

God's Messy FAMILY

Finding Your Place
When Life Isn't Perfect



July 31, 2022 ♦ 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Park Ridge Community Church

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

God's Messy Family: Loss & Promise

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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

As Those of Old

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, when we suffer we often feel abandoned by you. The question of "Why?" haunts our hearts and the hearts of many of your children. Broken promises, loved ones lost, acts of violence leave gaping wounds that we fail to acknowledge. When you reach out to comfort us, we recoil. Open our hearts. Heal our hurts. Help us to forgive others, just as you have forgiven us. Speak your words of promise even in the midst of sadness.

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.*

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 54:11-25

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. 3

PREACHING LESSON

Genesis 23:1-20

This is the word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Messiness of Grief

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**

God of every generation, we have experienced deep grief and loss in our family. You hear the sadness of our hearts and weep when we weep. Use these gifts to wipe the tears of those who weep this day. May all that we do bring forth comfort, healing, mercy, and grace. Amen.

***HYMN**

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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 31, 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
Jamie Knoblauch, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Jane Kenas-Heller, piano
Angie and Andrew Weber, musicians

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FOREST GREEN CMD

Frank von Christierson, 1960; alt.

English folk melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. As those of old their first - fruits brought Of vine - yard, flock, and field
2. A world in need now sum - mons us To la - bor, love, and give,
3. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust We bring our best to You,

To God, the giv - er of all good, The source of boun - teous yield,
To make our life an of - fer - ing To God that all may live.
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neigh - bors too.

So we to - day our first - fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call - ing us To make the dream come true:
O God who gave Your - self to us In Je - sus Christ Your Son,

Of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.
A world re - deemed by Christ - like love, All life in Christ made new.
Help us to give our - selves each day Un - til life's work is done.

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Robert L. Edwards, 1961

The Sacred Harp, 1844
Harm. James H. Wood, 1958

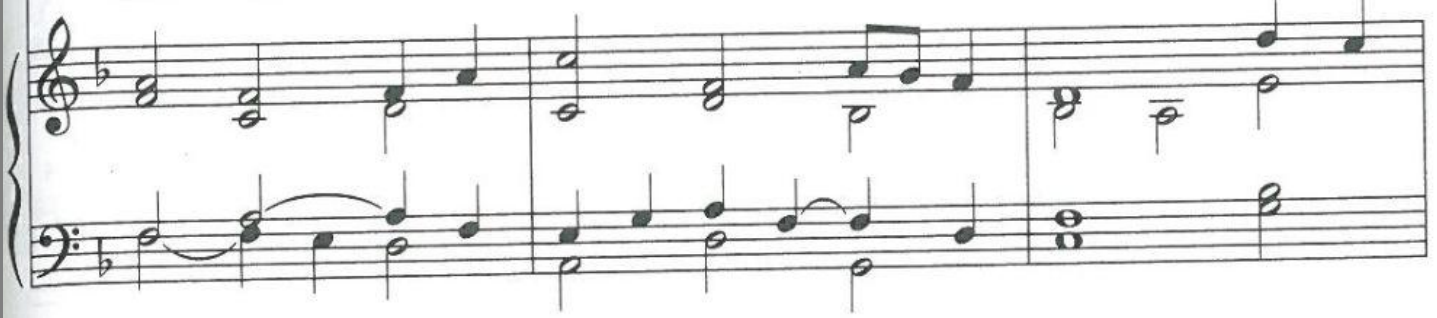
1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From Your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the goals of
3. Trea - sure too You have en - trust - ed, Gain through powers Your

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, Your Son: All at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred,

