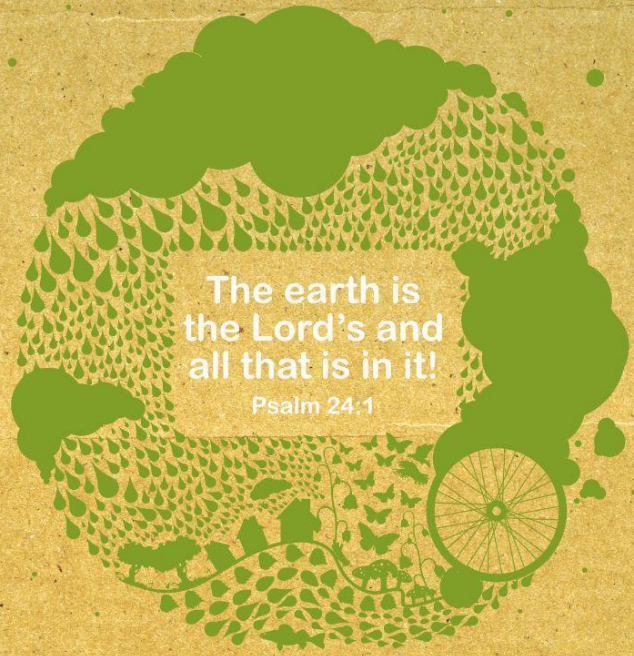
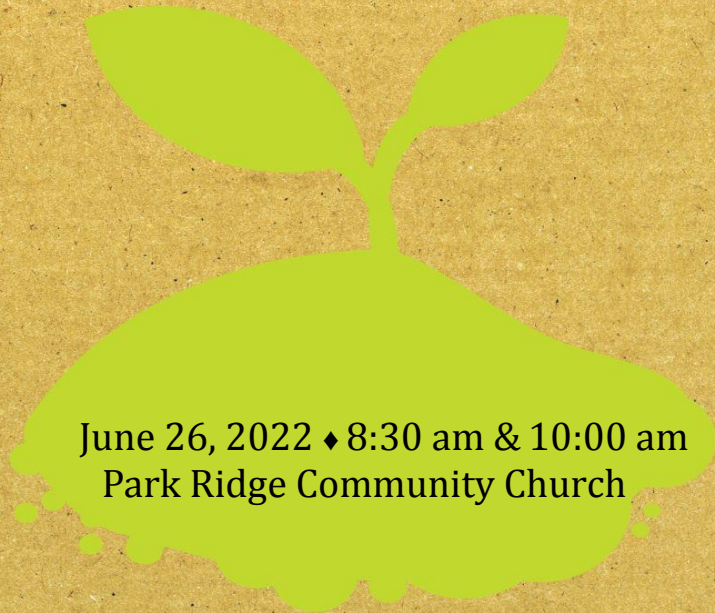


# TREE NEW



**PLANTING SEEDS. TAKING ROOT. FACING CHALLENGES. GROWING TOGETHER.**



**June 26, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am & 10:00 am  
Park Ridge Community Church**

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ReNew: Facing Challenges

JUNE 26, 2022

8:30 am & 10:00 am

PRIDE SUNDAY/ PET BLESSING

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## 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

God saw all that was created and responded, "This is very good."

**Affirm us once more, O God, for we need your reminder.**

The plants, the trees, the animals, and all of humankind:

God created them in a rainbow of diversity,

**And God saw that they were magnificent!**

Not just some, but all people, all creatures, all of creation is God's delight.

**And when other voices tried to diminish, dismiss, or disregard God's good creation,**

The Holy Spirit rises up, shaking the very foundations of the world and once more declares:

**You are my beloved, with whom I am well pleased!**

### \*HYMN

*God of the Sparrow*

see insert

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Seed Planter: You have rooted us in your love.**

**You have generously instilled within us the potential to cultivate love and justice in abundance.**

**You have given us animals, trees, rivers and oceans, stars and a universe testifying to your greatness.**

**And we squander resources. We take it all for granted.**

**We abuse your good creation.**

**We allow challenges and obstacles to stifle our growth and silence the truth you've placed within us.**

**Till the soil of our hearts, O God.**

*Silent prayers are offered*

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: The Holy Gardener is persistent, continuously working and reworking the soil of our hearts, sowing seeds of love, hope, mercy, and peace. We have been forgiven and granted new life!

**Alleluia! 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

## BLESSING OF THE PETS (8:30 am)

Loving Creator of all things, great and small, we give you thanks for these animals in our midst. Receive our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for those animals who are suffering, for any that are hunted, or lost, or deserted, or frightened, or hungry. We entreat for them your mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them, we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kind words.

Help us be true friends to animals, to respect their existence in the world, and so to share the blessings of the merciful. We are thankful for those companions who were loved but are no longer with us and whom we name aloud and in our hearts.

O God, bless, keep and protect each of our animal companions, help us to care for their needs that they may live according to your plan and be a source of love and joy to those with whom they dwell, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Psalm 18:6-7, 16-19

**SPECIAL MUSIC (8:30 a.m.)**

VBS Music

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**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.*

**\*PREACHING LESSON**

Mark 4:13-20

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Carol Hill

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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**

**Creator God, remove the obstacles that fall into our path. Restore the goodness of our hearts that our lives might bear your fruit in the world. We pray, Holy God, that you will multiply the seeds we offer that they might become the greatest good for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

see insert

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

**BOLD** INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP JUNE 26, 2022 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Shelley O'Brien, Director of Children's Ministry  
Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry  
Rick Graham, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, organist  
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians  
Mark Holihan, guitar and vocals  
Karen Nelson, violin  
Dave Belden, violin  
Naomi Hildner, viola  
Melissa Bach, cello

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## God of the Sparrow

ROEDER 5.4.6.7.7

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

Carl F. Schalk, 1983

1. God of the spar - row God of the whale  
 3. God of the rain - bow God of the cross  
 5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe

God of the swirl - ing stars  
 God of the emp - ty grave  
 God of the prun - ing hook

How does the crea - ture say  
 How does the crea - ture say  
 How does the crea - ture say

Awe  
 Grace  
 Love

How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace

Descant on stanzas 2, 4, 6

2. God of the earth-quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -  
6. God of the a - ges God of the hand God of the lov - ing

blast How does the crea-ture cry Woe  
gal How does the crea-ture say Care  
heart How do your chil-dren say Joy

How does the crea-ture cry Save How do your chil-dren say Home  
How does the crea-ture say Life

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.



