



SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and
the National Parks*

AUGUST 9, 2026



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Rocky Mountain National Park:
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Perspective
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

From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.

On mountaintops, and in valleys, Christ calls to us.

With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.

At the park, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.

*HYMN

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

see insert

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Oh Lord, You call us to go to the mountain top with you. And we follow, not quite sure of what is to happen, but we like mountain tops, we like the view from up here. We like mountain top experiences. God, sometimes we need mountain top experiences with you when our days are dark and dreary, when our hearts are heavy, when the valleys seem more depressing than ever. When we can't seem to reach the mountaintop, or even sense your presence, awaken us to your movement. Shine your light into our lives. Inspire us with your wisdom. Give us courage to be who you've called us to be.

Silent prayers are offered.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, just as Moses and Elijah and your disciples were changed by their experiences on the mountain top, we too are changed and transformed into the image of Christ by your mercy.

May we have unveiled faces that reflect your love, your hope, and your light. 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 121

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (10 am)

Lift Thine Eyes

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. 5

*PREACHING LESSON

1 Kings 19:11-19

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

SERMON

Bringing the Mountaintop View Down to Earth

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

Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart

see insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

** 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
Katie Reboletti, Lector

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

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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.

Kids Club (PreK-5th grade) TODAY: Kids Club will gather in the Sunday School Wing following the Children's Message at the 10am service!

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) TODAY: Come celebrate the upcoming school year at Pastor Carol's pool from 4-6pm! We will have hotdogs and lots of fun!

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 celebrate the anniversaries of Sharon and Bill Peterson, Grace and Tom Curtis, Pastor Carol's parents, and Megan and Jason Hinton.
- We celebrate the marriage of Abbey and Maddie on Aug. 1.
- We give thanks for the fun and fellowship we experienced at the Christmas in July event!
- We pray for Kym as she grapples with the impact of her diabetes diagnosis.
- Janet J. asks for prayers for Gary as he prepares for hip surgery on Aug. 4.
- We pray for all of the people and animals affected by wildfires raging around the world.
- Sheila B. asks for prayers for a friend who was recently diagnosed with stage two breast cancer.
- We pray for an ongoing legal battle to finally reach a conclusion.
- Please pray for a young friend of Luan Z. who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer and is anxiously awaiting test results to determine her course of treatment.
- We pray for the Honza-Runtz family as Laurie's mom finished her fight with cancer and entered life in the resurrection on July 27.
- We hold the loved ones of Greg Sarlo in our prayers as we gather on Saturday to celebrate his life.

FELLOWSHIP



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

CHURCHWIDE SURVEY – YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Our churchwide survey is still open, and we invite all PRCC members and visitors to participate. Your feedback will help the Board of Directors prayerfully plan for the future of our church over the next several years. What you think matters! Thank you for taking a few minutes to thoughtfully complete the survey. The Board will gather for a retreat on August 22, where your responses will help shape priorities and guide future planning.

To participate, visit our [website](#) and complete the survey online, or scan the QR Code here. Thank you for sharing your thoughts and helping us grow together.





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 -

PSALM 136

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

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MONKLAND 7.7.7.7

John Milton, 1623; alt.

Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

Arr. John B. Wilkes, 1861

1. Let us with a glad - some mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:
2. God, with all-com - mand-ing might, Filled the new-made world with light:
3. All things liv-ing God does feed, With full mea-sure meets their need:
4. Let us with a glad - some mind Praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mer-cies shall en-dure, Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er sure.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding line: 'For God's mer-cies shall en-dure, Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er sure.' The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support.



Are you free to lend a helping hand?

We'll be cleaning out and organizing some of our storage spaces in anticipation of the ministry year ahead. Sign up for a two hour slot to help us keep our building in tip-top shape!

Reach out to Pastor Mollie or Sarah McCarty with any questions. We appreciate your help!

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.
The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! re - joice!

CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY, August 9

- 8:30 am - Garden Worship
- 10:00 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am - Loving Lunches (Parlor)
- 4:00 pm - Youth Pool Party (Pastor's Pool)

MONDAY, August 10

- 6:30 pm - Memorial Gift Team (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Yoga (Great Hall)

TUESDAY, August 11

- 10:15 am - Chair Yoga (Great Hall)
- 6:30 pm - Floor Pilates (Great Hall)
- 7:00 pm - Crop Walk Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm - Welcome & Membership Meeting (Ellinger)
- 7:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Library)

WEDNESDAY, August 12

- 10:00 am - Women's AA (Parlor)
- 6:00 pm - Faith Development Meeting (Jordan Hall)

THURSDAY, August 13

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

SATURDAY, August 15

- 9:00 am - Vine St BBQ Competition & Fest



Happy Birthday!

- 08/09 Denise Steele
- 08/10 Gisella Milla
- 08/11 Mary Lynch
- 08/11 Sean Lynch
- 08/12 Chloe Sanderson
- 08/13 Liz Swanson
- 08/14 Ann Merrell
- 08/15 Lynn Doherty
- 08/15 Mary Hannon

TODAY!



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!

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