



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

AUGUST 23, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Grand Canyon National Park:
August 23, 2026

Grandeur
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

In mystery and grandeur

we see the face of God!

In earthiness and the ordinary

we know the love of Christ!

In heights and depths and life and death:

the spirit of God is moving among us!

Let us praise God!

*HYMN

All Beautiful the March of Days

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are people, chosen from our generations to be Witnesses to the great Covenant that exists between the Creator and the Creation. God created atoms and universe— yet we are content to live in our own little worlds. God delights in color and diversity; yet we are blind and deaf to the grandeur of God that surrounds us. Eternal God of all Creation, we ask for forgiveness for our failure to recognize You in the glory of all that you have created.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves!

By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. 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

CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF JEREMIAH COLE JOYCE (10 am)

Parents: Brendan and Kate Joyce

Godparents: Zachary Nelson and Carley Joyce

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

Here we come to the water, to baptize Jeremiah, 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 Jeremiah being baptized as he 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 Jeremiah will bask in your love as he journeys through this life. Amen.

Jer - e - mi - ah, 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

Isaiah 55:6-13

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Meg Thomas-Cary

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)

Open My Eyes, v. 1

PREACHING LESSON

Psalm 139

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

SERMON

Isn't She Lovely

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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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
Julie Smith, Lector
Adrian Hill, Worship Leader

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Meg Thomas Cary, Mezzo

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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!

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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.



Safe Church Training - NEXT SUNDAY, August 30 from 2-4 pm All are invited to this training on the PRCC Safe Church Policy (recommended for ALL ministry leaders and required for volunteers working with youth and children) will be held on Sunday, August 30 from 2-4 pm in Jordan Hall to learn the procedures and policies in place to keep everyone safe at PRCC. We will cover the best practices and use of our systems to keep everyone safe.

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 16th:

- We celebrate Will S.'s birthday as he celebrates by backpacking through the Olympic National Park in Washington.
- We celebrate the birth of Mia Kopolnek, born on August 11.
- We celebrate the birth of Cooper Kikolski with parents Ambrea and Piotr and big brother Beckham on Aug. 15.
- We give thanks for the baptism of Margot Mack Clark this morning.
- We pray for Bill and Barbara S. as they prepare to sell their house and move to Des Plaines.
- We celebrate with John W. that he earned his drivers license.
- Mary B asks for prayers for her niece Connie as she has surgery on Monday.
- Gretchen and Dave K. ask for prayers for their brother-in-law, John, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.
- Kimberly T. requests prayers for the safety and well-being of her children and grandchildren.
- We pray for all of our high school students, teachers, and staff who have gone back to school
- We pray for an end to gun violence, and for authorities to respect the lives of those whom they serve, and for troops deployed near and far.
- Sarah H. asks for prayers for Catherine McDaniel and family as they grieve the loss of Jan.

FELLOWSHIP



TODAY! August 23 at 3 pm

Park Ridge Community Church goes to the Ballpark! Those who have pre-purchased tickets should pick them up from the office this morning before heading to the ball field. The field is open for guests to play catch starting at 1:30 pm - just bring your own ball and glove! First pitch is at 3 pm! We have a group of 95 folks joining in the fun today!

If you still want to join in, just meet us at the ballpark and purchase tickets at the gate. You'll find the PRCC group in Section 105, rows 1-8.

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.

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All Beautiful the March of Days

FOREST GREEN CMD

Frances Whitmarsh Wile, 1911

English folk melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As sea - sons come and go;
2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling pure The ra - diant morn un - fold;
3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law The year in beau - ty flows,

The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow;
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night Burn bright - er through the cold;
Thy - self the vi - sion pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,

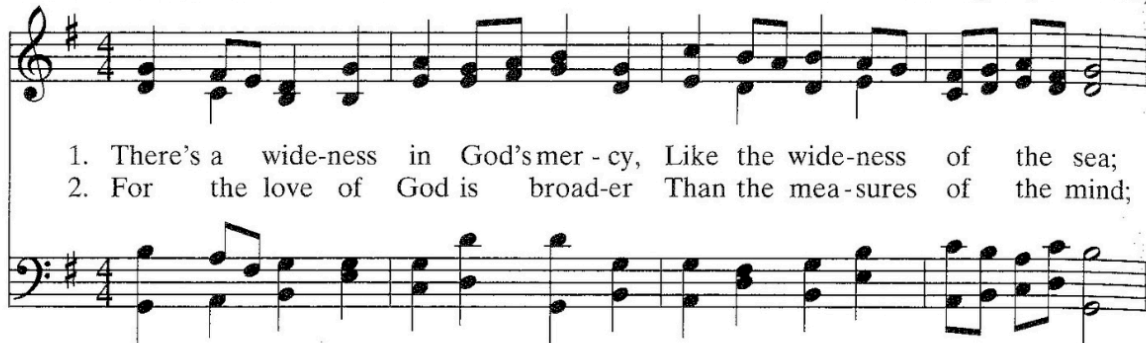
Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heaven, The flow - ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery throb - bing vein, Love deep - ens round the hearth,
Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And night to night pro - claim,

And laid a si - lent love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, The won - der of Thy name.

