



DRAW THE

circle

WIDE

J U N E 1 4
2026

They drew a circle that
shut me out -
heretic, rebel, a thing to
flout.
But Love and I had the wit
to win:
We drew the circle that
took them in.
- Edwin Markham

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Draw the Circle Wide:
June 14, 2026

Ripples of Empowerment
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

Like a single drop of water, God's work may start small...

But by God's grace, those ripples get bigger and bigger.

Through the mission and ministry of our church, may we continue to draw the circle wider and wider until all people are included in the loving embrace of our creator God!

May this be the day when we continue to draw the circle wider still!

May this church, our community, and all the world feel the Ripples of God's Empowerment!

*HYMN

Morning Has Broken

See Insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our truest names, we confess that too often we have encountered liberation in a person and chosen hatred. We confess our own jealousy at a person capable of living into their true self, when we ourselves are suffocating. We are in bondage to binaries that limit our imaginations for full liberation. Remind us that you yourself contain multitudes. Let us encounter the divine that refuses to be contained by human definition or imagination. Expose all the ways we neglect trans people in our activism. Expose the moral rot that makes us so terrified of publicly supporting Black trans women. Let us become honest about the hatred we have inherited, the violence enacted against queer folk at the hands of those who came before us- Christianity playing no small part in a culture of transphobia. Protect those with the courage to stay near to themselves. May their liberation be multiplied in all who encounter it.

Silent Prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has opened our eyes that we might see God's magnificent rainbow presence everywhere! That rainbow of love and grace wraps us in forgiveness, mercy and grace, not just for some of us, but for all of us.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

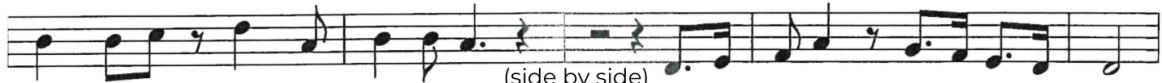
*SONG OF RESPONSE

Draw the Circle Wide

M. Miller



Draw the cir- cle, wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this be our song: no one



stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, (side by side) Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

FIRST LESSON

Mathew 28:16-20

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

I Will Follow Him

J.W. Sole and Del Roma

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

God of Grace and God of Glory, v. 2

***PREACHING LESSON**

Acts 8:26-40

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What's Stopping You?"

Guest Preacher, Laura Hamm

OFFERTORY

Leader of the Band (10 am)

D. Fogelberg

***DOXOLOGY**

10 am tune: Hernando's Hideaway

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**

Creative and creating God, we thank you for the opportunity to participate in what you are doing. Here are the gifts we offer to you this day. Bless them. Multiply them. Do a new thing through them. We offer ourselves this day anew. Bless us. Do a new thing through us. Help us to build your kin-dom of hospitality and justice here on earth. Amen.

***HYMN**

Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Breathe on Me, Bread of God

R. Jackson

POSTLUDE

Will The Circle Be Unbroken

Traditional

* 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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist
Folk Choir, OK Chorale
Bob Mack, Guitar and Vocals
Dave Swanson, Guitar and Vocals
Mark Holihan, Guitar and Vocals
Wayne Tuminello, Guitar and Vocals
Tim Anderson, Trumpet
Joe Lill, Trumpet
Keith Bond, Percussion
Alex Makkaway, Vocals
Rachel Lapp, Vocals
Meg Thomas - Cary, Vocals

CREDITS: Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance written by Cole Arthur Riley in *Black Liturgies*, ©2024.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our June Ushers: Tim Lapp (captain), Adrian Hill, Lonn Naudzius, Bruce Nelson, Anita Rifkind, Fred Siebert, and Laura Sissman.

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.

NURSERY (Ages 0–5) Our nursery is open from 8:15–11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.

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 LUNCHES



Help pack lunches for those in need with Loving Lunches on June 14th 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.

ADULT MINISTRY

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 June 7th:

- We pray for our youth mission team departing for Portland today that they would be safe, that their hearts would minister to those they meet, and that this would be a week of transformation.
- We celebrate Bailey's baptism today and the hope and joy she represents.
- We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, including Alex M. who is today, Jack Tilley turning 100, Colleen, Chair of our Congregation, Coren S. on Thursday!
- We celebrate Pride in Park Ridge and the joy and love that radiated throughout our community! We give thanks for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer beloveds who were seen and cherished, and we give thanks for all who have gone before in the work for justice for all people. We pray for the work ahead as homophobia and transphobia fuel attacks on people and their rights across the nation and around the world.
- We hold Greg S. in our prayers as he meets with his oncology team on Monday and considers next steps in treatment and care plans.
- We hold Steffi B. in our prayers as she is getting weaker and sleeping more often.
- Janet J asks for prayers for Wyatt who is suffering with seizures.
- Janet J. asks for prayers for Kerri for comfort.
- Janet J. asks for prayers for the family and friends of Drew Saddington, a 15 year old who died in a car accident in Ft. Wayne, IN.
- Prayers for Joey as he travels to Panama/
- Prayers for Rich S.'s friend Tony P. and family whose sister Lynette passed away this week.

Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When the saints go marchin' in

Now when the sun refuse to shine (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When the sun refuse to shine

Now when that horn begins to blow (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When that horn begins to blow

Oh, when they march around the throne (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When they march around the throne

Yeah, when they crown Him Lord of all (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When they crown Him Lord of all

Yeah, when the saints go marchin' in (repeat)

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When the saints go marchin' in

Morning Has Broken

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BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4 D

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



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



CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, June 14 FOLK SUNDAY!

- 8:30 am - Garden Worship
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm - Italy Choir Practice

MONDAY, June 15

- 7:00 pm - Folk Service Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Pride Thanksgiving at City Hall (City Hall)

TUESDAY, June 16

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Jordan Hall)

WEDNESDAY, June 17 CHOIR TOUR DEPARTS FOR ITALY

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

THURSDAY, June 18

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



06/14 Courtney Huddleston
06/15 Jenny Sanderson
06/17 Jane Kenas-Heller
06/17 Stephanie Laginess
06/18 Mary Biardo
06/18 Jane Curry
06/19 Grace Curtis
06/19 Winnie Ericksen
06/19 Lesley Ofenloch
06/20 Drew Chandler
06/20 Nikki Craig
06/20 Saralynn Reedy

Pet Blessing - June 28 at 8:30 am Worship Service

*In case of rain, the Pet Blessing will be rescheduled. The 10 am service will be in sanctuary.



All pets are welcome - on a leash, in a tank, in a carrier, or your preferred method of travel! The 8:30 am garden service will include a special blessing of pets by our Pastor. Pastor Carol will bring the message on this special Sunday and give thanks for our pets!

