



# SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and  
the National Parks*

**JULY 5, 2026**



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
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# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Yellowstone National Park:  
July 5, 2026

Faithfulness  
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

Great is our God and greatly to be praised; God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth. (Psalm 48:1)

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
and God saw that it was good..."**

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. (Psalm 19:1)

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
and God saw that it was good..."**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, You make the winds your messengers. You set the earth on its foundations. You make springs gush forth in the valleys. You cause grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to us, to bring forth food from the earth. (Psalm 104:2,4,5,10,14)

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
and God saw that it was good..."**

O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. (Psalm 104:24-25)

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth...  
and God saw that it was good." We gather to worship our God!**

**all praise, honour, majesty and power belongs to our Creating God!**

#### \*HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

see insert

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have been created for goodness by you, Artist of all things, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us. But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.**

*Silent prayers are offered.*

#### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

**The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. 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 8

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*PREACHING LESSON**

Genesis 2:4-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Old Faithful"

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!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May God in Community be with you!

**And also with you!**

May the Holy Three who are One be in your hearts.

**May we be filled with imagination, with words, with life itself.**

Let us sing our praises to God who makes us one with all people.

**We join all creation in singing glad songs to our God.**

...With those who see and worship, as well as those who doubt and despair, we offer our songs of praise to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Majestic Name. All creation joins in praising your goodness and wonder. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who is with us to the end. Hosanna in the highest!**

...As we struggle to understand such a gift, as we seek to live such faithfulness, we live in that mystery called faith:

**Christ died, your Word silenced by the world; Christ was raised, your Word singing of resurrection joy; Christ will come, the Word which will call us home to you.**

...And when we are gathered in that place to which you will direct us at the end of time, we will join with all of creation in forever praising your glory, your love, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)**

**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.**

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

#### \*HYMN

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

see insert

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

*arr. Mary McDonald*

\* 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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians  
Jane Kenas-Heller, Accompanist  
Mark Holihan

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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, Linda LuDuc, Bud Shinn, and Kent Ulery.

## 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](mailto: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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are \$60 to sponsor! You can sign up to sponsor flowers on the sign-up sheet on the office bulletin board.

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](mailto: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!

## 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!

### **CHICAGO DOGS BASEBALL GAME - Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 pm, Impact Field**

PRCC is heading to the ballpark! Tickets will go on sale soon! ALL ARE WELCOME!

# 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 June 28th:

- We give thanks for the Choir Tour in Tuscany and for the bold witness of love shared with fellow choirs and audience members alike.
- We celebrate the La Boheme Opera, directed by Sasha, including voices of our adult and youth choirs.
- We pray for Patrice C. who is recovering from a broken hip and subsequent surgery.
- We pray for the Flener family as they prepare to gather and celebrate Fred's life next Sunday.
- We pray for the Sindt family and our congregation, as we grieve the loss of beloved member, Judy Sindt who entered life in the resurrection yesterday morning. A service will be held later in July.
- We pray for Venezuela after earthquakes this week. We pray for those who are seeking asylum and refuge for whom doors have closed and protections have been removed.
- We celebrate that Tom C.'s surgery went well and pray for continued healing.
- We pray for Bruce M. as he recovers from surgery.
- We pray for Kym as she seeks treatment for hip pain.
- We pray for Sandy M. whose 57th anniversary would have been tomorrow.
- We celebrate our pets and the joy and love they bring to our lives!
- Sharon K. asks for prayers for Bill I and all those who grieve the loss of Marianne Irvine.
- We pray for a brother-in-law Bob, whose 42 year old nephew just tragically died, leaving behind grieving parents, wife, and two young children.

# 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.

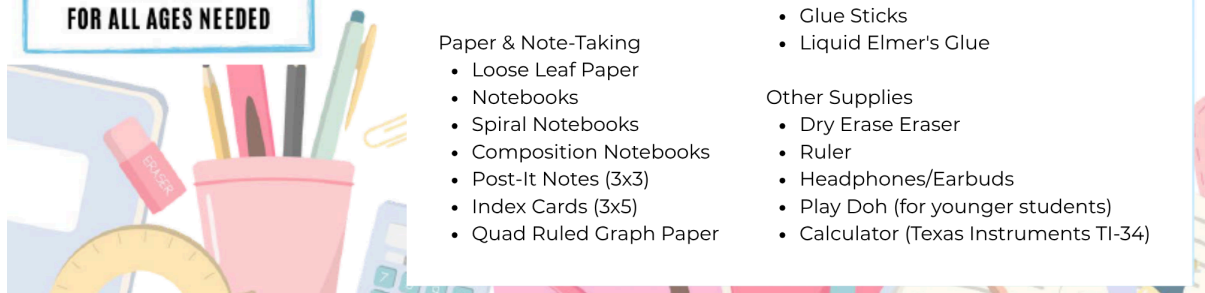
Questions? Contact the Outreach Team or Pastor Mollie!

