



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 27, 2022

10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Lent 4: Different Pictures
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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

A Lotus on Irish Stream

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

What's that stone there, the one cast aside?

That's the stone the builders rejected.

Isn't it any good?

Are you kidding? It's the cornerstone of God's house!

It looks alive.

It is, and through God, we too are living stones.

Can you build anything with living stones?

God can, if we're willing.

If we're willing?

God can build us into a spiritual house – if we are willing.

Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Were You There?

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*OPENING PRAYER

Artistic and creative God, you know that as we look at ourselves, we notice every imperfection and flaw. We cannot dream of how you would choose to use us, and yet you have instilled in each one a beautiful manifestation of your spirit. Help us to resist foolish impositions, assumptions, and stereotypes. Instead let us live into the gift of community, in which we become a more whole, more holy piece of what you are doing in this world. We are your holy vessels. Remind us of that this day. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 31:1-16

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

Nestor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PREACHING LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-7, 10

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Broken Pieces

Rev. Carol Hill

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the Arts and the Divine Perspective, we ask for illumination.

Show us the light of your joy and hope.

We come together with different ideas and different experiences of the Holy.

We confess the ways in which we have dishonored the spiritual other,

choosing instead to claim our own perspective as the only truth.

Help us to see that we are all your children, each with a different story.

Amen.

Silent prayers are offered

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God who has searched us and known us, pulls us close, forgives us, heals us and builds us into a spiritual house, filled with love, joy, peace, and hope.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***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 of overflowing abundance, you have fed us with your spiritual milk and nourished us with your heavenly food. When the snares of this world threatened to overwhelm us, you have been our fortress and our rock, saving us from the net that is hidden from us. As people thankful for the mercy we have received, we entrust our lives and our spirit into your care, offering you our gifts, in the hope that they may reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

***HYMN**

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

DuBois

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

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

INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP MARCH 27, 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

Anita Rifkind, Lector

Dave Kopolnek, Lector

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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Sue Douglass, organist

Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist

PRCC Chancel Choir

Bob Mack, bass

Bruce Nelson, vibes

Greg Winston, piano

Credits:

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Prayer of Confession written by Dr. Marcia McFee. Benediction from The Seeker Church www.seekerchurch.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, and Kate Zoellner.

Flowers this week are in celebration of Sam McCarty who recently turned 6!

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MARCH 20TH:

- Flowers this week are in celebration of Judy Sindt's 80th birthday, which was March 19th!
- We celebrate that Little Isaac's procedure went smoothly and there was nothing serious to address immediately.
- Please hold Joe D. in your prayers as he heals from a bike accident.
- Kim D. asks for prayers as she waits for another doctor consultation for her hand. Please pray for her to find calm in the waiting and for a good outcome with next steps toward healing.
- Elaine Z. asks for prayer for her mother Bernice who will be traveling to California and gone for a few weeks. Please pray that Bernice can stay healthy and enjoy herself visiting with different family members there.
- Lorenzo has asked for prayers for his father Frank as he is struggling with shingles. We pray for his healing and strength.
- We hold Grace C. in our prayers as she recovers from emergency gallbladder surgery this week.
- We pray for all of those who are grieving, as we know grief is messy and brings challenges each and every day. Especially we pray for Cheryl's neighbor whose husband recently died of brain cancer.
- Darcy L. asks for prayers for her cousin's fiance as they grieve the loss of their father.
- Please pray for Ronald R as he recovers from covid and medical complications. He is in a care facility and is grateful for our prayers for him as well as Arlyn as she also cares for him.
- Katie and Keith R. ask us to pray for their niece Ann who is only 12 and is facing a chronic illness.
- Lois asks for prayers after she and her friend were hit by a car Friday walking across the street. She is mostly OK with some knee and arm pain so please pray that there is nothing seriously injured.
- We hold the family and friends of Barbara Pfaff in our prayers as she entered life in the resurrection last Sunday, March 13. A memorial service will be held on April 23 at 1 pm in our sanctuary.
- We hold the people of Ukraine in our prayers, for leaders and international bodies as they consider ways to support freedom and democracy.



Happy Birthday!!!

3/28 - Jacob Hennessy

3/30 - Gary Johnson; Kelsi Garcia

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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 8:30 am and 10 am

Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm

Good Friday 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10 am with string quartet, trumpets, and full choir!

April 24th - One service at 10 am only; Jazz Sunday

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 10:00 am 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:

TODAY : 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!

Flowers are yours to take home after the 10 am service!



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