



**The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
to preach good tidings to the poor;
to heal the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to comfort all who mourn;
to give them beauty for ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

selections of Isaiah 61:1-3

MARCH 13, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Lent 2: Safekeeping

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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

L'Épineuse

François Couperin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy with heaven and earth!

But we are haunted by worry and doubt.

Break forth into song with the mountains and hills!

But we are caught in valleys of darkness.

Trust in our God who cares for us all.

But we are weary and lonely for help.

Trust in Christ Jesus, who has borne all our grief and has written our names in the palm of God's hand.
We are forgiven, cared for and loved.

We are forgiven, cared for and loved?

We are forgiven, cared for, and loved.

Sing for joy with heaven and earth! We are forgiven, cared for, and loved!

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

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*OPENING PRAYER

God of constant care and compassion, grace us this day with your presence. Help us lay aside our burdens and trust in your love, that we may be led by your guiding hand and clarifying light. Aid us as we seek your heavenly hopes for this earth, that we may be children of your womb and reflections of your light and life. Amen.

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS: Abbey and Massie Bernardo, Julie Bruno and Sue Laurie, Rev. Carol Hill, Jason and Megan Hinton, Denise Steele

Commitments of the Membership Candidates

Commitments of the Congregation

Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their journeys of faith and their life in Christ?

We will.

Will you welcome these persons into this family of PRCC, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of this body of faith and help us to grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journey and assist them in their ministries?

Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to these persons as members of the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus. Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all people, in Jesus' name, we pray.

Words of Welcome

On behalf of the entire congregation, we welcome you as an active members in the body of Park Ridge Community Church. May the Holy Spirit be with us all now and always.

AMEN.

As members together, let us say together our shared Statement of Purpose. This statement was adopted in 1961, and it continues to shape who we are as a congregation and what we are about. Please turn in your hymnals to the very first page as we read together. All members, new and existing, are invited to reclaim this statement of purpose this morning:

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 32:1-7, 10-12

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Make Them Hear You from Ragtime

Flaherty

PREACHING LESSON

Luke 15: 3-10

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Carol Hill

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear our cry, O God.

Hear this our prayer of longing.

The smoke of our desire rises up to you.

We come to you brokenhearted.

The cracks in our fragile world
grow wider every day,
split by our greed and complacency.

We come to you brokenhearted.

We take as much as we can grab.

Our idol is scarcity.

We do not remember
your promises of milk and honey.

We come to you brokenhearted.

**Those in need sit outside the door,
unable to walk and with little to eat.
We try not to look as we come and go.
We come to you brokenhearted.**

Silent prayers are offered

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here on the altar are the broken pieces of our heart, God.

We trust that you will knit them together to renew in us a right spirit. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Peace of God

J. Rutter

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

*Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, who cares for us with the tenderness of a loving parent, gather up these gifts. Consecrate them to sow seeds of healing and hope in this world. May the ministries of this your church and we, your people, help for all your children to feel the warmth of your loving care. Amen.

*HYMN

Amazing Grace

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

POSTLUDE

Delicate Balance

Steve Morse

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

INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP MARCH 13, 2022 10:00 AM

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

Sara Born, lector

Dan Smith, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Sue Douglass, organist

Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist

PRCC Chancel Choir

Angeli Choir

Brian Torosian, guitar

Ushers: Scott Nelson, Charlie Giera, Kym Dohnke, Linda LeDuc, Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, and Liz Ewald

Credits:

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Prayer of Confession From The Seekers Church www.seekerschurch.org

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 6TH:

