you are doing. Help us to see a world of possibilities, a world filled with your love. Fill us with your vision for the world you created.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. **Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Let Everything that Hath Breath*

R. Dillworth

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Samuel 17:38-50

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 19:16-26

This is the word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Defying the Odds

Pastor Carol Hill

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Defying Gravity*  
from the musical *Wicked*

S. Schwartz

**\*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**

**God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation; when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power; when the task seems overwhelming, remind us of the miracle of love; and when apathy threatens us, remind us of your vision of a world made whole. May all that we have brought allow the impossible to happen, and may we live as if it might do so today. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

...As we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

*Our Father, which 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**

**\*HYMN**

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

## POSTLUDE

\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICELEADING US IN WORSHIP OCTOBER 2, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
 Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry  
 Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry  
 Adrian Hill, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Jane Kenas-Heller, piano  
 Bruce Nelson, vibes  
 Sarah Hibbard, soprano  
 Chancel Choir

## CREDITS:

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## Get Involved With Music at PRCC

### All Are Welcome!



#### Chancel Choir

- Rehearses 7:30-9:00 pm on Thursdays
- Contact Sasha Gerritson if interested in joining: [sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

#### Junior Choir

- Rehearses 4:00-5:00 pm (5:00-5:30 for Middle Schoolers)
- Contact Sasha Gerritson if interested in joining: [sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

#### Bells On High

- Rehearses 6:15 - 7:15 pm on Thursdays
- Contact Sandy Bowen if interested in joining: [PRCCSandy@msn.com](mailto:PRCCSandy@msn.com)

## Interested in being a lector?

Interested in being a lector and doing a reading for a service? Reach out to Sasha Gerritson at [sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sasha@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

Anyone is welcome to be a lector!

# CHURCH EVENTS

## SUNDAY OCT. 02

**8:30 am** - Chapel Worship (Chapel)

**10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

**11:30 am** - Youth Group: Middle & High School (Great Hall)

## MONDAY OCT. 03

**10:00 am** - Bible Study (Library)

**6:00 pm** - Emergency Preparedness Meeting (Library)

**7:30 pm** - Trustees Meeting (Library)

## TUESDAY OCT. 04

**12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits (Jordan Hall)

**4:00 pm** - Junior Choir (Choir Room)

**5:00 pm** - Middle School Choir (Choir Room)

## WEDNESDAY OCT. 05

**10:00 am** - Staff Meeting

**6:00 pm** - Baha'i House of Worship Field Trip

**6:30 pm** - Children's Ministry Team Meeting (Library)

**7:00 pm** - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

### Happy Birthday!

10/5 - Trevor Steele &  
Logan Steele

10/6 - Rachel Lapp

10/8 - Fred Flener &  
Oliver Zweifel

## THURSDAY OCT. 06

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

**11:30 am** - Lincoln Park Community Service (Kitchen)

**5:00 pm - 8:00 pm** - Crop Walk Fundraiser at Portillo's

**6:15 pm** - Bells on High Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**7:30 pm** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

## FRIDAY OCT. 07

**5:00 pm** - Pumpkin Patch Unloading (Lawn)

## SATURDAY OCT. 08

**9:00 am** - Pumpkin Patch Unloading (Lawn)

**11:00 am** - Pumpkin Patch Opening! (Lawn)

## 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!

**COFFEE HOUR** is held in Jordan Hall immediately following the 10 am service. Thank you to the Creation Care Team for hosting coffee hour this month.

**PLEASE SEE AN USHER...** for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

*Thank you to our October ushers:* Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonnn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this morning are in celebration of Jim Sindt's 87th birthday next Sunday!

**RESTROOMS** are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is offered for children and youth from Pre-K through 12th grade during the 10:00 am service! Pre-K-4th grade gather in the Sunday School Wing, 5th grade in the Library, and 6-12th grade in the Great Hall! On the 1st Sunday of each month, 6-12th graders will remain in worship for Holy Communion. The Nursery is available for all those under 3 years of age located on the lower level.

**ONLINE DONATIONS** can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is [giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org). Thank you!

