



“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- Jesus

May 3, 2026

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Just Love
May 3, 2026

The Community
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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bells on High

*CALL TO WORSHIP

You are welcome in this place, where God meets us in love.

Why are we here? We are here to love God with all that we have and all that we are.

You are welcome in this place, where God loves us as children.

Why are we here? We are here to love ourselves as deeply as God loves us.

Welcome to this place, where God serves us at the Table of love and grace.

Why are we here? We are here to be sent forth to love others as deeply as we love God and ourselves.

*HYMN

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

430

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone - even You - more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;
in God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;
in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

**Forgiven, loved, sent forth - we are not far from God's Kingdom!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Though I May Speak

***Though I May Speak With Bravest Fire, and Have The Gift To All Inspire,
and Have Not Love, My Words Are Vain, As Sounding Brass, and Hopeless Gain.***

*PASSING THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Homeward Bound

Youth Choir

FIRST LESSON

Romans 14:13-19

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Everything Hallelujah

Jacky Dustin Good

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

***PREACHING LESSON** Luke 5:17-20
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Loving Community" Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY O Lord, Bread of Life Faure

***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**
As we offer our gifts, our hearts, our lives to you, may we see your kingdom of hope and wonder, of healing and kindness unfolding in our midst. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
My beloved siblings in Christ, may the Lord be with you.
And also with you.
My beloved Family of God, lift up your hearts.
Our hearts are lifted high to God.
Beloved of God, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Thanksgiving is in our hearts, and praise is on our lips.
...Therefore, we join our voices, with the saints of every time and of every place, singing our praises to your heart:
Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord God of our souls. Heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them glorify your name forever. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One whose help is in you. Hosanna in the highest!
...His life, his words, his death, his resurrection are mysteries we may not understand completely, but which we will proclaim with faith:
Christ died, loving us more than himself; Christ rose, loving God with all that he was; Christ will come again, loving all God's children, so we might be neighbors forever.
...Through your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our grace; through the Spirit, who is our hope; we honor and glorify your love for all people in creation, Great God, our peace and our joy, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

***HYMN** *Let Us Break Bread Together* 513

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Morning Has Broken* Sherman

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT* **BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE**

In the event of an emergency, please follow the direction of the ushers.

Leading Us in Worship:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Rev. Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Coren Smith, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist
Chancel Choir
Youth Choir
Dr. Irwin Heller, Clarinet
Jacky Dustin Good, Voice & Guitar

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our May Ushers: Bill Barsanti (captain), Tom Brunet, Lorel Brunet, Cindy Klimmick, Rich Roecker, and Sharon Kemerer.

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you are joining us in worship today. Please fill out a postcard found in the pew baskets or in the narthex to share your information with us!

Please email office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org if you have any questions.

ALTAR FLOWERS are \$60 to sponsor! You can sign up to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church. All-gender/family restrooms are located at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via Zelle (our Zelle email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org), or via our new online giving platform! You can text "GIVE" to (847)-908-9088 or scan the QR code to make a donation!



OUTREACH

LOVING LUNCHESES - May 10



Help pack lunches for those in need with Loving Lunches on May 10th after the 10 am service! The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit. We are always in need of items for the lunches: individual chips, granola bars, juice boxes, and baggies.

UCC Hawaii Flood Relief Throughout the month of May, we're supporting our United Church of Christ siblings in Hawai'i as they recover from devastating flooding. Our Christian Outreach Team has committed to giving \$500, and we invite you to help us match—or exceed—that gift as a congregation. You can give by marking your donation "UCC Hawai'i Flood Relief" online or by placing a check in the offering plate or church office. Thank you for helping share God's love and care across the wider church.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nursery (Ages 0-5) Our nursery is open from 9:30 – 11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.

Sunday School (Pre-K-5th Grade) Please join us for Sunday School this week! Children will learn the story of The Holy Spirit through a Bible story, music, and crafts. They will meet in grade-level groups and you can pick them up following worship.

6th-12th Grades Youth will remain in worship today for Holy Communion!

My Communion Congratulations to all of our My Communion students—we are so proud of you! Addie Anderson, Monse Galindo, Olivia Galindo, Harper Good, Dylan Grady, Amalia Hogle, Emma Hollingsworth, Sadie Huddleston, Nicholas Laginess, Charles Mehrabian, George Newman, Sanaya Williams

Wacky Wednesday and Youth Choir Wacky Wednesday (6th-8th Grades) Wacky Wednesday provides a fun and safe space at PRCC for Middle School Students on Early Release Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 pm.

ADULT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in Ellinger Transept

Wednesday Night Bible Study is discussing "Who Stole My Bible". This text takes a look at cherished biblical texts that have been co-opted. Books are \$10 from the Church Office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Thursdays at 9:00 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda! All are welcome! Join us on Zoom!

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 the 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 Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Greg Sarlo, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM April 26th:

- We celebrate the birth of Findlay Nelson, son of Eric and Sarah McClean Nelson, who was born on Thursday. We also celebrate with proud grandparents Karen and Bruce N!
- We celebrate our Confirmation Students' journeys and all who continue to walk alongside them!
- Sheila B. asks for continued prayers for her aunt, who has undergone several spinal surgeries and has now experienced a spinal stroke, which may leave her paralyzed.
- Grace C. asks for prayers for her cousin Mark G. who is awaiting a possible lung transplant.
- We hold in prayers the families of Carol Joshua and Jeff Braeunig whose lives were celebrated this week.
- Janet asks for prayers for her friend Paul, who continues to struggle with mental and physical health since his hospitalization.
- We pray for Fred F. and his loved ones as he has begun hospice care in California.
- We pray for the good friend of Megan and Michele, Larry who passed away this week, especially we pray for his wife Roberta.



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH

CLEAN CARS = CHECKED BAGS!

50 PEOPLE. LOTS OF BAGS. 1 MISSION.

MAY 9 | 1:00-4:00 PM
PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH LOT

Support the PRCC Youth Service Team with a donation based car wash. All funds will help cover the expense of transporting our luggage and supplies to Portland, OR this June!



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



JUNE 15-18
5:00 PM- 7:00 PM

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH



SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL

MAY 17 - 11:30-1:30

faith - food - family - fun

**CELEBRATE THE END OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR WITH US ON THE CHURCH LAWN!
ENJOY HOT DOGS, A BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, AND PLENTY OF FUN FOR ALL AGES.**

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, May 3 Annual Meeting & My Communion Sunday

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:30 am - Annual Meeting w/Luncheon

MONDAY, May 4 Staff Retreat (Offsite)

6:00 pm - Children's Ministry Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, May 5

12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)

7:00 pm - Stephen Ministries Training (Parlor)

7:00 pm - Action Ridge Book Group (Library)

WEDNESDAY, May 6

10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)

3:30 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)

7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY, May 7

9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)

10:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)

6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor)

6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)

7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

1:00 pm - Mission Trip Car Wash (Parking Lot)



05/03 Kate Joyce

05/03 Nick Laudadio

5/04 Zaryn Gaby

05/05 Mark Holihan

05/05 Mariela Thompson

05/06 Reese McGuffey

05/07 John Weber

05/08 David Black

05/09 Abbey Bernardo