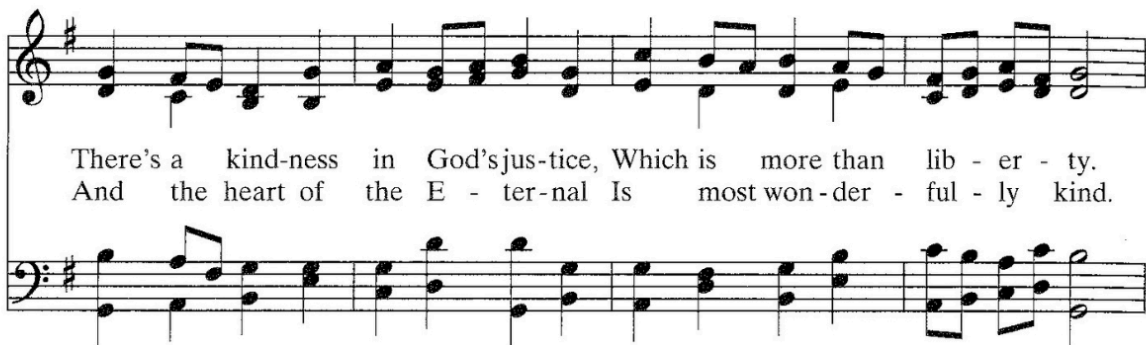
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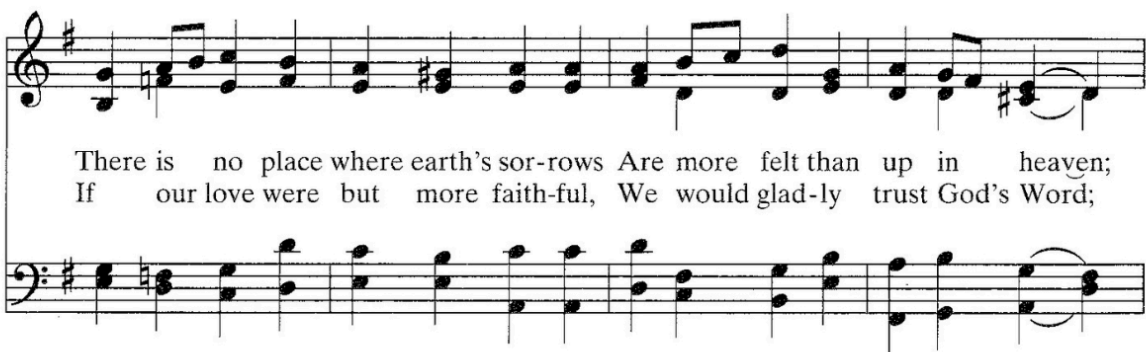
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)


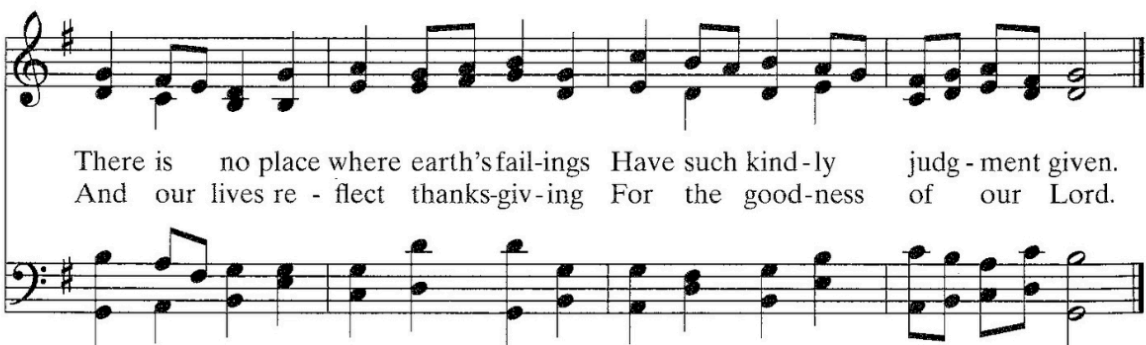
1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib-er-ty.
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives re-flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 23

8:30 am - Garden Worship

10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

2:00 pm - Chicago Dogs Outing (Impact Field)

MONDAY, August 24

1:00 pm - PEO DA Meeting (Jordan Hall)

5:30 pm - Finance Meeting (Library)

6:30 pm - Executive Committee (Library)

7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

7:30 pm - Board of Directors (Jordan Hall)

TUESDAY, August 25

10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)

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

WEDNESDAY, August 26

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

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (Pastoral Office)

THURSDAY, August 27

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

Fire + Wine Fundraiser Night!



Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year!

ONE SERVICE: 10:00 AM



LUNCH & FUN

FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN
- DEACON DOGS - BOUNCE HOUSE -

HAPPY
birthday

08/23 Archer Geye

08/25 Bill Scharringhausen

08/26 Max Chandler

08/26 Rich Sivertsen

08/27 Angie Papassavas

08/27 Jan Steiner

08/28 Michael Proue

08/28 Leena Swanson

08/29 Bob Mack



*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!

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