## 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 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 Beaudine, Heather Cannon, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki,

Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Brian Stevens, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner, Bernice Zabawski

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 25TH:**

- We celebrate the joy of family camp and the way God's spirit blessed all who participated.
- We give thanks for the Youth Mission Trip and the excitement building for their next trips to Philadelphia and Milwaukee.
- We pray for Nancy L who is having back surgery on 9/26.
- We pray for Tim M. who is having arm surgery on 9/27.
- We pray for Sue Douglas as she prepares for a hip replacement 9/28
- Jason asks for prayers for strength to teach classes and manage to handle all elements of a complex classroom successfully this year.
- Katie & Keith ask for continued prayers for niece Rachel who is only 12 and who's ulcerative colitis is not responding to medication so now they are seeking the next steps of treatment. We hold the whole family in prayer as they manage this difficult situation.
- We continue to pray for Beth P. as surgery was delayed a couple of weeks.
- We hold Kimberly in our prayers as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- We pray for Joan O'Brien as she recovers from back surgery.
- We hold in our prayers the friends and family of Marilyn Kleinhardt who entered life in the resurrection 9/19. We have been praying for Marilyn, Jane Schurer's sister for a while as her health declined and her family cared for her in her final days.

- Please pray for the family and friends of Donald Casey who entered life in the resurrection on 9/20. Donald was a friend of Sashas.
- We hold in prayer the McDonald family who suffered the loss of two grandchildren recently.

## VOLUNTEER



### CROP WALK

You can register to join the **Bill Zoellner Memorial Crop Walk Team** by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code. You can also support a walker with a donation or make a donation to the team online. Don't forget to support the Portillo's fund-raiser on Thursday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>! Show the Portillo's crop walk flier or use code PORTILLOS20 when ordering online or for pickup to support the cause!



### JOIN THE RIDE TEAM

Are you interested in volunteering to give rides to those in need? Click [here](#), scan the QR code, or contact the church office to be added to our ride team list! We will work to pair you with someone who needs rides to church services or events.



### LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed to help prepare food for Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Join the team on Oct. 6th for meal prep at 11:30 am in the church kitchen. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so by clicking [here](#), scanning the QR code, or by contacting Luan Zoellner at [lzoellner@ameritech.net](mailto:lzoellner@ameritech.net).



### LOVING LUNCHESES

Come join in serving PRCC's newest Outreach Partner, Loving Lunches. Each month PRCC will assist Loving Lunches by preparing and assembling 300+ lunches which will be delivered to those experiencing homelessness in the Chicagoland area. Our next date to serve is October 9th. If you would like to volunteer, sign up by clicking [here](#), scanning the QR code, or by contacting Paula Mack at [paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAHA'I HOUSE OF WORSHIP FIELD TRIP - October 5th, 6:00 pm

This Wednesday, October 5th, all are invited for a field trip to the Baha'i House of Worship, in Wilmette alongside the Confirmation students! Did you know this is the only Baha'i Temple in all of North America? We will depart the church parking lot at 6:00pm and return at 8:00pm. For more info, contact Pastor Mollie.

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-K-5th Grades)** New this year: We are asking each family to commit to teaching Sunday School one day of the year. Sign up on the PRCC website for a day that works best for your family. Sunday School registration is live. Please sign your child(ren) up on the PRCC website!

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (6th-12th Grades)** Youth will remain in worship today to participate in Holy Communion.

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP! (4th & 5th Grades)** Junior Youth Group provides monthly gatherings for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders! The next gathering will be Karaoke in the Patch on Oct. 9 from 7-8:30pm! All are welcome to join in the fun!

**YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grades)** Youth Group will meet in the Great Hall today from 11:30am-1pm. We will have lunch, learn about leadership, and discuss the Patch—all while having fun through games and activities!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS (7th Grade and up)** Confirmation Class will be offered in 4 Sessions throughout the school year. Session 1 will be on Sunday, October 23rd from 11:30-3:30. Lunch included! Contact Pastor Mollie to sign up.



**PATCH SET-UP:**

SAT. OCT. 1: 11:00am

**PUMPKIN UNLOAD:**

FRI. OCT. 7: 5:00-7:00pm

SAT. OCT. 8: 9:00am



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer at this year's patch! If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Pastor Mollie at [pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)



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