

A photograph of a long, straight dirt road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by dry, scrubby vegetation. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting is warm and golden, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

# **FORGIVENESS**

February 20, 2022

10:00 AM

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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

*Rondo from Sonata No. 1*

Mozart

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 51:13*

Forgiveness is mercy.

**Such pardon and kindness I cannot fathom.**

Forgiveness is unfailing love.

**Such patience and understanding I cannot comprehend.**

Forgiveness is overwhelming compassion.

**Such sympathy and warmth I cannot reciprocate.**

Forgiveness is the blotting out of transgressions.

**Such freedom and good will I do not deserve.**

Forgiveness is the washing away of my iniquities.

**Such purity and newness I cannot maintain.**

**O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

### \*HYMN

*O For a World*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord we seek your mercy...**

**yet we ourselves look for payback when we are wronged.**

**We think it "only fair" and "what is right" when we retaliate  
and use harsh words and withdraw from relationship.**

**The forgiveness you offer on our account**

**is larger than we can comprehend,**

**still we withhold forgiveness**

**and carry the grudge over petty items.**

**We are eager to do your judging.**

**And the worst: we conspire our inner thoughts**

**to secure your forgiveness**

**while avoiding honest repentance.**

**Forgive us Lord for the sins we know in our hearts.**

**Save us Lord from the sins we hide.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins.  
This gift of forgiveness makes us able,  
with the power of Holy Spirit,  
to choose to forgive, renew  
and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God.  
In the name of Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*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 OF THE PEACE**

**FIRST READING**

1 John 1:5-9

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

T. Dorsey

**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**

Mark 2:1-12

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Chorales*

J. S. Bach

**SERMON**

**We Have Never Seen Anything Like This**

Pastor Carol Hill

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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.*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**We have a variety of intentions for offering these gifts to you, Loving God, but whatever the reason, whatever might be our purpose, we trust you will use them to bring healing to brokenness, hope to despair, and welcome to the forgotten. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*We All Are One in Mission*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*In Thee I Put My Trust*

Bach

**PSTLUDE**

*La Comparsa*

Lecuona

\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern  
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Services  
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, organist  
Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist  
David Tuttle, clarinet  
Christie Miller, clarinet  
Rose Spearazza, clarinet  
PRCC Chancel Choir

Ushers: Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill

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### **Credits:**

Call to Worship posted by Steve Brown on **Worship Ideas You Can Use**. <http://sjbrown58.wordpress.com/>

Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance written by Bill Wessner and posted on **Confession RCL** blog.

Prayer of Thanksgiving written by © Thom M. Shuman.

## 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:**

Laura Beaudine, Heather Cannon, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Tracy McKenzie, Dean Muenzer, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Reggie Pantazi, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

***Flowers this week are in celebration of Bill and Barbara Scharringhausen's 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!***

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FROM FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>:**

- Birthdays include: 2/14 Blake W., Paul H. and Tim L. are celebrating birthdays, John S. has a birthday on 2/15; Megan W. has a birthday on 2/16 and Jill E.'s is 2/17
- Grace C celebrates being able to worship from afar and asks that we pray for Evan, whose ortho necrosis has worsened, and he will need 2 hip surgeries, the first of which will be tomorrow, Feb. 14.
- John S asks us to pray for his mother-in-law who has experienced a medical situation and asks for discernment for next steps.
- We continue to hold Dean W in our prayers as he remains at Lutheran General receiving care.
- We continue to hold in our prayers Reggie P as she has begun hospice care and is spending time with loved ones.
- Peter M asks for prayers as he continues to face challenges finding meaningful employment and struggles with isolation.
- Luan asks us to pray for her brother-in-law John who is in the hospital with an infection and other complications. Please pray for John and those caring for him, especially his daughter.
- Please pray for Barb Pfaff as she settles into a new home while her health declines.
- Please pray for one of our members who faces a particularly difficult day this week, and we pray for God's presence in difficult moments and positive outcomes that lead to wholeness.
- Please pray for good friends of the Swanson's whose son in his early 30's entered life in the Resurrection unexpectedly on 2/11.
- Kim W asks that we hold in our prayers the family and friends of Linda Schuman who entered the Life of the Resurrection on Saturday 2/11/2022.
- We hold in our prayers the family & friends of Peggy Hardacre who entered life in the resurrection on 2/9.
- We pray for our world, as we navigate highs of Olympic excellence and the lows of escalating tensions between nations. We pray for our communities as we celebrate progress made in combating covid and end up combatting one another when our ways of dealing with covid differ. We pray for all as we consider forgiveness, realizing there are all too often relationships that are left broken through hurts and the absence of authentic forgiveness.

**A Celebration of Life will be held for Alayne Richards on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in our Sanctuary.**

**Graveside Committal for Peggy Hardacre on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at Town of Maine Cemetery.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **PASTOR CAROL OUT OF OFFICE**

Pastor Carol is out of town from Feb. 20-27 for a time of sabbath.

### **THURSDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

**Back fully on March 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

Join us on Thursday nights with the family for a simple supper, Bible Study, Youth activities, Kids Club, and Choir!

