

God's Messy FAMILY

Finding Your Place
When Life Isn't Perfect



July 17, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

God's Messy Family: The Gap Between What God Says & What We See

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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'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, it's complicated. You tell of your promises, but when our doubts overwhelm the evidence of your work, we don't see very well. Trusting that you are still with us, actively moving in the world seems foolish. We often try to take things into our own hands rather than leaning into you. Forgive us, Holy One, for our foiled attempts at control which lead to heartache. Forgive us, Holy One, and grant us a deepened awareness of your presence. Forgive us, Holy One, for our lack of faith in you.

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 15:1-12

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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, v. 1

***PREACHING LESSON**

Genesis 21:8-21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Overcoming Trust Issues

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**

Persistent God, you proclaim your promises anew each day! When our vision fails, you continue to create new possibilities. May these offerings help realize your promise for all of your children, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and making a way for justice and peace. Amen.

***HYMN**

In Christ There is No East or West

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 17, 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
Denise Steele, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, organist
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians
Lorenzo Formosa, vocals
Sarrah Hibbard, vocals

SPECIAL SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays in July at 7 pm in Pastor Carol's backyard (111 S. Lincoln Ave.)

All are welcome (including kids) as we dive into our next worship series "God's Messy Family: Finding your place when Life isn't perfect." We will consider the ways God has used imperfect people, talk through real family scenarios and provide support to one another from the comfort of the outside. Kids are welcome (we ARE talking about families) and they can swim if they like or engage in the conversation! Bring a beverage of your choice and some enjoy this more casual style Bible Study!

July 20 - No, Nothing is too Hard for God

July 27 - Loss and Promise in the Family of God

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I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

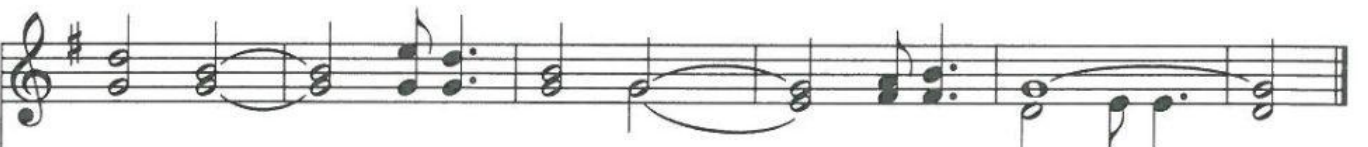
African-American spiritual
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)



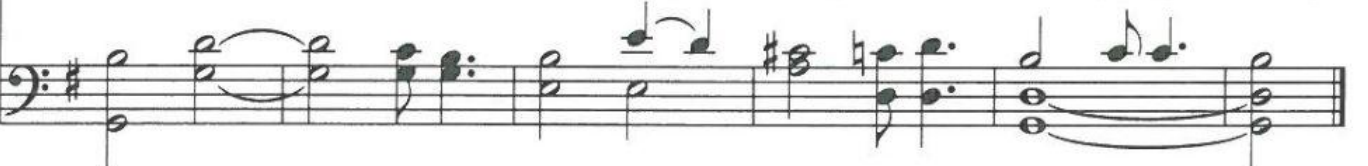
1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)
- God can use me an - y - where, Lord,



- an - y - time!
- I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)
- God can



- use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)



In Christ There Is No East or West

Luke 13:29

MC KEE CM

African-American spiritual
Jubilee Songs, 1884

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

C G C F B \flat F C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;

CHURCH: UNIVERSAL

Am C Am C G7 C G7 C F C Am C G7 C

But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

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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 this week are from Gary and Janet Johnson in celebration of their granddaughter Audrey's 13th birthday!

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet today! Children are dismissed after the Children's Message during the 8:30 am service only.

YOUTH GROUP will meet on July 20th at 6:30 pm at the Carriage House.

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 JULY 10TH:

- We celebrate the births of Penny and Olivia Woo and Zoe Blocker, all born on Friday, July 8.
- We celebrate the upcoming wedding of Darcy LeDuc and Abraham Octaviano on July 16th.
- We celebrate that Pastor Mollie has returned from vacation and we give thanks for the restoration experienced through times of sabbath.
- We give thanks for the successful surgery on Tuesday for Bob T. We pray for his continued strength.
- Gina Marie S. would like us to hold in our prayers friends who are engaged in an immigration struggle.
- We pray for the Reboletti's niece Rachel in our prayers as her challenges increase.
- We pray for Linda's son Clarke, that he would find strength, peace, and faith to deal with all that life has handed to him.
- We continue to pray for those who are recovering from medical procedures, those awaiting further tests, and those who will face surgery this week.
- We pray for those experiencing anniversaries of the loss of loved ones and those wrestling with ongoing grief.
- We pray for our police and firefighters who are called upon to assist in times of strife, we pray for their presence of mind and diligence as they serve our communities.
- We pray for this nation so gripped by violence, hounded by fears, and turning away from one another rather than offering compassion and care.
- We hold the family and friends of Lois Weihs, dear friend of Luan, who entered life in the resurrection on Friday, July 8.
- We pray for someone's friend who has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.
- We celebrate that Charlie G. and Kym D. exchanged wedding vows on Friday, July 8.
- We pray for Karen's friend Greg, as he recovers from open heart surgery and Diane as she cares for him.
- We pray for Barb Madro's coworker Eileen who was just diagnosed with colon cancer.

Happy Birthday! 7/19 - Elizabeth DuSold; Mark Biedke; Evan Simpson. 7/20 - Alena Goodwin. ,7/21 - Kent & Amy Tomilson. 7/22 - Kevin Giblin

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE RAVINIA TICKETS

Mark Holihan is offering 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 he will forward you the tickets, stew0317@gmail.com.

AUGUST CC NEWS

The deadline to submit information for the August Newsletter is TOMORROW, July 18th!

JR CHOIR CAMP - August 15th - 19th, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Students (entering) 2nd grade through those entering 6th grade in the fall. Friends from other schools and other churches are most welcome! To learn more and register, go to <https://forms.gle/TzsAZNWBby52Vku49>

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 10 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 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, 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 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

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!



PRCC Ministries Survey

Please take a few minutes to share your ideas and suggestions. Thank you for your shared investment in our ministries. Our survey can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN37D6K>
It will be available through the end of July.

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