



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

JULY 12, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Wind Cave National Park:
July 12, 2026

Spirit
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

Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Come and move in and through us.**

Whispers of hope around the corner of despair; shouts of joy at a graduation:

You are around us in every place.

The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

You speak to us through every person.

Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

You are with us in every season.

The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds twittering us awake:

You sing glad songs to us.

The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears;

the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

You sweep us up in your commitment to transform all lives, all places.

In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every wind:

Come, winds of the Spirit, transform us!

*HYMN

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. In your mercy, forgive us, God of gusty grace. May your Spirit breathe new life into our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit; in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Tune: Terra Patris (This is My Father's World)

God gifts us with this world, with creatures everywhere,

With sounds and sights, with great delights, For all to love and share.

So let us love this world, with all our heart and soul.

Be open, learn and in return, This earth will make us whole.

*PASSING THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Sarah Hibbard

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)

Take My Life and Let it Be, v. 1

*PREACHING LESSON

John 20:19-23

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Breath of Life"

Rev. Carol Hill

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

This is our Creator's World and to our listening ears all nature sings and round us rings the music of the spheres. So let us hear this world and may we be aware of the rocks and trees, of skies and seas, this wonder that we share!

*HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

see insert

*BENEDICTION

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

Dave Figgins, Lector (8:30 am)

Peter Muenzer, Lector (10:00 am)

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist

Sarah Hibbard, Soprano

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PLEASE SEE AN USHER...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. Thank you to our July ushers: Scott Nelson (captain), Dan Smith, Michael Laginess, Haukur Gudmundsson, Bud Shinn, and Kent Ulery.

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 sponsored this week by Gretchen & Dave Kapolnek in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary! 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!



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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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.

Holy Chow: All Youth (6th-12th grades)

Home alone for lunch this summer? Come have lunch with Pastor Mollie on Wednesday, July 15th! We will meet at 12:00 pm in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown.

FELLOWSHIP

CHRISTMAS IN JULY - Sunday, July 26 at 5:30-7:30 pm, Oakton Ice Arena

All ages are welcome for an evening of ice skating, fellowship, and other festive fun activities! As we celebrate, we'll also be giving back. You're invited to bring new school supplies for Kids Above All to place under our Christmas tree, helping local children start the school year with the tools they need to thrive. ALL ARE WELCOME!

CHICAGO DOGS BASEBALL GAME - Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 pm, Impact Field

PRCC is heading to the ballpark! Tickets are \$17 each! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, and Bernice Zabawski.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM July 5th:

- We give thanks for the life and faith of Ginny F. whose estate just blessed our Church Endowment.
- We give thanks that Bill and Tricia W. are with friends and family celebrating their son, Winston's, marriage.
- We are grateful for Morgan's contributions and leadership in our Children's Ministries over the past five years and, although it is sad for us, we celebrate a new professional opportunity for her that will begin in August.
- Dave and Gretchen K. would appreciate prayers for two relatives, both having heart procedures next week. Their nephew, Pete S., is having an angiogram on Monday and sister-in-law, Bonnie, is having heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- We pray for Katie R.'s friend, Carleigh, who is undergoing diagnostic testing for serious cardiac disease.
- We pray for Kym's health and an upcoming test on Friday.
- Naomi S. asks for prayers for her cousin, JoEllen, who recently suffered a stroke.
- We are grateful for the opportunity to gather and remember our dear friend and longtime member, Fred Flener, this afternoon.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886

TRENTHAM SM

Robert Jackson, 1894

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear four-part setting. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.



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**TICKETS
Here!**

GOD

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HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7 D

Catherine Arnott Cameron, 1967; alt.

Attr. William Moore, 1825

Harm. Charles Anders, 1969

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens In - fi - nite in
2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of Since the child-hood
3. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, May it chal-lenge

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

time and place, Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
of our race; Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
us a - new: Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

Through the si - lent fields of space: We, Your chil - dren
Through un - trav - eled realms of space; Probed the se - crets
Serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You. May our dreams prove

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line. The lyrics are provided for three different versions of the song, with the first version being the most common. The score includes chord symbols above the vocal line: F, Dm, Gm, Dm, Am, Gm7 in the first system; Bb7, Dm, C, Dm, C, Bb7 in the second system; and Am, Bb7, C, F, F, Dm7 in the third system. The lyrics are: 1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens In - fi - nite in; 2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of Since the child-hood; 3. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, May it chal-lenge; time and place, Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance; of our race; Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing; us a - new: Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,; Through the si - lent fields of space: We, Your chil - dren; Through un - trav - eled realms of space; Probed the se - crets; Serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You. May our dreams prove.

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GOD

B $\flat$ 7 Gm7 B $\flat$ 7 Am7 B $\flat$ 7 Gm7 C

in Your like - ness, Share in - ven - tive powers with You;
of the at - om, Yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
rich with prom - ise, Each en - deav - or well be - gun;

F Dm C Gm7 Am B $\flat$ 7 C6 C F

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, Show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion Or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance Till our goals and Yours are one.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, July 12

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)

MONDAY, July 13

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, July 14

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, July 15

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

12:00 pm - Youth Holy Chow (Meet in Butler Place Room)

THURSDAY, July 16

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



07/12 Morgan Tone

07/13 Laura Lapp

07/15 Nicholas Laginess

07/17 Drake Gudmundsson

07/17 Elizabeth Peters Zarach

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help set up kids for success! We're partnering with [Kids Above All](#) to collect supplies for children and youth in need! Be part of making sure every child starts the school year ready to learn and thrive.

Questions? Contact the Outreach Team or Pastor Mollie!

Collecting throughout the month of July!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- Headphones

BACKPACKS FOR ALL AGES NEEDED



Writing & Drawing Supplies

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons & Large Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Watercolors

Paper & Note-Taking

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Notebooks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Quad Ruled Graph Paper

Organizational Supplies

- Pencil Case
- 2-Pocket Folders
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1-1.5 in)
- Subject Dividers
- Clear Sheet Protectors

Cutting & Gluing

- Scissors (Round Tip & Regular)
- Glue Sticks
- Liquid Elmer's Glue

Other Supplies

- Dry Erase Eraser
- Ruler
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Play Doh (for younger students)
- Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-34)

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