

Abundant Life: The Now and the Not Yet

I came that they may have **LIFE**, and have it

ABUNDANTLY.

May 22, 2022 ♦ 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

New Heaven and New Earth

10:00 am

MAY 22, 2022

GRADUATION

SUNDAY

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

Abdelazer Suite: Air

Purcell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**We will tell of the joy and of the love,
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

As we gather to worship, during these fifty days of Easter,
we proclaim for all the world to hear - Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Our paschal candle is a symbolic reminder that the light of Christ burns brightly in our midst,
infusing new life, new hope, new joy into all the world!

May our lives reflect Christ's light each and every day!

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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CELEBRATING THE CONFIRMATION OF SAMANTHA HILL

Introduction

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Confirmation

Congregational Response

Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and welcome Samantha into the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER**

When it doesn't seem to do any good, Creator God, we dare to be your people, to love those the world would have us reject; to be just in the face of every reason to mistreat; to be unafraid of whatever awaits us. When all the odds seem stacked against Jesus our Savior, we dare to live as your children, serving others with our hands and hearts; sharing in the burdens of our world; refusing to leave justice orphaned with no hope.

When the wind seems to be knocked out of us by the blows of life, Eternal Companion, we dare to breathe joy upon those caught in the net of hopelessness; peace into all the broken places around us; wonder for all those who have lost sight of you. Fill us with your winds of joy, peace, and hope through our shared worship together. In you, we dare to live and breathe and be, God in Community, Holy in One, **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 READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Where Waters Flow
Bells on High*

Ron Mallory

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Farewell and Many Thanks to Pastor Angie

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.

BELL RESPONSE

Joyous Dance

Jason Krug

***PREACHING LESSON**

Revelation 21:1-7

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

SERMON

On Earth As It Is In Heaven

Pastor Mollie Foster

HONORING OUR GRADUATES

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside our Graduates and supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move on to this next chapter of their lives. Take away any anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, Instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound

Handel

***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**

Bless O God, these gifts that they would be used to bring about your kin-dom here on earth. Help us be about your work, loving and caring for all of your children until the day when you welcome us into our eternal home. Amen.

***HYMN**

Holy Spirit, Lord of Love

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***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise Up To Meet You

POSTLUDE

Badinerie from Suite No. 2

J. S. Bach

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP MAY 22, 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
Rachel Lapp, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
PRCC Chancel Choir
Sandy Bowen, Bells on High
Karen Nelson, violin
Dave Belden, violin
Naomi Hildner, viola
Melissa Bach, cello
Travis Heath & Edgar Campos, trumpets

****Masking At PRCC****

While we are not currently under any masking "mandate," we are tracking the rising rates of covid in our area. Masking at church is still optional, but we also encourage you to consider the ways that choosing to wear a mask may help protect you, protect those who are unvaccinated and/or vulnerable, and help reduce the spread. We will continue to have masks available in Park Place and with the ushers for your convenience. We will also offer a "masked zone" in the chapel during the 10 am service. Thank you all for the ways we offer care to one another!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!



Samantha Hill

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!

COFFEE HOUR is held after 10 am Worship downstairs in Jordan Hall, All are Welcome! **This will be our last Coffee Hour for the summer**, thank you to everyone that made it happen! Thank you to Naomi Siebert and Kathy Chandler for hosting today.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

Thank you to our May ushers: Sharon Kemerer, George Skoog, Cindy Klimmeck, Paula Mack, Lorel Brunet, Tom Brunet, Bill Barsanti, and Bob Mack

ALTAR FLOWERS can be signed up for through the Church Office.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

NURSERY CARE will be available for the next three Sundays! Thank you to Susie and Sydney Hollingsworth for volunteering today! Please let Shelley or Morgan know if you are in need of childcare - sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Children are dismissed from worship after the Children's Message. This week, come and play "Stump the Pastor!" with Pastor Carol!

YOUTH GROUP will meet outside from 11:30-1:00 to work on the Youth Garden and Johnathan's Eagle Scout Food Pantry Project! This is our last Sunday Youth Group of the school year!