Altar Flowers this week are in loving memory of Peggy Hardacre

- Birthdays: Judy M., Bob S. and Kenna G. on 3/6; Caroline Y., Norma S., L. and Elizabeth W. on 3/7; John D. on 3/8; Sam M. on 3/9; Alex B. on 3/10; Danny B. on 3/11; Therese W. and David S. on 3/12...and that takes us to next Sunday, 3/13, when we celebrate Ginny F. and Colin W.
- Kim D. is celebrating that she is feeling better and getting a new phone. Working technology is a joy for all of us and Kim is thrilled!
- It was a joy to gather yesterday to celebrate and honor the life of Alayne Richards.
- Sarah M shares the joy that her friends Matt and Danielle brought their twins Bailen and Finley home. from the hospital after being born a bit early and spending time in NICU.
- Robin & Ed share the joy that their son Scott is now able to walk on his healing leg and is returning to work. They are all so grateful for the concern and prayers.
- We pray for Nancy S as she is home recovering from surgery she had last week. Please continue to pray for her as she regains her strength and heals.
- We hold Pastor Mollie in our prayers as she meets with the Church and Ministry team of the Chicago Metropolitan Association to formally begin the ordination process in the United Church of Christ.
- Darcy asks us to include her future mother in law Rosa in our prayers as she awaits a medical procedure and the results from that. Waiting can be a difficult time so please pray for Rosa's patience and heart in this time of waiting.
- Karen W asks for prayer for a coworker, whose mom has serious medical issues and is weary of the fight for improved health. Karen expresses that her co-worker cherishes our prayers for her mom and for herself.
- Continued prayers for our fragile ones, Dean W., Reggie P., Kay S. and Barb P.
- Please hold one family who suffered a miscarriage this week. We pray for physical healing, as well as the healing of grief and emotional weight of dashed hopes and disappointment.
- We hold the Hardacre family in our prayers as they celebrate Peggy's life on Friday.
- Please hold in your prayers the family and friends of Lois Saulier who entered life in the Resurrection 1/7. Lois was a participant of the Knitting Knights and made many adorable baby sweaters.

Happy Birthday!!!

3/13 - Ginny Feurer, Colin Wehman

3/14 - Molly O'Brien, Lucas Reboletti

4/15 - Nancy Fabisch

3/18 - Doris Sikorsky, Adrian Hill

3/19 - Judy Sindt, Judy Foster

3/20 - John Hurd, Mike Laginess , Cheri Carpenter



UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY FAMILY NIGHT

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

RISE UP: STONEWALL AND The LGBTQ RIGHTS MOVEMENT TOUR

We have arranged for a docent-led group tour of Rise Up: Stonewall and The LGBTQ Rights Movement at the Illinois Holocaust Museum. The tour will take place on Sat., Apr. 2 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. If anyone would like to carpool or caravan to the museum, we will meet in PRCC's parking lot at 9:15. We will spend about an hour at the exhibit and will have a time for group reflection following that. Full vaccination and mask wearing is required per museum guidelines. Cost is as follows: \$15/adult age 23-65, \$12/adult age 65+, \$10/youth age 12-22. **Please send payment and proof of vaccination to Jaclyn (office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) by Tues., Mar. 22 to reserve your spot.** This tour is open to the entire congregation, so please share this invitation with others and encourage them to join us. We hope to have great participation for this impactful event.

VOLUNTEER!

SIMPLE SUPPER

If you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or help with set up/clean up, please do so here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-simple>

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=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aQT09>

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

Beauty for Ashes: Discovering Hope in the Healing Bible Study

Join Pastor Carol for a Thursday night Lenten study, focusing on scriptures of holy transformation, spiritual practices, and beauty. Music, Art, and Discussion tied into the sermon series will take on a little different feel from week to week as we journey together this Lent! This study begins Thursday, March 3 and will conclude Thursday, April 7. Bring your Bible and a pen! Due to the participatory elements of this study, it will be held **in person only** without a Zoom component.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

YOUTH REFUGEE SIMULATION – TODAY at 11:30 am

In this interactive simulation with Exodus World Services, youth will take on the roles of refugees forced to flee their homeland, making tough decisions along the way. This immersive experience engages participants through compelling true stories and discussion questions. Follow in the steps of a refugee.

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>.

MY BIBLE PRESENTATION

We have 22 children currently in our My Bible Class! They will receive their Bibles during worship on Sunday, April 3rd. This will also kick off My Communion, beginning the same day

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.



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