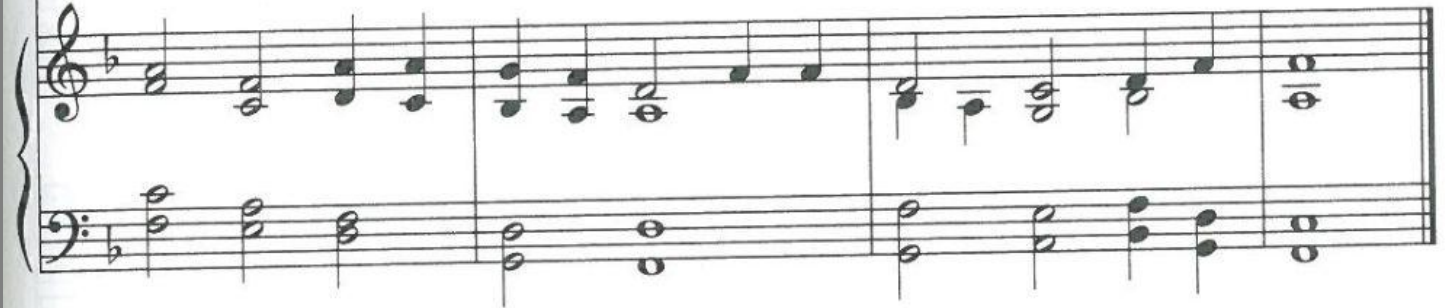
Cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door: Gift-ed by You, we turn
Rac-es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
And to spread the gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands, in



to You, Of-fering up our - selves in praise; Thank-ful
 la - bor, Lest we strive for self a - lone; Born with
 shar - ing, As we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing,



song shall rise for - ev - er, Gra-cious do - nor of our days.
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants Fit to an - swer at Your throne.
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, Serv-ing You by lov - ing all.



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 August ushers: Barb Madro, Marty McHugh, Chris Browning, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Jim Sindt, Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, and Joe Figgins.

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in celebration of Jim and Judy Sindt's 57th wedding anniversary today!

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 meet on August 3rd at 6 pm for a Mission Trip Participant Gathering on the Carriage House Driveway.

ONLINE DONATIONS can be made via PayPal or Zelle, our email is giving@parkridgecommunitychurch.org. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

Rally Day

August 21st

10 am Service Only

- Deacon Dogs
- music
- games for all ages

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 24th:

- Teri shared a joy that her nephew's family was able to adopt the son they have been raising for a number of years.
- We celebrate those recovering from Covid including our own Pastor Carol and Pastor Mollie.
- We celebrate the Naudzius-Moriarty family celebrating 30 years and the Webers celebrating 24 years of marriage! Happy Anniversaries!
- We pray in gratitude for Kym's good doctor's appointment and the news that nothing is seriously wrong with her back & neck and Kym received an achieved recognition at work.
- We hold in prayer all those on vacation and traveling - for time of refreshment and safety in travels.
- Please continue to pray for healing and a quick return to health for all those with covid
- Lisa asks us to continue to hold her son Joe in our prayers as he is still in the hospital recovering from emergency surgery that resulted from a complication from an earlier surgery.
- Angie asks us to hold her mother in prayer who had a fall, ended up testing positive for covid and is in the hospital.
- Sarah asks for prayer for her friend Tim who is seeking treatment for the disease of alcoholism. We hold Tim in our prayers as we continue to pray for our friends and family members struggling with addictions.
- We also pray for Sarah's friend Meghan who was recently diagnosed with brain tumors and medical complications.
- Please pray for Jeanne who is now home from a brief stay in the hospital following a medical procedure this week.
- We pray for Greg S as he recovers from knee replacement surgery this week.
- Please pray for Adrian as he recovers from surgery on his knee which he had last week.
- We hold in our prayers the family and friends of Jack Ryan who entered life in the resurrection this week. Jack is Lisa I.'s brother for whom we have been praying.
- We pray for Sue's family and friends as her brother in law Tim entered life in the resurrection this week after a battle with mesothelioma.

Happy Birthday!

7/31 - Robin Kopecky; Karen Nelson

8/1 - Marylynn Collentine

8/4 - Jay Crowley

8/6 - Evan Bayley

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!

Rally Day will be held on August 21st with fun and worship! 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>

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

Sun, Aug 7th - 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.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

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