

God's Messy FAMILY

Finding Your Place
When Life Isn't Perfect



July 10, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

God's Messy Family: The Myth of the Perfect Family
JULY 10, 2022

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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

Come, people of God, let us worship!

Here we are family. Here we belong.

Are families perfect, always kind, always insightful?

No, but to be a family means we find unity in God.

The biblical witness tells of the messiness of God's family.

**The scriptures also tell of a tenacious God,
continuing to teach, continuing to guide, continuing to love.**

We are people of the Promise!

And we serve a Promise keeping God!

*HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God,
you gave us our voices, no two the same.
As you did with Abraham and Sarah,
you take and touch our lives and they can become extraordinary.
And in your Church you have gathered us,
in your community of common folk and complainers,
prophets and puzzled people,
you have called us and made a place for us.
So let what we say and do here,
what we ponder and decide here,
be real for us and honest to you,
as you prepare us for the life of the world in which you are praised.

Silent prayers are offered

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear these words: The Promise Making, Promise Keeping God walks this road with us, constantly calling us home, unconditionally reminding us that we are family. The steadfast love of God continues from generation to generation.

Thanks be to God! 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 LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

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**

Genesis 13:1-17

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mythbusters

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**

God of every generation, we give you thanks for family, friends, and home. We celebrate the ways you continue to call us to new places and continually reform us into your family. In the messiness, in the miscommunication, and in the madness, we turn to you. Guide our living and our giving, that you might use our efforts to bless the nations. Amen.

***HYMN**

I've Got Peace Like a River

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 JULY 10, 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

Kathy Erlandsson, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Sue Douglass, organist

Bob Mack, vocals and musician

Meg Thomas-Cary, vocals and musician

Credits: Prayer of Confession ~ from *Journey of Steadfast Love: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent*, written by the Rev. Daniel B. Randall. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website.

<http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

YOU'RE INVITED!

The PRCC Congregation is invited to attend the wedding of Darcy LeDuc and
Abraham Octaviano on Saturday, July 16th at 1:30 pm

I Danced in the Morning

SIMPLE GIFTS Irregular with refrain

Sydney Carter, 1963

American Shaker melody
Harm. Sydney Carter, 1963

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the
 2. I danced for the scribe and the
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the
 5. They cut Me down and I

world was be - gun, And I danced in the moon and the
 Phar - i - see, But they would not dance and they
 cured the lame; The ho - ly peo - ple
 sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the
 leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, And I came down from heav - en and I
 would not fol - low Me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for
 said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they
 dev - il on your back. They bur - ied My bod - y and they
 nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

JESUS CHRIST

danced on the earth; At Beth - le - hem I had My birth.
 James and John; They came with Me and the dance went on.
 hung Me high, And left Me there on a cross to die.
 thought I'd gone: But I am the dance and I still go on.
 live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.

¹ *Refrain*

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said He, And I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I've Got Peace Like a River

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African-American spiritual

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1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1
riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in - a my
foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain in - a my
o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in - a my

2
soul. I've got riv - er in - a my soul.
soul. I've got foun-tain in - a my soul.
soul. I've got o - cean in - a my soul.

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 July ushers: Scott Nelson, Charlie Giera, Kym Dohnke, Linda LeDuc, Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, and Liz Ewald.

ALTAR FLOWERS can be dedicated through the Church Office, they are \$40.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Our next Sunday School session will be July 17th! There are activities available to be borrowed during worship, please see an Usher!

YOUTH GROUP will meet on July 13th at 6:30 pm.

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

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 JULY 3RD:

- We celebrate the ministry of Solid Rock carpenters and the work accomplished, even on a rainy day.
- What a joy to celebrate Pastor Carol's birthday on Wednesday and the support of this church .
- We pray for our expectant families as they near time for deliveries: Elizabeth, Leena, and Meg.
- We pray for all those traveling this holiday weekend and for safe and meaningful times together with family and friends.
- We pray for Aimee's mom Martha as she recovers from an infection and deals with multiple health challenges.
- We give thanks that Bruce N is home and pray for his healing and progress.
- Please hold Bob S in your prayers as he is waiting for more cardiac testing. We also hold Marilyn in our prayers as she cares for him.
- We pray for Bob T. as he faces surgery this Tuesday and Pat as they wait a few more days for this anticipated procedure and then the recovery to follow.
- Kym D. asks us to pray for her friend Annie as she grieves the loss of her father.
- We pray for Alexia S. and family as Alexia's great Aunt Teri entered life in the resurrection.
- We hold Rick B.'s friend in our prayers as they battle cancer.

Happy Birthday!

7/10 - Nancy Skoog; Wayne Tumminello; Claire Kallen. 7/11 - Scott Nelson. 7/12 - Morgan Tone. 7/13 - Richard Lenke; Laura Lapp; Joan Huening; Mia Vanella. 7/16 - Della Olsen; Josh Sissman. 7/17 - Drake Gudmundsson

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE RAVINIA TICKETS

I have 8 free lawn passes for each of the following nights at Ravinia when the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is playing:

Friday, July 22nd - 8pm (park opens at 5 pm) - German Requiem with CSO & Chorus

Wednesday, August 3rd - 8pm (park opens at 5 pm) - CSO playing music from West Side Story and Porgy & Bess

Friday, August 5th - 8pm (park opens at 5 pm) - CSO plays music of Mexican Composers and Ravel.

Please email how many tickets you would like for each night and I will forward you the tickets, stew0317@gmail.com.

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 2nd! **We have 14 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

LOVING LUNCHESES - Today

We will be packing up lunches in the Parlor after the 10 am service today, if you'd like to help just drop in!

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Our next date to serve is August 4th.. If you would like to volunteer, you can do so here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baeab2da4fb6-lincoln19>

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 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

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



What can we do together
 that might be effective on many of the
 seemingly intractable issues we all face in the
 Chicagoland area, and throughout the country?

**Organize Our Power.
 Reclaim Our Communities.**

Want to act on injustice and fight for systemic change in:

- Housing Priorities,
- Economic Inequity,
- Mental Health,
- Criminal Justice, and
- Gun Violence?

Then, Let's "Do Something" Together on July 17

Grab your face mask, get on the bus, and be part of organized people power to join United Power for Action and Justice on Sunday, July 17, for the 4:00 pm meeting at the House of Hope, 752 E. 114th Street, Chicago.

Experience real democracy in action. Join over 2,500 people from 100 member organizations across the six-county Chicagoland area as we meet with top officials from industry: local, state, and federal government, and religious leaders to get at the root causes of these and other issues.

To learn more or sign up, please contact your organization's team leader or email: unitedpowerchicago@gmail.com.

Or register at <https://bit.ly/TogetherJuly17> and complete the registration form.

> **Read about the issues we are working on (side 2).**



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FRIDAY, 7/15 AT 7:00 PM

PARK PLACE ROOM

Senior Contact would like to invite all the senior members of our congregation and their friends to an Ice Cream Social before the concert in the park on Friday, 7/15 at 7:00 p.m. Come for the concert and pop in the Park Place Room to join us for ice cream sundaes and root beer floats. If you have any questions or need more information, reach out to Liz Swanson.

Volunteers Needed!

Help spruce up PRCC grounds

The outside of church, especially the gardens are in need of some extra loving care!
If you are interested in helping out in anyway by pulling weeds, trimming back some of the plantings
and/or donating any treasure towards beautifying the gardens,
let the trustees know by contacting Paula Mack at pcbmack@gmail.com
Please know all your time, talent and shared treasures are appreciated!



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