

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

*Hosanna*  
IN THE

*highest.*

MATTHEW 21:9

April 10, 2022 ♦ 10:00 AM  
PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Palm Sunday  
APRIL 10, 2022

10:00 am

## 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

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!*

L. Larson

### \*THE STORY BEGINS

As Jesus approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell them, 'The Lord needs it.'"

**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Open the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to God!  
This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter!  
I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation!

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."  
You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.**

### \*HYMN

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

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### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

### SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC

*Hosanna  
I Just Wanna Be A Sheep*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*The Donkey's Song*

J. McCutchen

**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**

Psalm 118:1, 19-29

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**When the hoof hits the road**

Pastor Carol Hill

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain.**

**At times we are unwilling to answer your invitation; slow to take steps into the journey toward your Kin-dom. Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to embrace the joy and the pain which comes of following you, of loving others, of accepting ourselves.**

**Grant us the courage to join you in the procession;**

**the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you;**

**the freedom to lift our palms to your glory;**

**and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear this good news! The procession is ever moving forward.

We can join at any moment. The invitation still stands!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God! Amen!**

**OFFERTORY**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Hopson

**\*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 All, we lay our gifts before you, humbled by your sacrificial love. Use all that we have and all that we are to build up your kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Now we will set aside our palm branches,

**to go and serve at God's side  
in a broken and fearful world.**

Now we will pick up our cloaks  
and follow Jesus wherever he leads,

**to learn from those the world ignores,  
to be touched by the grace within them.**

Now we will sing songs of wonder,

**as we work alongside the Spirit,  
sustaining the weary with peace and hope.**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

DuBois

**POSTLUDE**

*This Glorious Day*

S. Geschke

*\* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP APRIL 10, 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 Ministry  
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, organist  
Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist  
PRCC Chancel Choir  
Bells on High, Sandy Bowen, director  
Mark Holihan, guitar  
Bob Mack, bass

Ushers: Barb Madro, Marty McHugh, Chris Browning, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Jim Sindt, Brandon Steele, Dave Figgins, and Joe Figgins

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**Credits:**

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Benediction 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.

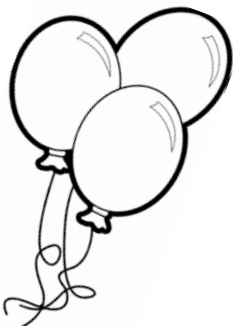
## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

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

**Altar Flowers this week are from The Gudmundsson Family in Honor of Birth Mothers, Adopted Children, and their Adoptive Parents - The Adoption Triad.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>:

- We celebrate a meaningful trip to the Holocaust museum on 4/2, which included over 20 folks.
- We celebrate our children receiving their Bibles and those who are learning about communion today and in the weeks to come.
- Prayers are with Epworth UMC as they conclude their ministry after celebrating 133 years of ministry in Edgewater.
- We pray for those who are recovering from surgeries from this past week.
- The Swansons ask for prayer for their friend Angie who is scheduled for brain surgery in New York to repair two aneurysms on 4/19.
- Berty S. asks us to pray for her nephew Brian who had a tumor removed from brain and will be receiving a specialized radiation treatment.
- Please pray for Lisa I's brother Jackie Ryan. Jackie found out yesterday that he has inoperable cancer and is terminally sick. He is her older brother who took care of her when she was young and they remain very close. Lisa is heartbroken and trying to get to South Dakota to be with her brother. Please pray for her ability to make the trip and for this holy time that Jackie can have with his younger sister as well as the rest of his family.
- We hold our young people in our prayers as they navigate a myriad of challenges, especially we pray for a student of Candace M who faces a tough home situation.
- We pray for the family and friends of Kay Snow, who entered life in the resurrection on March 26. Kay was a more recent member of PRCC, who loved worshiping here because of the music and the community she found. Her services and burial will take place at a later date in Kentucky.
- Please keep the Pantazi family in your prayers. Our dear friend and member Reggie Pantazi, who has been a member here for many years entered life in the resurrection on March 30th. There will be a time of visitation on Friday, and her service will be held at 1 pm on 4/8 at the Morizzo Funeral Home in Hoffman Estates.



