



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

JULY 19, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Olympic National Park:
July 19, 2026

Gifts
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

Andante Cantabile

P. Tschaikowsky

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The trees and mountain peaks are giants pointing to the heavens.

All creation sings praises to God!

The salmon swimming upstream, the flowers growing wild in the meadows -

The beauty of creation declares the wonder of God's love!

The intricate web of life, the biodiversity,

and the mutual support of ecosystems reveal the imagination of our Lord God Almighty!

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!

*HYMN

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glory of all creation, you crafted mountains on which we might find your majesty; you carved rivers of life where we might bathe in your grace. All things were shaped by you, hoping we would see the wonders of the world and turn toward you. However, we choose to look away. We choose to pretend that we are the makers of our worlds. We choose to ignore the cries of your creation, consuming and exploiting rather than protecting or conserving. Open our eyes and our hearts that your presence in Creation might restore our wonder. Heal our hurts that we might become healers of the planet. When we feel hopeless, awaken us to a new day of hope as we take up the mantle to use our gifts for the sake of the world.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The promise is true - God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Here we give thanks to our God. 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

Psalm 33:6-9

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. 2

*PREACHING LESSON

Romans 12:3-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Many Gifts, One Home"

Rev. Mollie Foster

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

Let the Whole Creation Cry

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Corrente

A. Corelli

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

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
Sarah McCarty, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Mark Holihan, Musician
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist
Karen Nelson, Violin
Emily Nash, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Melissa Bach, Cello

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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.

A LOVE OFFERING FOR MORGAN

As Morgan's final Sunday with us on August 2 approaches, the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites our congregation to help us celebrate her five years of faithful ministry as our Director of Children's Ministries. Morgan has touched the lives of so many children and families through her kindness, creativity, and unwavering care. We are deeply grateful for the love she has shared with our church, and as she begins this new chapter teaching full-time at her children's elementary school, we'd like to send her onward with our thanks and blessings. We invite you to contribute to a farewell love offering for Morgan. Your gift will be a meaningful expression of our gratitude and a wonderful way to bless Morgan as she begins this next season.

Please designate your gift as "**Morgan Love Offering**" and submit it to the church office, through the church app/website, or Zelle at giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org by **Sunday, August 2**.

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.

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!

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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 12th:

- We celebrate good news this week: the Kapolneks are celebrating their 40th anniversary and Kym received good test results last week!
- Blaire S. requests prayers for her friend, Kathleen, who recently lost her mother. May she be surrounded by love and peace during this difficult time.
- Brendan J. requests prayers for his friends Vince and Beas as they navigate the anxiety-filled early stages of a high-risk pregnancy.
- Prayers for Jason H. who has just been laid off and seeking guidance for what comes next.
- Louis K. asks for prayers for his friend and colleague Dave D. who had emergency brain surgery after a hemorrhage this week. We pray for healing and a full recovery.
- We give prayers of thanksgiving for the healing of Dorothy L.'s son, Cary, after a serious car accident in May.
- We hold Pastor Carol's grandparents in our prayers as her Grandfather Don has begun hospice care, her grandfather Alex has just been moved to skilled nursing, and her grandmother Carolyn suffered a stroke this week and is still in the hospital.
- We pray for Karen N.'s brother, Bron, that the doctors are able to discern the type of cancer he has and the best treatment plan moving forward.
- Kathy C. asks for prayers for her mother's caregiver, Odette, who died unexpectedly this week. We pray for the peace and comfort of her loved ones.

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!

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**TICKETS
Here!**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
 reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so
 dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

Let the Whole Creation Cry

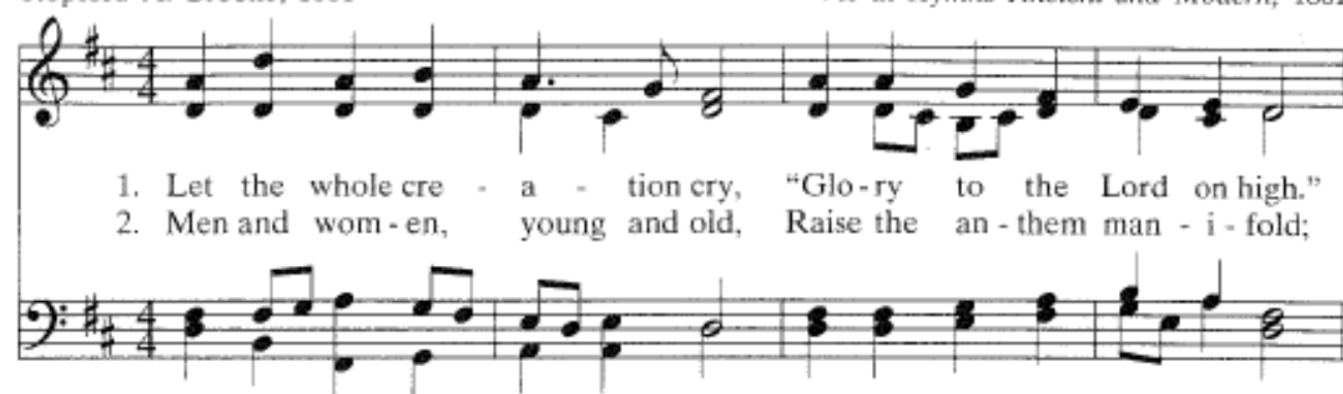
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Jacob Hintze, 1678

