

God's Messy FAMILY

Finding Your Place
When Life Isn't Perfect



July 24, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

God's Messy Family: No, Nothing is Too Hard for God

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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 (10 am)

Arioso from Cantata No. 156

Bach

*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

Come, Christians Join to Sing

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, thank you for not giving up on humankind. We lose hope so easily, and yet, you keep doing a new thing. Change seems impossible. Peace seems impossible. Mutual care and support, placing others' needs before our own, seems impossible. Forgive our inclination toward hopelessness. Forgive our acquiescence to the status quo. Forgive our tendency to rely solely on our own abilities. Teach us a new way, even in the middle of our laughter and doubt.

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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Moderato from 1st Miniature String Quartet

Stone

FIRST LESSON

Romans 4:3, 13, 16, 19-21

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. 2

***PREACHING LESSON**

Genesis 18:1-15

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Mission Impossible!

Pastor Mollie Foster

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, you do the impossible! We are inspired by and in awe of you! Bless these gifts that we have brought that they too might do the impossible and bring forth your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

***HYMN**

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

see insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (10 am)

Allegro Assai from Divertimento No. 2

Mozart

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

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP JULY 24, 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
Luan Zoellner, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Jane Kenas-Heller, piano
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians
Karen Nelson, violin
Dave Belden, violin
Naomi Hildner, cello
Melissa Bach, cello

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 27 - Loss and Promise in the Family of God

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID 6.6.6.6 D

Spanish folk melody
 Arr. Benjamin Carr, 1824
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra - cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY 8.7.8.7 D

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-prepare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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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 are available for dedication through the Church Office, they are \$40.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL Our next Sunday School session will be August 7th. There are activities available to be borrowed during worship, please see an Usher!

YOUTH GROUP will leave the PRCC Parking Lot at 10 am for a special Lunch with Leaders Event. Youth will meet with Eugene Jarvis, tour the gaming factory, and learn about his career in gaming development. We ask Youth to please bring their own funds for lunch.

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, Brian Stevens, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR JULY 17TH:

- We celebrate the marriage of Darcy and Ab Octaviano.
- We celebrate the engagement of Websters' daughter Cali.
- We hold Meg and Sarah in our prayers as they are approaching their due dates.
- We celebrate that Bob T has returned home and is healing.
- Kim asks us to hold her in our prayers as she waits for her doctors appointment this week and updates on her MRI results.
- Pray for Sasha and Eugene and all who are traveling near and far.
- Please pray for Bruce N as he continues with health issues and upcoming medical tests. We also hold Karen in our prayers as she cares for him while also recovering from a twisted ankle.
- Berty S. asks us to pray for her nephew Brian who is undergoing treatment for a brain tumor.
- We pray for Greg S as he heals from knee replacement surgery and some additional complications.
- We pray for those in our congregation and beyond who are suffering from Covid.
- Grace C. asks us to continue to pray for Evan as he continues treatment.
- Pray for Nancy S. as she heals, for increased energy and stamina.
- We hold Lisa I's family in our prayers as she faces multiple health concerns within her family.

Happy Birthday!

7/23 - Dorothy Lehman; Joseph Lemke. 7/25 - Sara Born. 7/27 - Mike Klimmeck. 7/29 - Alex Zitoli; Christie Zimmerman; Kaitlyn McKenna; Devon Williams. 7/30 - Zach Pomeroy

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:

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.

FAREWELL TO JACLYN

Join us August 7th in Jordan Hall between the 8:30 and 10 am service to celebrate Jaclyn's time here with us at PRCC. We are collecting a love offering for Jaclyn, if you would like to make a contribution you can do so through Zelle or by check, please memo offering for Jaclyn.

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>

MUSIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Senior Contact is serving up Ice Cream Sundaes and Root Beer Floats again on Friday 8/19. Everyone is invited to listen to the Junior Choir Camp concert in the sanctuary at 5:00 pm on Friday 8/19 and then stay for some sweet treats. Let us know if you'd need a ride to church to be a part of this fun event.

RALLY DAY - August 21st!

Typically Rally Day is held on the second Sunday in September, this year that will be September 11th. In respect for the day, Staff and Leadership have agreed to move Rally Day to August 21st. We will worship together at one service at 10 am and then enjoy Deacon Dogs, activities for the children, music, and fellowship as we kick off an exciting new time of ministry!

FOLK CONCERT - September 10th

Claudia Schmidt brings her exuberant music to Park Ridge Community Church! With her multi-octave voice, 12 string guitar and mountain dulcimer, she weaves together song, story and spoken word in a one-of-a-kind presentation that will fill your heart and refresh your soul. Look for more details about tickets for this one night only event!

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 2 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

Wed, Aug 3 - Mission Trip Participant Gathering

Sun, Aug 7 - Youth Pool Party at Hinkley Pool, 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Wed, Aug 10 - Pie Night at the Carriage House, 6:30 to 8 pm

Sun, Aug 14 - New 5th Grade Welcome Lunch at the Carriage House, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Sun, Aug 21 - Rally Day!

Sun, Aug 28 - Youth Group Kick Off!

FAMILY CAMP - September 23rd - 25th

<https://www.vmcachicago.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

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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