### **COFFEE HOUR – Returns March 6<sup>th</sup>!**

We will once again join together in fellowship for Coffee Hour after the 10 am service for a time of fellowship. For now, only beverages will be served and masks will still be required unless actively drinking. Please join us as you feel comfortable to continue our time together after worship.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

On Saturday, March 5th from 1:45-3:45 pm, all of PRCC is invited to pack meals with Feed My Starving Children at the Schaumburg location! We have reserved 65 spots and we need you to meet this goal of participants! Ages 5 and up can participate in this fun multi-generational service opportunity. We hope to see you there! If you are interested or have questions, contact an Outreach Team Member or email Laura Lapp or Pastor Mollie!

### **GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT EVENT**

Participants are invited to share in a group setting specific circumstances of losses that may include the death of a loved one, the loss of a relationship, or some other unwanted change to their life/circumstances. Emphasis is on the wide array of feelings (physical, emotional, spiritual) that we all experience as we grieve and try to adjust to a new reality. Attendees will be encouraged to share their experiences, speak from their heart, but avoid giving advice or instructing others on how to feel or behave. Facilitators will strive to validate and normalize the experiences of those who share, and to provide general education on the grieving process.

**Who:** Youth and Adults

**When:** March 6, Youth: 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Adults: 12:30-1:30 pm

**Where:** Jordan Hall

## VOLUNTEER!

### **SIMPLE SUPPER**

Simple Suppers have been paused through the end of February.

### **LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER**

Our next date to serve is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln14>

## ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

### **ADULT ED: Tuesday Daytime Bible Study: Disciple II - Into the Word, Into the World**

All are invited to join in *Disciple 2: Into the Word, Into the World* Bible study on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 pm. We will meet in the library with masks and distance observed. Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie and others lead this study. All are welcome to participate as we read and consider the scriptures together and discuss how these ancient texts apply to our lives today!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81599270512?pwd=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQWdPOW1aQT09>

### **ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

#### ***Forgiveness: Finding Peace in Letting Go***

Many people have trouble with the concept of forgiveness and fail to fully realize the freedom that comes from forgiving others, forgiving ourselves, and receiving God's forgiveness. In this study, Rev. Hamilton will guide the group through the challenges that come with learning to forgive and asking for forgiveness. Freedom, grace, reconciliation, and joy are all promised to those who embrace forgiveness. Join us in person or over Zoom as we journey

together! <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84079820295?pwd=S0pxK3MzSktNaEhldk9Dck5jaGo3dz09>

# YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Come experience one of the most rewarding ways to serve in our church! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers for Children's Ministry events. We will be planning in advance and delegating responsibilities so you know exactly what and when we need you! Contact Shelley to sign up and join the team!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

If you would like to register for the coming Sunday School year, you may do so through the Church Office, by contacting Shelley O'Brien, or on our website - <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/christian-education>.

## **VOLUNTEER IN THE NURSERY!**

We are currently looking for volunteers to be on call to work the Nursery during Sunday Worship. This would be strictly as needed, if a family came in needing nursery care, the Ushers would let you know. If you are interested in signing up, please do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-nursery>

Thank you in advance for helping us to accommodate all families.



# Park Ridge Community Church HOST'S BLOOD DRIVE

HELP SAVE LIVES - IT'S EASY AND SAFE!



There's a national blood shortage due to the pandemic.  
All healthy donors are urged to donate!

Park Ridge Community Church (PRCC) is partnering with Vitalant to host a "Virtual" Blood Drive NOW – March 1st. A virtual blood drive means that you can schedule your blood donation at a time and location that works for your busy schedule.

**Sign up to donate below.** Be sure to copy the full link so we can track the number of donors who participate with PRCC. Once you sign up via the link, you'll receive an emailed invitation to book your appointment at a time and location convenient to you.

**To donate for PRCC's blood drive, sign up by clicking on dedicated link below:**

[https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive\\_code=ORD0060F&division=NORTHEAST®ion=CHI](https://northeast.vitalant.org/LP=28?drive_code=ORD0060F&division=NORTHEAST®ion=CHI)

Every day in the U.S., patients in hospitals, surgical centers and emergency treatment facilities need approximately:

- \* 29,000 units of red blood cells
- \* 5,000 units of platelets
- \* 6,500 units of plasma

The need for blood is at its highest level as the health crisis continues to impact patients. Donating blood is one of the easiest ways to help others. The actual donation time is about ten minutes but it will take about an hour from start to finish with screening questions and recovery time after donating.

Donors *must be at least 18 years of age or 16/17 year old's are required to have a signed parent consent* (forms in requirements link below). Additional eligibility and general questions about the process – please click on links below:

Check Eligibility: [Vitalant - Blood Donation Requirements | Vitalant](#)

Have Questions about the process? [Vitalant - FAQs](#)

Locations Near You: [Vitalant - Locations](#)

What is the impact of your donation? [Vitalant - Donating Blood Makes an Impact | Vitalant](#)

**Thank you for considering a donation – Together, we can Save Lives!**

**Questions for the PRCC – Outreach Committee: [outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)**



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