



EASTER
BRINGS

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“In his great mercy he has given us
new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ...”

1 Peter 1:3

EASTER WORSHIP

Abundant Life: The Resurrection of Our Lord

10:00 AM

APRIL 17, 2021

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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Alleluja from Exsultate, Junilate

Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; He is risen indeed.**

Out of the doom of death and despair,
Victory comes, glory appears.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; He is risen indeed.**

We shall live, witness, and recount the deeds
Of the God whose love endures forever.

**We gather today to shout Alleluia!
Christ is risen; He is risen indeed.**

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O, Redeeming God,
Like Mary of Magdala weeping at the tomb,
we, too, have witnessed the wonders of your work with our own teary eyes.
In this hour, O God, elevate us in Christ and with the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that others may be awakened through our preaching and proclaiming the good news:
news of healing, peace, justice, and community for all people.
God, you call us to step out of the tombs that aim to consume us
and step more intentionally into the fullness of life that abounds in your presence.
In stillness and in silence, we acknowledge the ways we have been separated from
the richness of who you have called us to be.

Silent prayers are offered

We admit that we have not always remembered the creative power of resurrection.

**In a world where dreams and joy have been entombed,
and chaos is celebrated and normalized,
we have not always considered the divine ingenuity at work
that calls us toward the ways of peace, love, and hope.
Although we may have strayed from the places where we meet you,
we trust that not even death can separate us from you
and the creative ways you show your love for us.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

We know that you can bring us back to life, O God—
That you will meet us in the shadows and remind us that there are no limits to this life.

**With the fresh breath of the Holy Spirit, we are revived.
Thanks be to God!
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 THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Antiphonal Gloria Alleluia

A. Vivaldi

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Luke 24:1-12

This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Finding Hope Again

Rev. Carol Hill

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. McDonald

*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. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We bring our gifts to you in response to the good news. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still.
May all that we do be in response to new life. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer,
and transform our lives to conform with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear
of the salvation you bring. Amen.**

*HYMN

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

G.F. Handel

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – APRIL 17, 2022

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Dan Smith, Lector
PRCC Chancel Choir
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Travis Heath, trumpet
Jane Kenas-Heller, piano
Dave Belden, violin
Karen Nelson, violin
Naomi Hildner, violin
Margaret Daly, cello

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

Credits:

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by Rev. Mia M. McClain, the Associate Minister at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC and a member of the Southern Conference UCC.

PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that we 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:

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

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM APRIL 10TH:

- Joan & Steve Huening are the thrilled grandparents of Maggie Elizabeth arrived 4/7 and all are doing well.
- Lisa Irwin is grateful to be able to spend time with her brother in South Dakota.
- Please pray for Lorel B's brother who is beginning a 6 month regimen of chemotherapy.
- Pat T. asks for prayers for her husband Bob who is awaiting results from medical tests.
- Paula M. asks for prayers for her sister Laura as she continues to face various health challenges.
- The Salamone family asks for prayers for their family friend who is recovering from emergency surgery.
- Please pray for Berlene, a family member of Laura & Marty S., who is recovering from a fall.
- We hold in prayer the family & friends of Katherine Vabro, who entered life in the Resurrection on 4/9. Katherine was good friends with the Sissman family.
- Please pray for the family and friends of Jennifer W's cousin CJ who died this past weekend in a car accident.
- We celebrated a beautiful celebration of the life of Reggie Pantazi on 4/9 and continue to hold the family in our prayers.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS FOR APRIL 17TH:

- We pray for all those who participated in and included private prayers in the Prayer Wall.
- Prayers for Brian and Grace, Janet J.'s son and daughter in law, as they say goodbye to their beloved dog Sadie this week.
- Please pray for Bud S. as he recovers from a medical procedure this past week.
- Please pray for the family of Jennifer W's cousin CJ who died this past weekend in a car accident.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Ginny J. who entered Life in the Resurrection on 4/12.

Happy Birthday!!!

4/18 - Tim Mauery

4/19 - Barbara Scharringhausen

4/20 - Lynn Duffy; Scott Hollingsworth

4/21 - Lara Zimmerman

4/22 - Nathan Tumminello

4/24 - Dave Swanson; Bria Sanderson

2022 EASTER FLOWERS

Many thanks to the following individuals and families who donated the beautiful Tulips for our sanctuary this Easter:

Massie Bernardo in Loving Memory of my Mother.

Sue and Dave Douglass in Loving Memory of Wilma & Lou Limper and Ruth & Bernard Douglass.

Winnie Ericksen in Celebration of Easter!

Gale and Nancy Fabisch in Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones.

Sasha Gerritson in Loving Memory of Irene McGowan.
In Honor of Alicen McGowan and Elsie Jarvis.

The Gudmundsson Family in Celebration of Beautiful Flowers!

The Hill Family in Loving Memory of Halle Grace Hill.

Jason Hinton in Celebration of my Wife and Kids!

Mark and Nancy Holihan in Celebration of their grandchildren - Clare, Morgan, Felix, and Murphy.
In Loving Memory of Phyllis Holihan and Doris Blash.

Jamie Knoblauch in Loving Memory of Al Knoblauch.

Gary and Janet Johnson in Celebration of Spring!

Marty McHugh in Loving Memory of Matthew McHugh.

Dianne Meltreger in Loving Memory of Our Beloved Families.

Karen and Bruce Nelson in Loving Memory of our Parents

Lesley Ofenloch in Loving Memory of Dennis Ofenloch and Karen Rolsing.

Beth Parsch

Michelle Regnier and Megan Thomas in Loving Memory of Hans and Corry Regnier.
In Honor of Don and Mary Elise Thomas.
In Celebration of Adrian and Pastor Carol Hill.

Anita Rifkind

Jim and Judy Sindt in Honor of Gertrude Sindt.

Marty and Laura Sissman in Loving Memory of Carl & Judy Hedberg.

The Swanson Family

Angie and Andrew Weber in Celebration of their beautiful flowers, John and Lily.

Edde Young

Lois Zitoli in Loving Memory of Tim Madden.

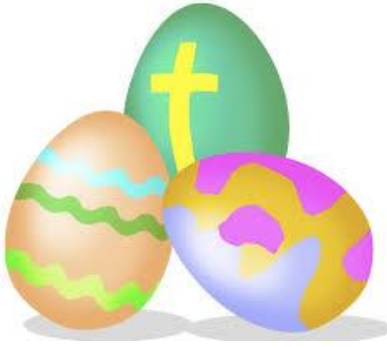
Elaine Zabawski

Luan Zoellner in Loving Memory of Bill Zoellner.

**Tulips are yours to take home after the 10 am Service.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us at 11:30 am on the front Lawn at Prospect!

EASTER BRUNCH

Thank you to our volunteers that have provided Brunch this morning! Please come and enjoy before and after the 10 am service!

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!

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 needed, 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.



**Swing
into
Spring**

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022
7:00 PM

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-a-long favorites!
Ticket price includes light snacks and beverage service.

\$50 PER TICKET

To purchase your ticket, contact the church office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

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