



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

JULY 26, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Petrified National Park:
July 26, 2026

Time
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

You are with us, God of sunrises and sunsets.

God has made everything suitable for its time.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

God has made everything suitable for its time.

From trials of the past to the hope for tomorrow,

God's faithfulness endures in every season and setting.

*HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Listening Spirit, in the hard times which life may offer, you are there with us, hearing not only our struggles, but the hopes singing silently in our souls. In the barren seasons through which we may walk, we find you ahead of us, planting the seeds of joy which will once more blossom in the springtime of God's love. And yet we lose heart. Give us patience and faithfulness to endure the changing seasons of our lives. Keep our hearts attuned to your heartbeat, our rhythm in sync with your own, our time in touch with your timing.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. This is the time for forgiveness, grace, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me. Thanks be to 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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Lorenzo Formosa, baritone

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. 3

*PREACHING LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

SERMON

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

Spirit

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
Kathy Erlandson, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Mark Holihan, Musician
Lorenzo Formosa, Baritone

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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!

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

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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 19th:

- We celebrate the joy of summer travel and pray for the rest and renewal for those who are away. We rejoice in memorable family moments, like first roller coaster rides, and visits with those near and dear to us, like Sandy B.'s sister.
- We give thanks for Keith R. and Lonn N. who installed our new Sunday School security door.
- Rick B. shares prayers of gratitude that both his brother, Mark, and his childhood friend, Robin, are both cancer-free after completing their respective treatments.
- We pray for a friend and a family member who are both pursuing new jobs.
- We pray for those impacted by the devastating effects of climate change, including the wildfires currently raging in Canada and northern Minnesota.

FELLOWSHIP

TODAY 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!
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TICKETS
Here!



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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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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

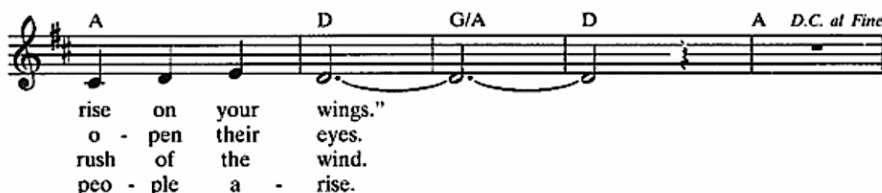
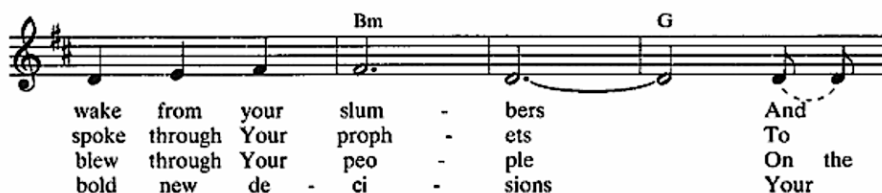
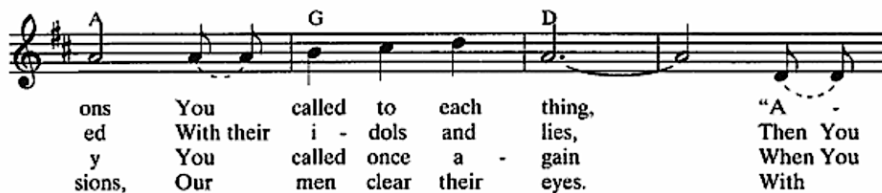
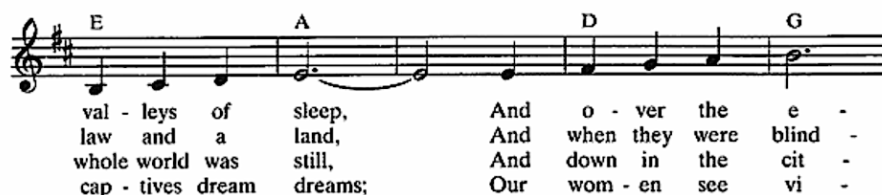
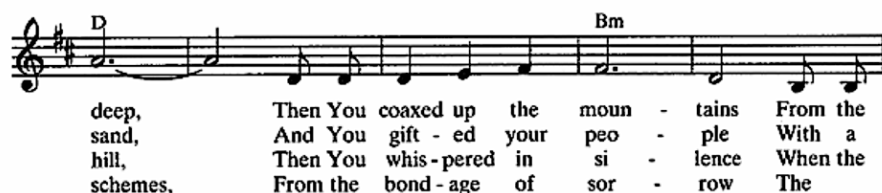
Refrain
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

James K. Manley, 1975

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CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, July 26 - Christmas in July!

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

5:30 pm - Christmas in July (Oakton Ice Arena)

MONDAY, July 27

7:00 pm - Fellowship Team (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, July 28

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

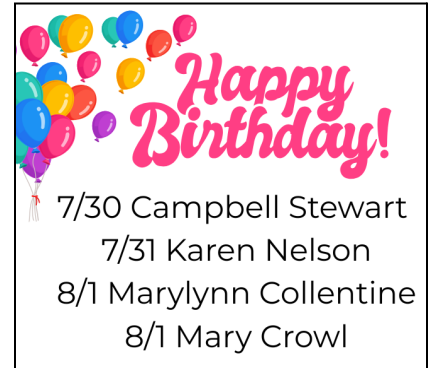
6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY, July 29

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

THURSDAY, July 30

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

A large, colorful graphic for a "YOUTH POOL PARTY". The words "YOUTH" and "PARTY" are in a pink, outlined font, while "POOL" is in a large, green, outlined font. The background features a pool scene with people swimming, a large yellow sun, and various decorative elements like water splashes, circles, and dots in pink, green, and yellow.

**AUG. 9TH
4-6 PM
PASTOR CAROL'S
POOL!**

**All youth entering
6th-12th graders are
invited for a back to
school splash party!
swimming- hot dogs- fun!
for more info,
contact Pastor Mollie**