



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

AUGUST 2, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Bryce Canyon National Park:
August 2, 2026

Strength in the Storm
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

La Paix

G. F. Handel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We are warmed by the sun; the rain cleanses all creation:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We watch the moon light up the night,

we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

*HYMN

All Creatures of our God and King, v. 1-3

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when lashed by life's windstorms we often lash out in return. Forgive us when we blame you or others for our troubles.

Teach us to find you in the eye of the storm. Show us the calm center that comes from a word of peace.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the witness of scripture: God listens; God helps. Now is the day of salvation. Open wide your heart and receive God's forgiveness. **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

Psalm 69:1-3, 13-18, 33-34

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

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CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF MORGAN TONE

Loving God, we pray for our church as we continue to grow in body, mind and spirit. Keep us faithful to the vision we have shared, continuing to show us what we should do, how we should be and expanding our ministry with one another and our community. We affirm that your Holy Spirit has brought us together in the first place. Your Spirit has enlivened our fellowship; and that same Spirit goes with Morgan and remains with us

here in this place. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire us all as we serve God and God's people together and apart. Pour out your blessing upon Morgan that she would feel our gratitude and peace as she concludes one chapter and begins the next. May we all continue to grow in our love and service, especially to the children. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE (8:30 am)

Take My Life and Let it Be, v. 4

*PREACHING LESSON

Matthew 8:23-27

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

SERMON

HELP!

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 the God of new beginnings be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who makes all things, including us, new.

Children of God, sing praises to the One who gives you new life.

....So we join with the saints in heaven, and our siblings on earth, who sing of Your glory:

Holy, holy, holy, God of every time and space. All creation sings of Your majesty and glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who gives us the water of life. Hosanna in the highest!

...As we give thanks for his life, and remember his death and resurrection, we would talk of that mystery which is our faith:

Christ died, so sin would have no more power over us;

Christ was raised, destroying death's grip on us; when the new heaven and new earth come, Christ will make all things, including us, new.

....sing your praises forever: One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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.

*HYMN

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

La Rejouissance

G. F. Handel

* 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
Meg Thomas Cary, Lector
Siri Nelson, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Karen Nelson, Violin
Carol Dylan, Violin
Naomi Hildner, Viola
Melissa Bach, Cello

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are sponsor this week to honor Tim And Laura Lapp's Anniversary!

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 26th:

- We pray for Pastor Carol's grandma Carolyn who will return to independent living on Tuesday following a stroke and rehab.
- We pray for Jenny S.'s mom as they start a new caregiver while still struggling with her ongoing needs, unclear diagnosis and best next steps; and pray for Jenny's dad as he manages all of this while healing from Mohs surgery.
- Prayer for Kym as she deals with pre-diabetes and medical challenges.
- We give thanks for the gardeners in our congregation who have weeded and cared so tenderly for our grounds.
- Sandy B. asks for prayers for newborn baby Simon on life support.
- Prayers for Angie P.'s close friend having surgery for pancreatic cancer on Tuesday.
- Prayers for a friend and husband who have lost their jobs and have a daughter beginning high school in August.

- We hold in prayer a family member who is recovering from a fall. May their healing be swift and without complication.
- We pray for families who are feeling overwhelmed by the costs of gas, costs of groceries, costs of tuition, and trying to make ends meet.
- We continue to surround the Sindt family with our love and prayers, as yesterday's celebration of life for Judy continues to echo in their hearts.
- We mourn with Charlyn and Paul R. as their son, Kevin Paul Rauch, entered Life in the Resurrection on July 25.

FELLOWSHIP



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



TICKETS
 Here!

POOL PARTY

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

All youth entering
6th-12th grade are
invited for a back to
school splash party!
swimming- hot dogs- fun!



455 All Creatures of Our God and King

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony

soft - er gleam,
 find a voice! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 warmth and light,
 al - so show!

Unison

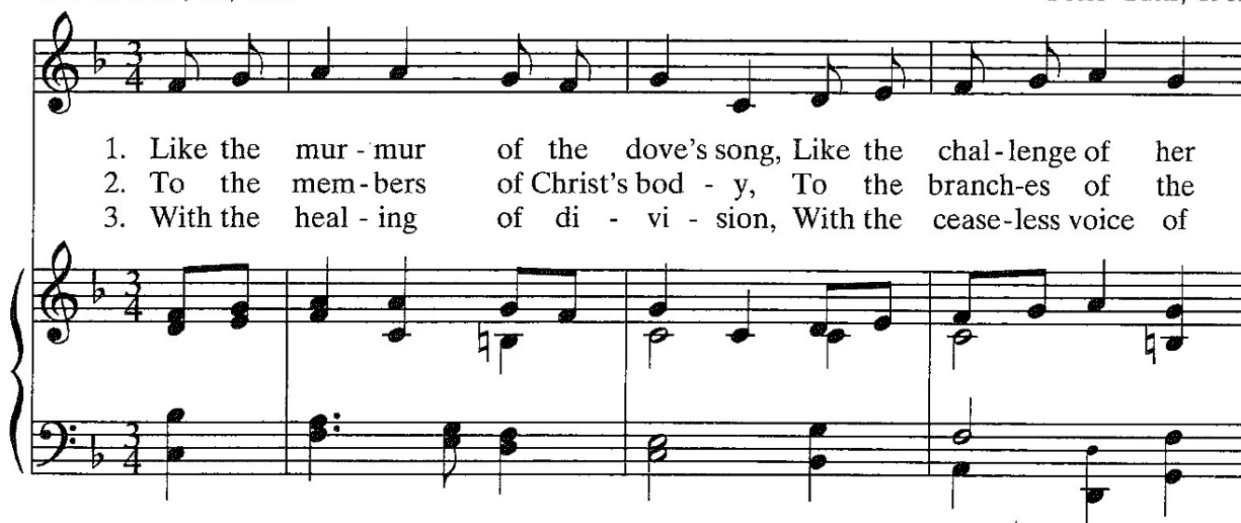
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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

