



“So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” ACTS 2:41-42

The Church is Growing

April 28, 2019 10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2019

JAZZ SUNDAY
10:00 AM

WELCOME!

We hope worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in compassion to a world in need, recognizing we are works in progress. If you wish to learn more, please fill out the "welcome card" found in the pew. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn)

PRELUDE

It Don't Mean a Thing

Ellington

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the resurrection, we gather this morning
as a community of believers.

We come with joy to greet one another and to tell again and again the amazing news:

Christ is risen!

Love is victorious over death!

You have given us new life in the name of your Son!

May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of your love
to make us a new creation as a community of faith.

Let us worship the risen Christ!

*HYMN

What the World Needs Now is Love

(see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not stop enough to listen to the still-speaking God. And like the people of Jerusalem long ago, we often misunderstand the Spirit's movement among us. In the silence and stillness of this moment, let us draw near to God and listen.

Silence is kept

Let us confess together:

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

TESTIMONY ABOUT THE CHURCH

Andrea Goodwin

What the World Needs Now is Love

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
No not just for some but for everyone.
Lord, we don't need another mountain,
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross,
Enough to last till the end of time.
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some but for everyone.
Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are cornfields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh listen, lord, if you want to know.
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love,
No, not just for some but for everyone.
No, not just for some, oh, but just for everyone.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Over the Hill is Home

Chea/Dent

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Red Door Animal Shelter

4th & 5th Grade Sunday School

Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

I invite those who are becoming members of Park Ridge Community Church to come forward.

Pastor: We now welcome these persons who wish to join with this body of Christ, the people of Park Ridge Community Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

Pastor to the New Members: Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

Pastor to the Congregation: I introduce to you those before us that have chosen to become members!

Pastor to the New Members: Dear Friends, I introduce to you the people of Park Ridge Community Church. Is it your wish to make this community of faith, your church family, and the people with whom you will share your journey of faith? Is this the place and are these the people with whom you will seek to make sense of the issues of your life; your dreams, your faith, who you are, what you are to do, who God calls you to be?

New Members: *Yes, that is my wish.*

Is it your wish to make this the place where you continue your journey into greater health and wholeness; where you listen to the story of God's salvation and the Good News of Jesus Christ, allowing Jesus to be an example and teacher to you, where you are called to a life of ministry and justice; and where you are fed at the table of new life?

New Members: *Yes, that is my wish.*

Pastor to New Members: Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in union with this community of faith?

New Members: *I will, with God's help.*

Pastor to New Members: Will you pledge your spiritual, social, and financial support to this parish family?

New Members: *I will, with God's help.*

Pastor to the congregation: Will you who are members of this faith community who are witnessing these promises, share the joys and sorrows, and do all in your power to support these persons in their journey of faith and their life in Christ?

Congregation: **We will.**

Pastor to the congregation: Will you welcome those before you into this family of PRCC, embrace their gifts, their needs, and their dreams? Will you recognize that their presence and participation will change the shape of this body of faith and help us to grow in new ways? Will you support them in their journeys, and assist them in their ministries?

Congregation: **Yes! Yes! Yes! We affirm our love and support to these new members to the church family and covenant our support as we all move forward to a deeper faith in Christ Jesus.**

All: Loving God, send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us one to another. Help us to grow with each other, to love each other, to support each other. That by our common life in this community we may come to know and serve you and all our sisters and brothers, in Jesus name, we pray.

Pastor: On behalf of the entire congregation, I welcome each of you as active members in the body of Park Ridge Community Church. May the Holy Spirit be with us all now and always.

All: AMEN.

PREACHING LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

A Different Kind of Community

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

River

Groban

*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

We lift our gifts to you, O God, that you may use them to bring new life to a world trapped in death and despair. May these gifts become signs of the resurrection in a world hungry for your touch. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Add One More Song

see back of hymnal

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Peace, Love and Understanding

Lowie

* INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – APRIL 28, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Justin McCarty, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Rick Hagedorn, organist
Lucas Runtz & Aiden Chacko, Acolytes

A very special word of thanks to Kent Wehman and all the musicians. Today marks the 26th anniversary of PRCC Jazz Sunday. Jazz came to worship on Sunday, April 18, 1993.