### **Happy Birthday!!!**

4/12 - Melissa Hulting

4/16 - Marilyn Andersen; Bennett Smith

4/17 - Martha Pietsch; Clark Simpson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JORDAN HALL LABYRINTH

We have created a prayer labyrinth in the back of Jordan Hall by the prayer wall. This labyrinth is available for all people to come and walk and pray throughout Holy Week. As you walk the labyrinth, you draw closer to the heart of God, considering all the burdens you've been carrying. Once you arrive in the center, pray to release those burdens into God's care, and instead that you would embody the love and light of God to shine forth into the world as you walk from the center back out. If you encounter other labyrinth walkers, kindly pass one another and say a quick prayer for them and their journey.

### 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

April 24th - 10 am only, Jazz Sunday

### EASTER ACTIVITIES

**Easter Breakfast** will be served between the 8:30 am and 10 am services. If you would like to bring something to share, please contact Siri Nelson - 847-721-1838.

**The Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at 11:30 am on the Carriage House Lawn. There will be a designated area for toddlers.



### WALK OR BIKE TO CHURCH - April 24th

April 22nd is Earth Day! To celebrate our team is encouraging PRCC members to ride bikes or walk to church on Sunday, April 24th at the 10 AM service. There are bike racks outside of the Park Place door entrance as well as additional bike racks across the street at City Hall and by the Metra station on both the Summit and Fairview sides of the tracks. We'll have a PRCC water bottle as a gift for walkers/bicyclers. Come and enjoy Jazz Sunday while being good stewards of our planet at the same time!

### SWING INTO SPRING

Come and swing into spring to the smooth jazz sounds of the Wehman band! This evening of fun music will include a dance floor and many sing-along favorites! Ticket price includes light snacks and beverage service. All proceeds support the mission and ministry of Park Ridge Community Church! To purchase your ticket, contact the church [office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) or see Sasha after church!

### PRCC OUTREACH HOUSEWARMING - May 15th

The Outreach Committee is currently collecting items in partnership with Exodus to provide a Refugee Family with items to fill a new home. There are many items needs, as you can understand, when you set up a new home. Items need to be new, and there are many options on what you could buy! If you would like to donate, please sign up for an item via the Sign Up Genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-exodus>. Items can be dropped off in the Park Place Room.

## VOLUNTEER!

### CANDY NEEDED!

We are in need of donations of easter candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt happening after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday. There is a collection bucket under the tv in the Park Place Room.

### SIMPLE SUPPER

If you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or help with set up/clean up for our Thursday evening suppers, please do so here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-simple>

## **UKRAINE CONTRIBUTIONS - We have surpassed our Goal!!!**

We will be sending a donation directly to relief efforts organized through partners with the United Church of Christ. We now have matching challenge gifts up to \$7,500 for all donations received between March 20th and Easter! **To date, we have raised \$7,772 exceeding our goal!** This is the final week to give towards this collection, and we anticipate the needs will continue and we will likely take another collection in the future for Ukraine.

## **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=VWQzc3ROSEVHNzJraXNQOWdPOW1aQT09>

### **ADULT ED: Thursday Evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm BEGINS ON APRIL 21**

#### ***Abundant Living***

During our Abundant Living Bible Study, we will consider the Abundant Life that is available to us here and now, and we will also consider the abundant life that is to come in eternity. This series will continue on Thursdays from April 21 – May 19 and will include Five Wishes, memorial service planning, and obituary writing. Bleak? Nope! We will celebrate the ways we experience abundant life and celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection!

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **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, May 15<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 am -1:00 pm ~ During this training, Youth will learn who is in their work crew!

**MY COMMUNION CLASS** begins today during Sunday School for students in 2nd grade and older children who missed My Communion in the past. The class will receive communion in worship on Sunday, May 1.

### **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!

### **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!! - Last Sunday to Order!

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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**7:00 PM**

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**\$50 PER TICKET**

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