



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

- Jesus

May 10, 2026

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Just Love
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Just Love...Your Family
8:30 am & 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the people of God.

Together we are family.

I am married, and single and in a covenant relationship.

We are the people of God. Together we are family.

I was married, and in a holy union, and never married, and married twice, and widowed.

We are the people of God. Together we are family.

I am older and younger, and in between, facing my first serious relationship, knowing the joy of love, enduring betrayal, tasting the grief of a dying partner.

We are the people of God. Together we are family.

I am an only child, and have ten siblings and have raised two children and no children. I have lost a child.

We are the people of God. Together we are family.

I am part of a family, the human family, the family of faith, my family of origin, the family of my choosing.

We are the people of God. Together we are family. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

150

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, because love is patient...

Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen, hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage, remembering your endless patience with me.

Because love is kind...

Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please" and "Thank You" because those little things still mean so much.

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not proud...

Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.

Because love is not rude or self-seeking...

Help me to speak words that are easy on the ear and on the heart. When I'm tempted to get wrapped up in my own little world, remind me there's a great big world out there full of needs and hurts.

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

Help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenseless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.

Because love always protects and always trusts...

Help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.

Finally, because love always perseveres...

Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for showing us what the word love really means.

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**

FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Peace Like a River

Wilberg

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

What A Friend We Have in Jesus, v. 1

***PREACHING LESSON**

Luke 7:11-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Dear Katie, Rae, and Deuce"

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Let Us Pray For Peace

***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**

For the mothering of mothers, and the mothering of fathers, for the mothering of others: Mother God, we give you thanks.

For those who act as midwives to our hopes, for those who nurse us through our pain, for those who nurture, strengthen and guide us: Mother God, we give you thanks.

For those who gently push us from the nest, for those who welcome us home, for those who become our family, for the motherhood of the Church: Mother God, we give you thanks. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You & Keep You

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POSTLUDE

* 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
John Sasser, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Sue Douglass, Organist
Jane Kenas-Heller, Pianist
Chancel Choir
Youth Choir

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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 8:15–11:15am 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 a special Kids Club this week! Children will meet in one group to work on some special projects to wrap up the Sunday School year! Don't forget to join us at the School's Out Carnival next Sunday! You can pick your child up following worship in the Sunday School wing.

6th-12th Grades Youth will depart the service following the Children's Message for Sunday School in the Library. Today's lesson is "Who Are You".

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. WW will conclude on May 20th for the school year.

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 May 3rd:

- Pray for our neighbor, Manny, who suffered a heart attack this week and is in ICU.
- Kym G. asks for prayers for her sister-in-law, Maria, who is mourning the loss of her brother, John.
- We celebrate with Gina Marie and Christian Stangl on the birth of their daughter Blessi Stangl on Wednesday 4/29.
- We give thanks for this Annual Meeting day, the celebrations, the struggles, the growth, and the transformation of this past year.
- We pray for Kent U. and family as they gather to celebrate life and grieve the loss of their loved one today.
- We celebrate that Greg S.'s numbers came back demonstrating the effectiveness of treatment.
- We give thanks for Pastor Carol's sister, Meg who moved to Illinois to be closer to family.

100th Birthday Celebration for Jack Tilley!

Join us in celebrating Jack Tilley's 100th birthday on June 9! His family invited the community to shower him with birthday cards filled with warm wishes and cherished memories.

Send cards to: 35 Shawmut Ave, La Grange, IL 60513

(Cards will be saved and shared with him on his special day.)

There will be a dessert open house from 1:00–2:30 pm at his residence. Family, friends, and community members are all welcome! If you'd like to attend, please reach out so we have plenty of root beer floats ready 312-402-4366 (call or text).

His family thanks you for all the love and support you've shown Jack over the years.



**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 10 Happy Mother's Day!

- 8:30 am - Chapel Worship
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)

MONDAY, May 11

- 9:00 am - PEO Sisterhood, Chapter GZ (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Social Justice Team Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, May 12

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee (Ellinger Trancept)
- 7:00 pm - Welcome and Membership Committee (Zoom)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, May 13

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 2:30 pm - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 3:30 pm - Youth Choir (Music Room)
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study (Ellinger Transept)

THURSDAY, May 14

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 10:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)
- 5:30 pm - Pride in Park Ridge Meeting (Library)
- 6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 6:30 pm - Bells on High (Balcony)
- 7:30 pm - Chancel Choir (Music Room)

FRIDAY, May 15

- 3:00 pm - Private Event (Sanctuary)

