



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

AUGUST 30, 2026



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Denali National Park:
August 30, 2026

Name _____
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

Panis Angelicus

Franck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When God tripped over the stars this week and sent great lightning sparks across the night,

God's name was Power.

When God stood in the morning dew at Easter and whispered Mary's name fresh from the tomb, **God's name was Life.**

When God held out hands to Thomas and hold him to hold on and follow,

God's name was Shepherd.

When God pours water this morning and asks us to find heaven in every drop,

God's name is Grace.

When God shakes us awake today and hollows out an unused moment in front of us to step into, **God's name is Creator.**

When God finds us waiting here in the space between heaven and earth, now and not yet,

God's name is Love.

Friends, let us worship the God of many names!

*HYMN

How Can We Name a Love

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Creator of all that is, In you we live and move and have our being. You have placed us on earth and sustained our being through the produce of the land and the cleanness of the air we breathe.

You have made us for each to tend and care for the weak and ensure a just sharing of the earth's resources. But we are part of a proud and hard-hearted people who hoard what the earth provides and seem loath to share the fruits of our labours, who live for today with little thought for tomorrow who are afraid to let pain and suffering affect us.

Incarnate God, you know us in our inner being. In your grace you offer us forgiveness even before we have the chance to articulate our sorrow.

You embrace us in all our sinfulness and in doing so give us the chance to start again to learn from the example you have given us in Jesus, who chose the way of the Cross that all might know the depth of your love for all you have made.

Spirit of God, open our hearts and minds that we may grasp your forgiveness, and forgiven seek to forgive others and to live a life of reconciling love modelled on the example of Jesus Christ in whose name we offer this prayer. 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**

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM OF KYM ELIZABETH DOHNKE GIERA (10 am)

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Kym as she grows in faith?

We promise our love, support and care.

...Let us join in prayer: **God of wonder and grace, we thank you for your love revealed here this day through remembering the significance of baptism. We remember our own baptisms and those of our loved ones, and we give you thanks for this reminder that we are bound together through your love and grace. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all people may grow in body, mind, and spirit. Bless each of us and especially Kym on this journey of faith. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:11-15

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

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. 2

***PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

SERMON

I am

Rev. Mollie Foster

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**

O God, We thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the ocean and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers. Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty; and save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory. For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities for new beginnings and new discoveries. Life is constantly changing and renewing itself. In this new day of new beginnings with God, all things are possible. We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be. Amen.

***HYMN**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Mouret

** INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR IN SPIRIT*

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
John Sasser, Lector
Adrian Hill, Worship Leader

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians
Siobhan Hunter, Violin

CREDITS: Call to worship written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Mucky Paws. <http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws> Prayer of Confession from the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday suggestions for Lent 4C, from the Very Rev. Dr. Sheilagh Kesting. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> Song of Response text written by Timothy Kocher-Hillner © 1995, used with permission. Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918) Benediction from Christian Aid and Christian Ecology Link. Posted on Third Space blog. <http://third-space.org.uk/blog>

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.

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!



ALTAR FLOWERS can be dedicated to celebrate or honor people or moments in your and your loved ones' lives. It is \$60 to sponsor Sunday flowers, and you can select your Sunday by placing your name on the flower chart by the office.

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

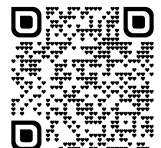
Nursery (Ages 0-5) Our nursery is open from 8:15-11:15 am for children up to 5 years old. The nursery is a safe, welcoming space located downstairs next to Jordan Hall.



Safe Church Training - TODAY, 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!

Wacky Wednesday will resume on September 2nd for Middle School Youth from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Great Hall! Contact Pastor Mollie for more information.

Sunday School Registration Happening Now! We will kick off Sunday School on Sept. 20th. Children will enjoy bible stories, songs, games, crafts, and more! Register your children today!



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 23rd:

- We celebrate the 52nd anniversary of Janet and Gary Johnson.
- We celebrate the baptism of Jeremiah Joyce and we look forward to Kym's renewal of baptism next Sunday.
- We celebrate Patrice C.'s healing and return to health.
- We give thanks for the successful move of Bill and Barbara S. to their new home in Des Plaines.
- Grace C. requests prayers for Jim W., who is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer, and for Sandy L., who is receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- Sheila asks for prayers for a dear friend Lina P, who was just diagnosed with breast cancer and is the sole caregiver for her two children and mother with Alzheimer's.
- We pray for Gary J. who was back in the hospital following his surgery.
- Darcy O. asks for prayers for a former student who collapsed on the football field.
- We pray for Sydney H. as she begins her college experience at Purdue.
- We hold Michael P. and his mother in our prayers as she begins hospice care.
- We pray for the Nelson family as Karen's brother, Bron Lindgren, entered life in the resurrection on Wednesday. Prayers especially for his wife Tuula, kids and grandchildren.