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Thank you!



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, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MAY 15th:

- Prayers of joy for our Outreach Homecoming Shower, thank you all involved!
- We pray for teachers to have the strength and patience to need the needs of each student and to finish the year well.
- We also pray for our students, especially our graduating students to know God's peace in the finishing up work of the spring and the transitions that come at the end of the school year.
- In prayer of gratitude that Bernice Z. is home from the hospital and slowly getting her strength back. Please pray too for Elaine as she recovers from her own health issues and cares for Bernice.
- Please hold Ginny F's friend MaryAnn in prayer as she recovers from hip surgery this past week.
- John S. asks for prayers as Legh's parents prepare to relocate to live next door to Leigh and John. Please pray for all the details of this move as well as the nuances of the care that is needed.
- We pray for a couple struggling with marital challenges.
- We pray for the families of those who were killed by gun violence and hate this weekend in Buffalo and around the world.
- We pray for Crystal's godmother Hester as she struggles with cancer, congestive heart failure, and the grief of her body failing her.
- We pray for a student who finds their very identity under attack at the institution they attend.

Happy Birthday!

5/23 - Kristin Krizman

5/25 - Arlyn Reter; Michelle Priefer

5/26 - Zaiden Gilliam

5/28 - Jonathan Black

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL'S OUT CARNIVAL - TODAY! 4-6pm!

Children, youth, and families are invited to come and welcome in the fun of summertime! Arrive at 4 pm when the fun will begin: Grilled Hot Dogs, Fresh Popcorn, Bounce House, Face Painting, Bozo Buckets, Cake Walk, Fishing Game, relay races and more on the church lawn alongside Prospect Ave. and the parking lot! Friends are welcome as we celebrate the completion of another school year and pump up the volume for SUMMER!! If the weather doesn't cooperate, the games and activities will be moved into the Great Hall (gym)!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP STARTS NEXT WEEK!

Next Sunday, May 29th, the 8:30 am service will move to the Front lawn off of Crescent Ave, please bring your own chair.

2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-23 5-7 PM

Pre-K-5th Grade

This year's Vacation Bible School theme will invite students to experience what it means to care for our earth. Crafts will be made from recyclables, and we will consider how to love God and God's beautiful creation! Together we will grow in faith, have fun, and change the world!! Register Here -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetAvfUewhpcptylwPIZDTxYEAI2iqYzGxr-448Hoa4AqLQw/viewform?usp=sf_lnk

VOLUNTEER

SUNDAY SUPPER - TODAY

Our next date to serve is TODAY. If you would still like to volunteer, you can do so here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-sunday26>. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old to serve, volunteers ages 10-13 are welcome with an adult.

LOVING LUNCHESES - June 12th

Come join in serving PRCC's newest Outreach Partner, Loving Lunches Each month PRCC will be assisting Loving Lunches by preparing 160 lunches which will be delivered to those suffering with homelessness in the Chicagoland area. Sign up here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-loving>

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Our next date to serve is June 2nd.. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln17>

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FAMILY CAMP - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for a PRCC Family weekend at Camp Duncan September 23rd - 25th, more details to come!



ONA COVENANT PASSED!

As of May 1, 2022, the following Covenant will now accompany our Statement of Purpose:

We desire to associate ourselves in a fellowship of the Christ Spirit and covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith, supporting each other in love and respect. The fellowship that is our church grows from and builds upon the traditions of the various Christian Churches of the centuries.

We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the way of life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is the goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship.

As members of this church we shall go forward together in freedom, supporting one and other; seeking continually to learn more of the true nature of God and his purpose.

Park Ridge Community Church affirms all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of God's love and grace. With God's help, we covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith and love, seeking to promote a sense of belonging for all — to be a place for the whole person to feel both fully known and safe.

This church values the richness of the world around us, in our congregation, and in our staff. We celebrate the participation and contributions of people of all ages; races and ethnicities; sexual orientations; gender identities and expressions; economic circumstances; family structures; physical, cognitive and emotional abilities; and faith traditions.

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