



**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*

April 3, 2022  
10:00 AM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Lent 5: Restoration  
APRIL 3, 2022

10:00 am  
HOLY COMMUNION

## 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

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

L. Larson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Can these bones live?

**Only God knows.**

Can these people wake up to the good news?

**Only God knows.**

Can this church be revitalized?

**Only God knows.**

Come Holy Spirit and breathe your Life into our lives this day.

**Restore us from our brokenness into your new creation.**

### \*HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

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### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Healing God, we are sorely in need of your enlivening breath. We long for healing, and yet sometimes it seems that we are too far gone. Sometimes it seems that even you wouldn't choose to restore the likes of us. And yet. We know that we are never beyond your reach. Fill us and restore us this day that we would have life abundantly once more. Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Psalm 126

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Only Hope*

J. Foreman

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### Bible Presentation

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.

The Bible tells us who we are. It reminds us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. We are the Community of the Faithful.

*We receive these Bibles with thanks.*

*We will read and study the Bible together.*

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you as you read its stories and learn about God. May God bless you as you use this Bible in your home, Sunday school, and worship. We will continue to learn and grow together with you in our love for God's Word.**

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

arr. Lowry

**PREACHING LESSON**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Can These Bones Live?**

Rev. Carol Hill

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy Healer, we come to you seeking restoration.

**We confess our need to encounter your saving grace.**

**We are filled with doubts, wearied from our worries.**

You are always near, and yet we often try to pick up all the pieces ourselves.

**Restore us to wholeness, and help us to know we are never alone.**

Inspire us with your spirit of healing, hope, and life.

**We breathe deeply, inhaling your love and grace.**

**Fill us, Holy One.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Our God is a God of healing hope, breathing new life in unexpected places, surprising us with laughter and shouts of joy.

**Thanks be to God who restores us, renews us, and resuscitates us! Amen.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Pie Jesu from Requiem*

John 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 of life, you have given us our very existence. Even when we are dried up and feel only hopelessness and despair, you enliven us with your Spirit and raise us up once again. With grateful hearts we offer you our gifts, our service, our selves. Accept our offerings, O God. Like the murmur of the Dove's song, come, Holy Spirit, come and breathe into us and bless us with your grace and love, that we might choose the way of life as we journey toward the resurrection and beyond. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Jesus calls us to the well,  
inviting us to drink of the Living Water, and the life eternal.

**Jesus calls us out of the shadows, out of the graves,  
to be entirely known, and entirely filled with God's presence.**

Jesus calls us all:  
all who were made in God's own image,  
all who breathe the breath of God's spirit:  
the Spirit of Life.

**Jesus calls us to the table,  
to the meal that nourishes our bodies  
and binds our dry bones into one Body, living in Christ.**

...You are everywhere in this very moment;  
holding the entirety of living experience

and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation.

**Creator God, mother and father of us all,  
in your holy love you took on our limitations.  
Born of a body, bound within a body,  
you know the whole of this human experience.  
Learning to communicate with words;  
teaching us to communicate with presence.  
Learning the fears that wring us dry;  
teaching us of the love that nurtures us back to life.**

...In eating and drinking together we receive Jesus' love,  
Transform our hearts, and imagine new futures.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen,  
Christ will come once again.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

*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.*

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Source of life, and breath, and being,  
breathe into the dry dust of our existence.  
Nourished in body by bread and juice,  
may we strive for the nourishment of all bodies:  
may we work to end hunger in this creation that provides amply for all.  
Nourished in spirit by the Body which is within our own,  
may we strive for the incorporation of all:  
may we work to break the barriers  
that divide us from one another and from you.  
In the love that sustains us, and the Spirit that animates us,  
may we give all thanks and praise to you, O God of all. Amen.**

<b>*HYMN</b>	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>	314
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*CHORAL BENEDICTION</b>	<i>Christ, We Do All Adore Thee</i>	DuBois
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	L. Larson

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

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

#### LEADING US IN WORSHIP APRIL 3, 2022 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister	Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister	Sue Douglass, organist
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services	Jane Kenas-Heller, pianist
Angie Do, Seminary Student Intern	PRCC Chancel Choir
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry	Junior Choir
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry	Bells on High, Sandy Bowen, director
Sarah Young, lector	

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

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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, 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 27<sup>TH</sup>:

- It's a joy to have our senior contact committee deliver home-made bread to our seniors and the joy that was shared.
- We celebrate Spring break adventures that allowed many folks in our congregation and community to take a deep breath and experience renewal.
- We celebrate with Ed N. his adventure this last week catching a 35 inch lake trout!
- We pray for those who had various medical procedures this last week and are recovering & healing from those. We also hold in our prayers our dear ones facing doctors appointments and medical procedures in the upcoming week.
- Our prayers are with our friends at Epworth United Methodist Church, which will be leaving its building in Edgewater on Easter Sunday. All are invited to a time of worship on 4/3 at 3:00 pm.
- Elaine Z. asks us to hold her friend Renea in prayer as she awaits some medical evaluations. Please pray for her peace of mind in this waiting time.
- We pray for all those who struggle to find the words to put into prayer, for those who cannot name their situation aloud, but whose hearts are breaking.
- Candace M. asks for prayers for a student facing a difficult situation at home.
- Sue L. and Julie B. ask for prayers for their friend Joyce who has been hospitalized.
- We celebrate that an anonymous donation to match another \$2,500 to support Ukraine has come in!
- We hold in our prayers the Seibert and Kaplan families as they grieve the loss of Brian Kaplan. Brian entered life in the resurrection 3/25 and was Naomi's brother in Seattle for whom we have been praying.



### Happy Birthday!!!

4/2 - Lyle Nicholson

4/4 - Janice Cannon

4/5 - Barb Madro

4/6 - Bill Barsanti; Logan Hinton

4/8 - Steffi Beery

## 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!

### **GRIEF LABYRINTH**

On Thursday, 4/7 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, we will be offering a time to consider feelings of grief through a grief labyrinth. Over the last few months, we have offered ways to face and address our feelings of grief through different experiences and group settings. The grief labyrinth is an experiential way to "walk" through grief. This Lenten journey has been designed to lead us toward healing, hope and abundant life. All are welcome to experience the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth.

### **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

### **ST PAUL OF THE CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

St Paul of the Cross Church is hosting a blood drive in association with Vitalant (formerly LifeSource) on **Sunday, April 10th from 8 am until 2 pm**. The Blood Drive will be held at the Morello Parish Life Center at 320 S. Washington in Park Ridge (behind the church). Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted. Contact the Blood Drive Coordinators, Christine Perille, 847-494-5150 or Eileen Kaczmarek 847-698-4558 with any questions or to schedule your appointment. You may also go to [Vitalant.org](http://Vitalant.org) **and use code ORD0RG08..** Please call 877-258-4825 option #1 with medical or travel questions.

### **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!

## 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, 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 CONTRIBUTIONS**

Here are ways you can help:

Donate directly to PRCC through Zelle, Paypal, or check with "Ukraine Support" in the memo. 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 \$3,172 towards that goal!

## 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=VWQzc3R0SEVHNzJraXNQWdPOW1aQT09>

### **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 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, April 10th: 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!

### **LENTEN ROCK HUNT**

All ages are invited to participate in a Lenten Scripture Rock Hunt. There are rocks outside the church with numbers and words on them, which you will find and write down the clues on your special decoder page. After you've found all 21 rocks, you will discover a special scripture verse to bless your Lent. Kids, Youth, and Adults of all ages will enjoy this challenging hunt! Please leave all rocks where you find them.

### **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.

**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.



## 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:

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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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