FELLOWSHIP

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.



September 13, 2026

Come one and ALL to Rally Day 2026!!

ONE SERVICE at 10 am in the sanctuary

Chancel Choir returns to worship!

Bouncy House with a slide!

Inflatable Derby Race!

Cotton Candy, Hot Dogs,

Whiffle Ball Toss AND MORE!!

Weekly programming resumes!

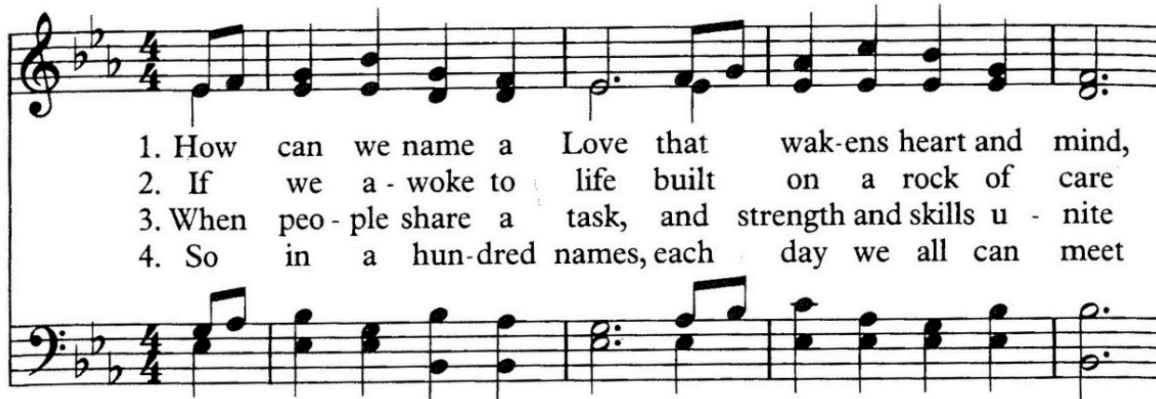
ALL ARE WELCOME - Invite your friends!

LUNCH & FUN

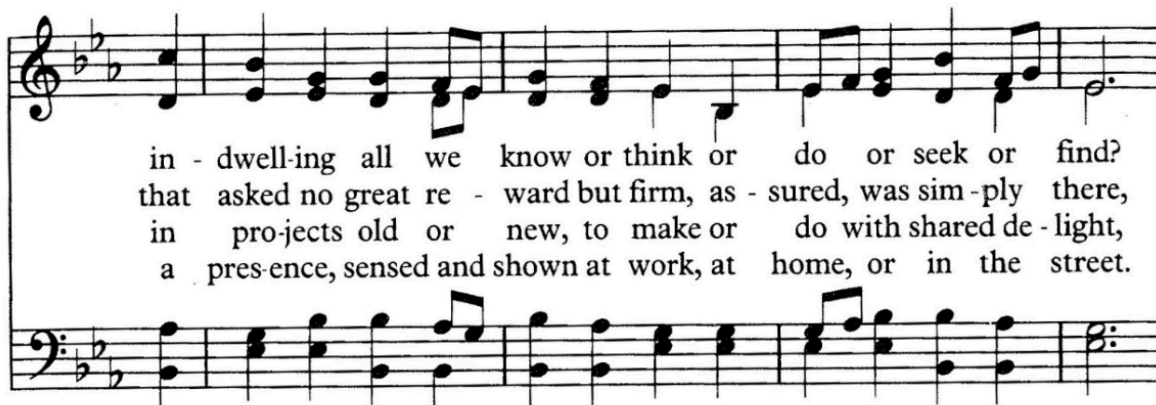
FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN
- DEACON DOGS - BOUNCE HOUSE -