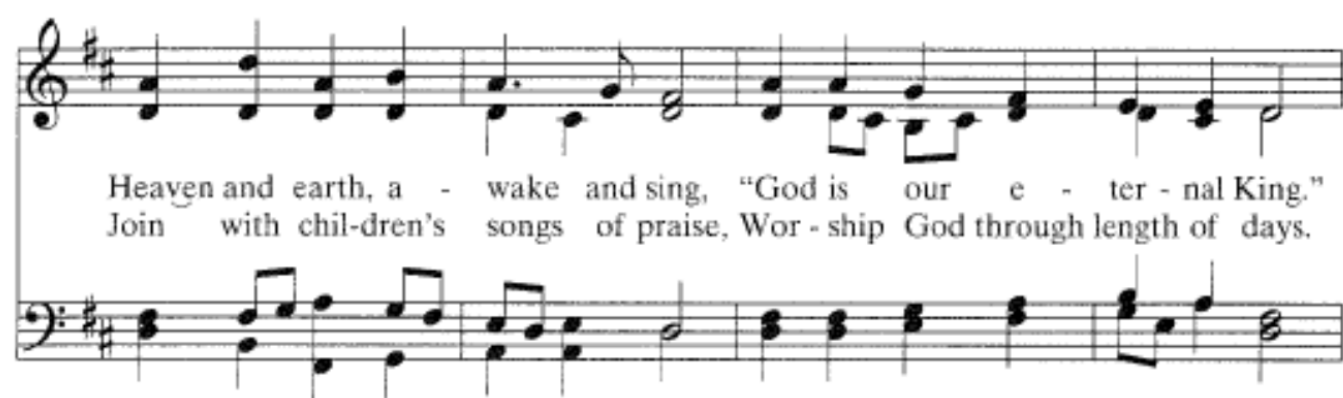
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

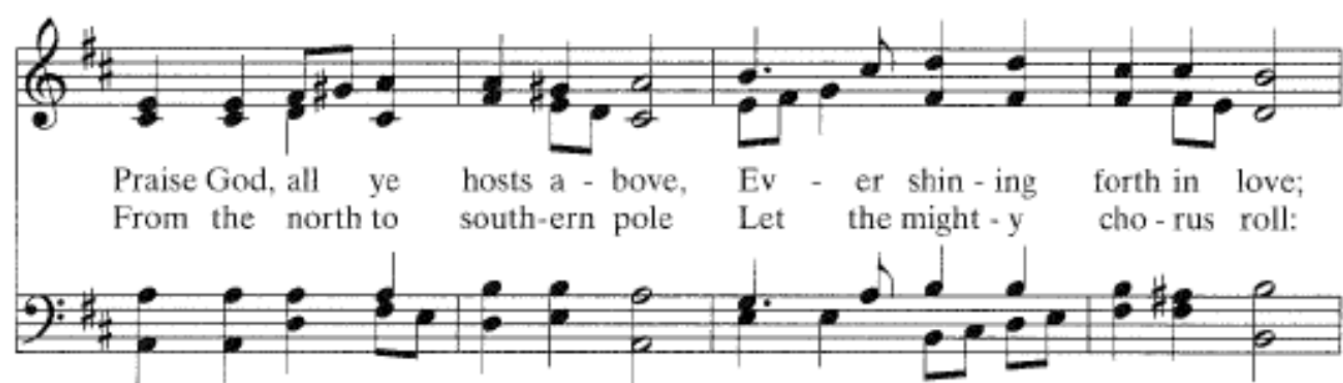
Stopford A. Brooke, 1881



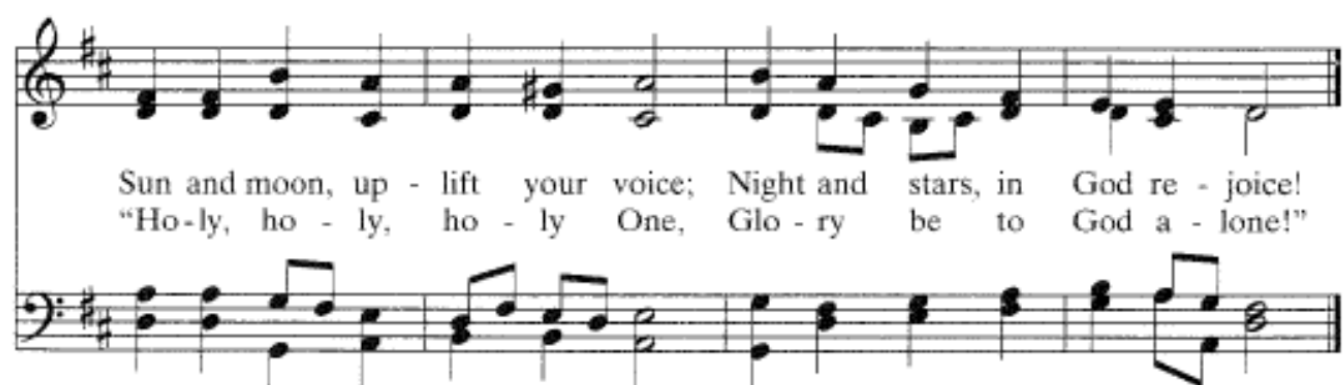
1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
2. Men and wom - en, young and old, Raise the an - them man - i - fold;



Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "God is our e - ter - nal King."
Join with chil - dren's songs of praise, Wor - ship God through length of days.



Praise God, all ye hosts a - bove, Ev - er shin - ing forth in love;
From the north to south - ern pole Let the might - y cho - rus roll:



Sun and moon, up - lift your voice; Night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, Glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, July 19

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, July 20

7:00 pm - Fellowship Team (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, July 21

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY, July 22

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

THURSDAY, July 23

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



07/19 Mark Biedke

07/19 Evan Simpson

07/20 Alena Goodwin

07/23 Dorothy Lehman

07/24 George Van Geem

07/25 Sara Born

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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