



**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 20, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Lent 3: Our Story
MARCH 20, 2022

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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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all stories, we bring our lives to you,

the Author of all life.

Too often we have accepted another narrative—
one that tells us we will never be good enough.

**Forgive us, Lord, for the falsehoods
we accept in exchange for your truth.**

We wait with bated breath to hear your narrative for our lives.

Tell us the story of your love again.

Amen.

*HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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*OPENING PRAYER

Loving and caring God, we come this morning in hope – hope that will sustain us in our trying times, our lonely times, our doubting times. Refresh us this morning with the living water of your presence and love. Open us to seeing how our life story is clarified and given deeper meaning through the gift of your living water. Open us to the possibilities of how our story might help bring the good news of your love to someone who needs to hear it. Open us to the possibility of encountering you in unexpected ways and seeing the miraculous in everyday life. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 36:5-9

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Cum Sancto Spiritu

arr. Libergen

(translation: With the Holy Spirit for the Glory of God forever. Amen.)

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.

PREACHING LESSON

John 4:7-15, 39-42
This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Tell the Old, Old, Story

Pastor Mollie Foster

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient and ever-faithful God, we come to you this morning confessing that we can be a grumpy and unsatisfied people. When things are not perfect in our eyes, we murmur and complain, grumble and doubt. We lose hope in the people around us and, even worse, we lose hope in you. We challenge instead of accept. We put you to the test rather than trust your caring love. Forgive our doubts and complaining. Forgive our loss of hope. Let your healing, life-giving water pour over us. Restore our souls.

Silent prayers are offered

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our hope and assurance rest in God’s unfailing love and forgiveness. Open your hearts and minds and souls that the healing waters of God’s never-ending love and forgiveness may flow into and over you. Know that in this love and forgiveness you have encountered the living God. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Lord’s My Shepherd

arr. Ferguson

***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**

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

***HYMN**

What Wondrous Love is This

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

POSTLUDE

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP MARCH 20, 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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist
PRCC Chancel Choir
Eric Johnson, lector
Mary Johnson, lector

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

Credits:

Call to Worship written by Dr. Marcia McFee

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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.

Altar Flowers this Week are in Celebration of Judy Sindt's 80th Birthday on March 19th!

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 13TH:

- Happy Birthday! Ginny F. and Colin W. on 3/13, Molly O. and Luke R. on 3/14, Nancy F on 3/15, Doris S. and Adrian H. on 3/18, Judy F. and Judy S. on 3/19!
- This week the Sissman's celebrate an anniversary on 3/17.
- We celebrate the new members who will join our congregation on 3/13!
- We give thanks for the youth and their journey to learn more about ministry with refugees today.
- We give thanks for last Sunday's experiences, including worship, grief exercise, coffee hour, and prayer wall with Stephen Ministers.
- Please hold Deuce Hill in your prayers as he is treated and recovers from Lyme disease.
- Liz and Dave S. ask for prayers for grandson Isaac who had a procedure on 3/14.. Prayers for Leena, Josh and Isaac, as well as the medical team.
- We give praise that Naomi's brother is home and moving in the right direction toward healing.
- We hold Tom R in our prayers who had a brief stay in the hospital this week.
- Liz E asks for prayers for her mother Maria, whose health has been strong, but is facing some new challenges.
- Anita has requested prayers for her friends' granddaughter, Luna. Luna as born 3 weeks ago with many complications and was on the heart/lung machine. The doctors are seeing improvements in her condition. Please pray for all those who love and are caring for Luna as she slowly improves.



Happy Birthday!!!

3/21 - Owen Smith
3/22 - Zachary Reboletti; Sally Mauery
3/23 - Becca Lapp; Patty Flener
3/25 - Janet Parker
3/26 - Kylie Figgins; Megan Hinton
3/27 - Evan Curtis

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>

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Our next date to serve is April 7th sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln15>.

UKRAINE SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Here are a few ways you can help:

You can donate directly to the UCC Emergency Appeal here - <https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal> or you can write a check to PRCC with the memo "Ukraine Support".

PRCC Knitting Knights Collection - please note changes in donation needs

We will collect items here and deliver them to be included. **Items needed are medical supplies, non-perishable foods, and toiletries only.** Our outreach team will receive these in Park Place room and get them to where they need to be! Thank you for your generous donations and of course, we continue to offer our prayers as well.

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

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

MY COMMUNION CLASS

My Communion will begin on April 3, 2022 during the Sunday School Hour in the Church Library. My Communion is a three-week class for children in second grade and older and will be facilitated by Pastor Mollie and Pastor Angie. At PRCC, we celebrate an open table! Meaning, all are always welcome to participate in Holy Communion as we are all children of God and God is active in all of us! We do not require one to be of a certain age or have participated in any class. And so, the intention of My Communion is to help children grow in their knowledge and explore the significance of this sacrament!

Children who participate in My Communion will be recognized on May 1st during the 10:00am worship service.

My Communion Class Dates:

April 3

April 10

April 24

My Communion Recognition:

May 1st, 10:00 am Worship

Youth Mission Trip Training

We currently have 27 youth and 12 adults participating in the summer mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project! All participants are highly encouraged to attend special training dates before our departure in June! We will be discussing our work projects, learning of issues residents face in Central Appalachia, and our purpose for going to this region.

ASP Training Dates:

Sunday, March 27th: 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, April 10th: 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, May 15th: 11:30 am -1:00 pm ~ During this training, Youth will learn who is in their work crew!

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.

ORDER YOUR EASTER TULIPS!!

Please fill out the form below and put in the collection plate on Sunday or drop off in the office. Price is \$11.00.

Name: _____

My donation is: ____ in memory of, ____ in honor of, ____ in celebration of:

Make check payable to: Park Ridge Community Church.

Many thanks for making it possible to cover our altar with a profusion of blooms!



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