How Can We Name a Love

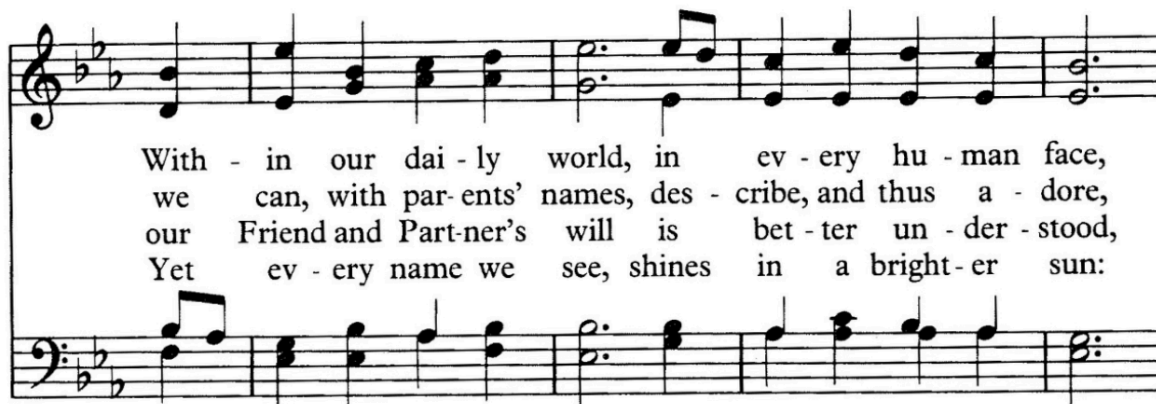
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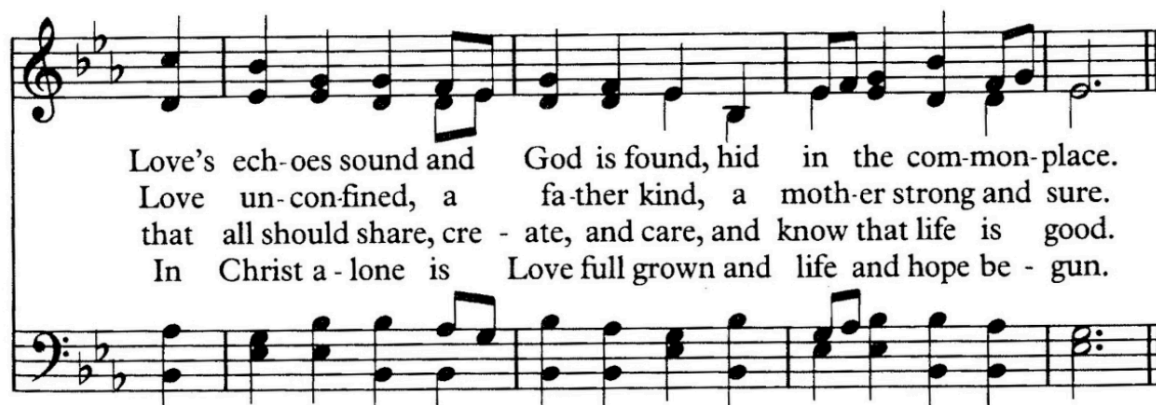
1. How can we name a Love that wak-ens heart and mind,
 2. If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care
 3. When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite
 4. So in a hun-dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell-ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?
 that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,
 in pro-jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,
 a pres-ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,
 we can, with par-ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,
 our Friend and Part-ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,
 Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech-oes sound and God is found, hid in the com-mon-place.
 Love un-confined, a fa-ther kind, a moth-er strong and sure.
 that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.
 In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart,

I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. *Fine*

1. Up - on the moun - tain, my Lord spoke, out his
2. Jor - dan riv - er runs right cold, chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looks so
bod - y, not the soul. Ain't but one train on this

shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.
track, runs to heav - en and right back. *D.C.*

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 30

- 8:30 am** - Garden Worship
- 10:00 am** - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** - Safe Church Training (Jordan Hall)

MONDAY, August 31

- 7:00 pm** - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, September 1

- 10:15 am** - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 12:00 pm** - Kindred Spirits Cafe (Jordan Hall)
- 6:00 pm** - Faith Development Committee (Jordan)
- 6:30 pm** - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)
- 7:30 pm** - Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)

WEDNESDAY, September 2

- 10:00 am** - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 2:30 pm** - Wacky Wednesday (Great Hall)
- 2:45 pm** - Girl Scout Meeting (Jordan Hall)

THURSDAY, September 3

- 9:00 am** - Men's Breakfast (Library)
- 10:30 am** - Lincoln Park Services (Kitchen)

SATURDAY, September 5

- 11:30 am** - Steffi Beery Visitation (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 pm** - Steffi Beery Memorial (Sanctuary)
- 1:00 pm** - Steffi Beery Luncheon (Jordan Hall)
- 2:00 pm** - Bench and Ashes Placement (Lawn)