# 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 SEE AN USHER...

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

*Thank you to our June ushers:* Tim Lapp, Anita Rifkind, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Bruce Nelson, and Adrian Hill.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in Celebration of Greg and Amanda Kapolnek's wedding!

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

**NURSERY CARE** please alert Morgan or Shelley if you are in need of Nursery Care - [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is meeting today, children can be dismissed after the Children's Message.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet again on July 6th for an Uptown Scavenger Hunt.

**ONLINE DONATIONS** can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is [giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org). Thank you! *(When using PayPal, please make PRCC your "friends and family".)*



THE PRIDE PARADE is TODAY

If you are interested in marching with us, please let Pastor Carol know!

# 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 JUNE 19th:**

- Sally & Tim M. offer prayer of thanksgiving and hope for Caroline, who after years of personal struggle is thriving at school and is about to start a part time job.
- Please hold Kym D. in prayers as she faces an MRI on 6/22 and follow doctor about later in June to determine treatment for ongoing back and hand pain.
- Kym D. also asks us to include her step mom in our prayers as she is in the hospital unable to walk.
- Prayers for the Williams family as they travel to celebrate the life of Bill's aunt.
- Our prayers continue for Elizabeth W. as she is hospitalized awaiting the birth of twins and for her family caring for her toddler.
- We continue to hold Bruce N. in our prayers as he has been released from the hospital and will remain in Seattle temporarily for daily medical treatments.
- Katie & Keith R. asks us to hold in our prayers their niece Rachel who is only 12 and suffering from ulcerative colitis.
- We pray for the parents of Leigh S., Peggy & Paul as they adjust to moving close to family and to John.
- Dave & Gretchen K. asks us to hold sister in law Marianne in prayer as she recovers from a heart attack this past week.
- Please pray for Nancy S. as she recovers from a lengthy and complicated surgery this past week.
- We pray for Ryan M's mom. who has tested positive for covid.
- Barb let us know that her cousin who we have been praying for, Robin entered life in the resurrection 6/17. Please pray for all those loved and cared for Robin as they grieve her loss.
- We hold in our prayers the family and friends of Richard Crockett, Candace M's father who entered life in the resurrection on 6/14.

## **Happy Birthday!**

6/26 - Nancy Ady; Patricia Battaglia

6/28 - Thomas Craig

6/29 - Helen Pantazi; Pastor Carol Hill

7/1 - Lois Zitoli

## ***MUSHYFACE COOKIE COMPANY – THANK YOU!***

Many thanks to the Mushyface Cookie Company for donating all natural, handmade quality dog treats for our Pet Blessing service. You can find more of these treats at the Mushyface booth at the Park Ridge Farmers Market on Saturdays.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **PRIDE PARADE - TODAY!**

PRCC will be marching in this year's Pride Parade today, please let us know if you want to join!

### **PASTOR CAROL'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

All are invited to attend Pastor Carol's 40th birthday celebration on June 29th in Jordan Hall from 6-9 pm. Music, food, fun for all will be had. You can RSVP on the evite, facebook event or by calling the church office. There are no tickets to buy, but everyone is invited to make a donation in Pastor Carol's honor to PRCC.

### **SAVE THE DATE - WICKED!**

In conjunction with a Worship Series on Good and Evil, we will have a church outing to see the Broadway performance of *Wicked* after service on October 2<sup>nd</sup>! **We have 34 tickets left, so lock in your ticket if you would like to join us!** Tickets cost \$112 each and checks should be payable to PRCC. \*\* Buy your tickets before Aug. 1st. prices go up \$25! \*\*

## VOLUNTEER

### **LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER**

Our next date to serve is July 7th.. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln18>

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

Please let the Church Office or Morgan And Shelley if you are interested in volunteering on Sundays during the 10 am service!

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING THIS SUMMER**

Each week, look for activities that children can participate in with their parents during Worship. Additionally, we will meet once per month for a special activity, these dates will be July 17, look out for an August date!

### **YOUTH GROUP MEETING THIS SUMMER**

This summer we will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 pm on: July 6th, July 13th, July 20th, and July 27th. See you there!

### **FAMILY CAMP - September 23rd - 25th**

<https://www.ymcachicago.org/duncan/>

Family Camp is a weekend of fun and bonding with your entire family! Our goal is that when you leave family camp, you've grown closer to both God and your family. It's a no stress vacation where you can focus on relaxing and having fun! At Family Camp, you'll find it's just as easy to grow your faith as it is to have fun-all while getting to enjoy each other's company. Come experience camp, unplug and play as a family! Questions and RSVP: Ask Pastor Mollie, Morgan or Shelley [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

**Cost: \$89.50 per person if arriving on Saturday/add \$22 per person if arriving on Friday evening.**

**What's included? Meals: Saturday-Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, Sunday-Breakfast**

**SAVE THE DATES!**

*prcc family camp*



**SEPT. 23-25, 2022**

**CAMP DUNCAN**



## **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.

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.

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