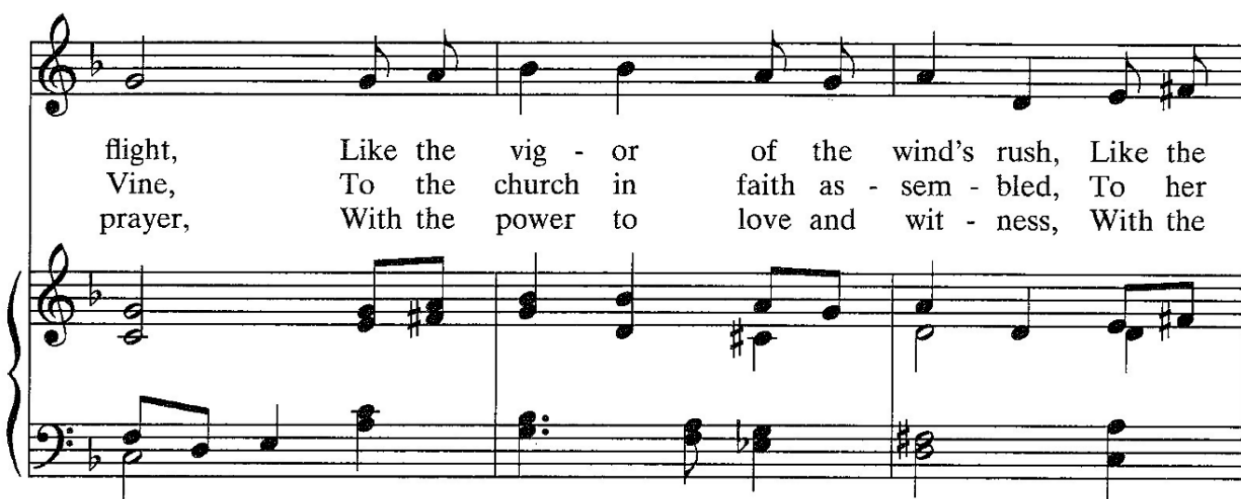
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

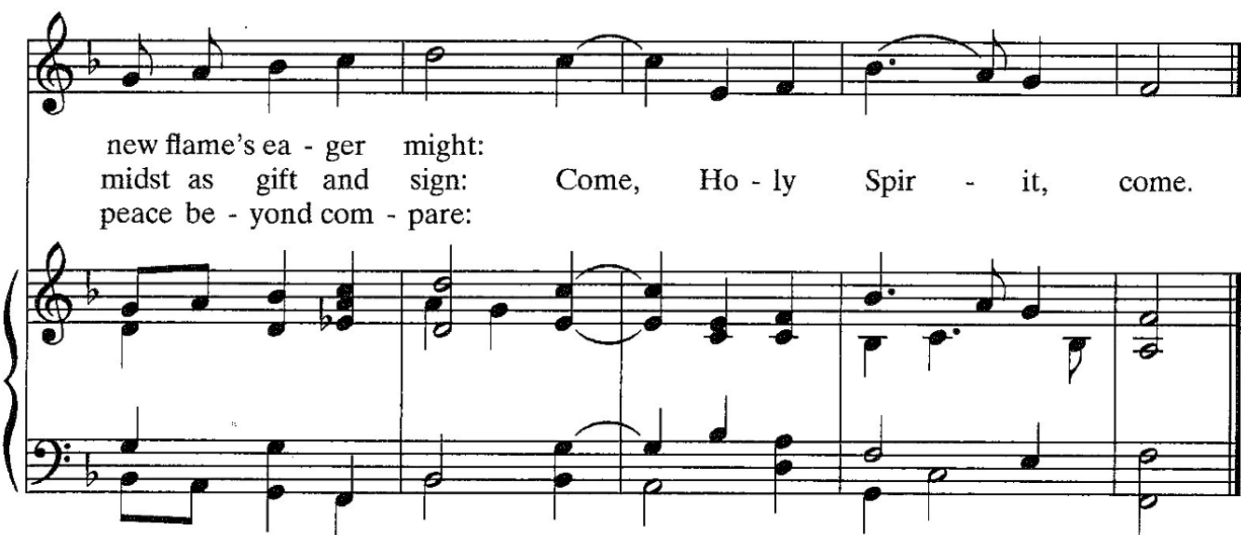
Peter Cutts, 1969



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
 Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 2

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, August 3

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

7:00 pm - Trustees Meeting (Library)

TUESDAY, August 4

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)

6:30 pm - Ministry Council (Library)

WEDNESDAY, August 5

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)

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

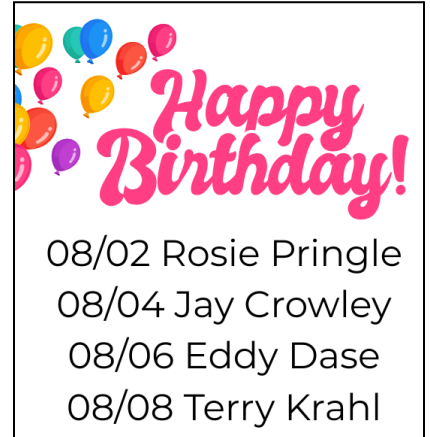
THURSDAY, August 6

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

6:00 pm - Christian Outreach (Parlor)

SATURDAY, August 8

11:00 am - Greg Sarlo Service



RALLY DAY!

September 13, 2026

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year!

ONE SERVICE: 10:00 AM