



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

AUGUST 16, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Big Bend National Park:
August 16, 2026

Borders
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

Abraham was a border crosser. **Isaac was a border crosser.**

Jacob was a border crosser. **Joseph was a border crosser.**

Moses was a border crosser. **Hagar was a border crosser.**

Ana was a border crosser. **Esther was a border crosser.**

Lidia was a border crosser.

Joseph, Mary and Jesus were border crossers in the midst of a genocide.

The Holy Spirit crossed borders to start the church, **and is still crossing borders today.**

Churches are border crossing places. **There is no border beyond God's reach.**

*HYMN

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our God, we give you thanks for the good dreaming that envisioned a land of freedom and opportunity—

a land in which to grow respect for all its citizens. We give you thanks for all who sacrificed in so many ways to create and to sustain such dreaming.

We give you thanks for the many ways in which that dream has been, and continues to be embraced and made manifest— as a better tomorrow is shaped for all— all within these borders and all without them too.

We thank you for the call to let freedom shine, to let celebration of the dignity of all resound.

But we also confess to you the many ways in which we fall short of our best dreaming—

fall into immaturity, and selfishness— into shortsightedness— into too much of a focus on immediate benefits for some and a lesser tomorrow for all.

We confess to binding the dream we apparently sometimes want to claim in word only— not in words made flesh.

Re-install in us the dreaming, God. Guide us into the disciplines of love and grace that cultivate those ideals of discipline and sacrifice— of a commitment to our children and our children's children that theirs should be a better land than ours is now— with more mature leaders and citizens than we are— with greater opportunities than we have known— with even deeper respect for all its citizens— a more far reaching vision— with richer examples of freedom and bravery because that's the way we dream it to be.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Spirit, lead us where our trust is without borders. Let us walk upon the waters, wherever you would call us. Take us deeper than our feet could ever wander, that our faith will be made stronger, in the presence of our Saviour, forgiven and redeemed. **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

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF MARGOT MACK CLARK (10 am)

Parents: Alex and Kelly Mack Clark

Godparents: Beth Birkholz and Scott Seeke

Beloved of God... water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Here we come to the water, to baptize Margot, and in each other's presence to renew our commitments to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

QUESTIONS OF THE FAMILY AND GODPARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care for Margot being baptized as she grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

BLESSING OF THE WATER AND BAPTISM

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day to this community, these parents, and this child. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all children may grow and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that Margot will bask in your love as she journeys through this life. Amen.

Mar-got, Mar-got, God claims you, God helps you, pro- tects you, and loves you too.

D.C.

1. We this day do all a- gree a child of God you'll al- ways be.
2. We your fam- ily love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
3. And if you should tire or cry, then we will sing this lul- la- by.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 10:16-19

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Blessed Assurance

Christopher Bell

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. 6

*PREACHING LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

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

SERMON

Beyond Borders

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Oceans

Hillsong United

***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**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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
Sara Born, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Meg Thomas Cary, Viola and Soloist
Rachel Lapp, 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 August ushers: Barbra Madro (CAPTAIN), Ace Steele, Dave Figgins, Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek, Christopher Browning,, and Mike Proue

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!

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 August 9th:

- Kym asks for prayers for her brother Rick as he recovers from a procedure on Tuesday.
- We pray for Gary J. as he recovers from hip surgery this week and for Janet as she cares for him.
- Our prayers are with Liz E. who has received a difficult medical diagnosis.
- Gretchen and Dave K. ask for prayers for their daughter-in-law, Amanda, their son, Greg, and their granddaughter-to-be. Amanda has been hospitalized with preeclampsia and they anticipate the baby will be delivered this next week once she's reached 34 weeks gestation.
- Sheila B. asks for prayers for a friend who is beginning chemotherapy this week.
- We pray for Mary H.'s brother, Patrick, as he faces multiple forms of cancer.
- Katie R. asks for prayers for her friend, Scott, who is undergoing testing for health concerns. May his medical time find an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan.
- Scott T. asks for prayers for his young family while he is traveling for work.
- We pray for Anne M.'s dad, Bruce, as he recovers from surgery.
- We pray for clear sighted leadership and pursuit of peace around our world.

FELLOWSHIP



CHICAGO DOGS BASEBALL GAME @ Impact Field
Sunday, August 23 at 3:00 pm
PRCC is heading to the ballpark!
Tickets are \$17 each! **9 TICKETS AVAILABLE!**
ALL ARE WELCOME!



Get **TICKETS**
Here!

Women's Circle 10-Circle 10 Swap-a-looza! Tuesday, September 15 @ 7:00 pm All are invited to an evening of good company and guilt-free "shopping"! Let's catch up over dessert and drinks while we pass along a few beloved goodies. Here's how it works: Bring 3 home decor or personal accessory items you're ready to part with—those charming treasures that deserve a second life. Then, shop the swap and go home with 3 "new to you" finds from someone else's collection! Suggested \$5 cash donation goes to the Women's Circle 10 Fund, supporting our Bereavement Ministry. Bring your friends, your treasures, and find something new.

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

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GO DOWN MOSES 8.5.8.5 with refrain

African-American spiritual

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Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989

1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let my peo-ple go!
2. "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said: Let my peo-ple go!
3. "No more shall they in bond-age toil," Let my peo-ple go!

Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go!
"If not, I'll smite your first-born dead," Let my peo-ple go!
"Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil," Let my peo-ple go!

Refrain
Go down, Mo - ses, Mo - ses, Way down in E - gypt's land,
Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - aoh, Let my peo-ple go!

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I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932–1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

an - y - time!
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na live so (live so)
I'm gon-na work so (work so)
I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can

use me an - y - where, Lord,
(my Lord,) an - y - time!
(an - y - time!)

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 16

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:15 am - W.I.S.E. Task Force Meeting (Library)

MONDAY, August 17

5:30 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, August 18

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

12:00 pm - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)

6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

WEDNESDAY, August 19

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

THURSDAY, August 20

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

SATURDAY, August 22

9:00 am - Board of Directors Retreat
St. Luke's Lutheran

HAPPY
Birthday

08/16 Elijah Johnson

08/16 Zach Nelson

08/16 Carrie Plach

08/17 Charlotte DiCristofano

08/17 Will Smith

08/18 Aria Geye

08/19 William Zarach

08/21 Jimmy Muenzer

08/21 Pete Muenzer

08/22 Scott Larson

08/22 Justin McCarty

08/22 Paul Rauch

08/23 Archer Geye

08/25 Bill Scharringhausen

08/26 Max Chandler

08/26 Rich Sivertsen

08/27 Angie Papassavas

8/27 Jan Steiner



RALLY DAY!

September 13, 2026

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year!

ONE SERVICE: 10:00 AM



LUNCH & FUN

FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN

- DEACON DOGS - BOUNCE HOUSE -



**Great Food
Better Cause**

Tired of cooking in the summer heat?
Need to take one thing off your back-to-school to-do list?

Join us on Thursday, August 27
by dining in or ordering carryout from
Fire + Wine.

—

20% of your purchase will benefit
our Christian Outreach efforts.

Mention PRCC's Christian Outreach fundraiser when you place your order so your purchase counts toward the donation. Good food, no dishes to wash, and support a great cause—
it's a win for everyone!