## 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)

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 356

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
 help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,  
 strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
 safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
 bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm  
 stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue  
 feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.  
 me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## God of Grace and God of Glory

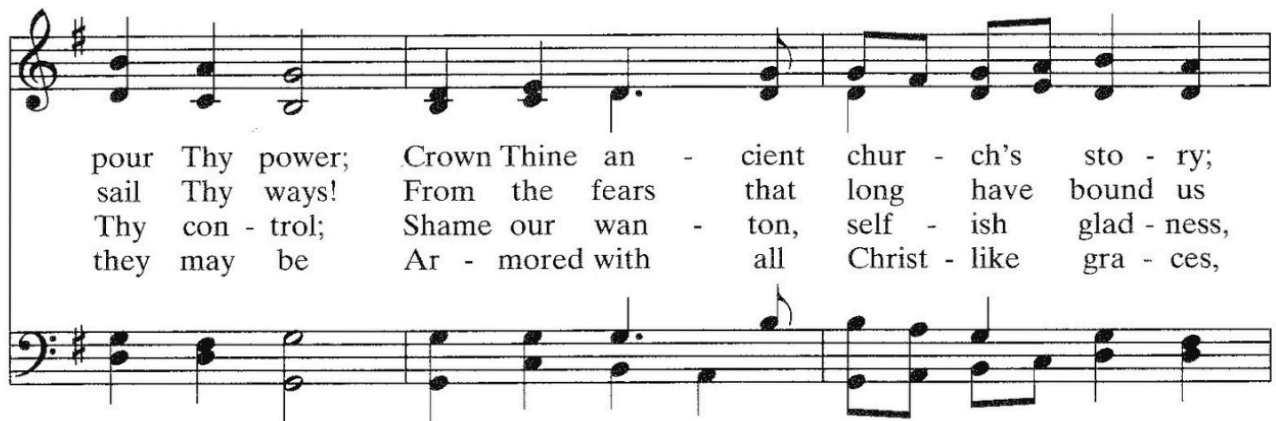
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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.


John Hughes, 1907



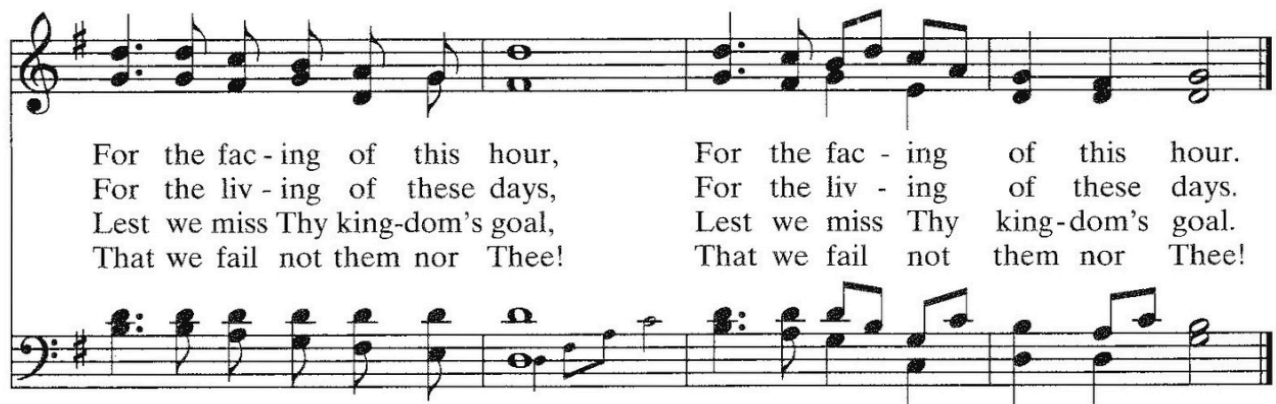
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

# CHURCH EVENTS

## SUNDAY, July 5

- 8:30 am - Garden Worship - Pet Blessing
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm - Fred Flener Memorial Service - Visitation
- 2:00 pm - Fred Flener Memorial Service & Reception

## MONDAY, July 6

- 6:00 pm - Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm - Finance Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

## TUESDAY, July 7

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, July 8

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)
- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)

## THURSDAY, July 9

- 9:00 am - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 10:30 am - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)
- 6:00 pm - Outreach Committee Meeting (Library)

## THURSDAY, July 9

- 7:00 pm - Ice Cream/ Popsicle Social (Butler Place)



07/05 Eileen O'Neill-Burke  
07/07 Margie Crockett  
07/07 Ronald Matzen  
07/07 Meg Thomas-Cary  
07/07 Jackie Tilles  
07/08 Zoe Belle Blocker  
07/08 Chris Chandler  
07/08 Penny Woo  
07/08 Olivia Woo  
07/09 Susan Crawford  
07/09 Sasha Gerritson  
07/10 Claire Kallen  
07/10 Nancy Skoog  
07/10 Wayne Tumminello  
07/11 Scott Nelson