Michael Levin, Woodwinds
Sarah Marie Young, Vocalist

Bruce Nelson, Percussion
Kent Wehman, Piano

Tim Seisser, Bass
Neal Wehman, Drums

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are joining us in worship today. If you are interested in more information about our worship, programs, service, and fellowship please visit our website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER...

...for seat cushions and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship.

Thank you to our April ushers: Dave Kapolnek, Gretchen Kapolnek, Joe Lemke, Barbara Madro, Marty McHugh, and Chris Browning.

ALTAR FLOWERS thank you to our staff and incredible volunteers for all of their hard work during Holy Week!

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

NURSERY CARE 8:30-11:15 am each Sunday. Infants to age 5.

NEXT SUNDAY The PRCC Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 5th. There is **one service at 10:00 am** followed by brunch. Childcare will be offered in the Nursery and through extended Sunday School.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We hope you take comfort knowing that Stephen Ministers are praying for those listed below. Please include your prayer concerns during Sunday services or contact the church office.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Martha Bridges, Sevryn Bruyn, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Ginny Sutton, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM APRIL 21st

Please pray for those who have entered Life in the Resurrection including:

- Irene Ginger, long-time member of PRCC entered eternal life on 4/16.
- Jim Thalhammer, a dear friend of Jim & Reggie Pantazi who died suddenly 4/16.
- We pray for the Nelson family, Phil, Melissa and Erik on the death of their dear daughter Emily.

- Please continue to hold Carole Nelson & her family in your prayers as they journey through facing ALS together.
- Grace Curtis asks for prayers for her friend Woody Bowser as he struggles with complications from diabetes.
- Please pray for those who cannot attend service today due to illness or other restrictions.
- For the people of France, those in Louisiana, those in South Africa and the people of Sri Lanka and all the places where a house of worship has been destroyed by fire, faulty buildings or hatred.
- We share our joy and congratulations with John and Kathy Davis on the birth of their grandson, Lincoln Tosh. Born to parents Karen and Leon on April 24th!

Emily Nelson, daughter of PRCC members Melissa and Phil Nelson, entered Life in the Resurrection on April 18th. A memorial service will be held at PRCC this afternoon at 3:00 pm with a reception to follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

BIBLE OLYMPICS TODAY!

PreK through high school students are invited to begin in worship with families at 10 am and are dismissed about 15 minutes later to head to the Sunday school wing's music room to organize for outdoor fun with Bible Olympics. Children can be picked up in the Sunday school wing around 11:15.

MAY 5TH PLANS

Next week, we will have Sunday school as usual until 11:15. Then preK-3rd graders can remain in the Sunday school wing for childcare during the Annual Meeting, 11:15-12:30 or so. Older children and youth can help supervise. The nursery will be open for babies and toddlers during this time as well. Then all are welcome to a luncheon in Jordan Hall after the meeting!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for Community Church Cafe! Three-year-olds through finishing 3rd grade, with older children and youth helping. Mon. June 17 - Thurs. June 20, 5:30-7:30 pm. Join us for Bible stories, crafts, games, music, science and snack! \$20/child, \$50/family of 3 or more. Registration available soon!

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Tonight youth will gather from 6-7:30 pm to assemble some (belated) Easter baskets and deliver them to senior members of our congregation as a sign of our continued care.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 5, youth group will meet from 6-7:30 pm at the Carriage House for our last gathering focused on "Truth", which includes games, discussion, dinner, and more! Speaking of games - Sunday, May 19 from 6-7:30 pm is youth GAME NIGHT! Bring your favorite game, whether it's a card game, action game, or board game. We will spend the evening playing and having fun! Saturday, June 1 will be our Summer Kick-Off from 3-5 pm at the Carriage House, where we will have a cookout. Bring a side to share and sunscreen as we celebrate Summer!

OUTREACH NEWS

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER

Assistance is needed for Thursday, May 2nd dinner at **Lincoln Park Community Shelter**. We will be **cooking** at 2:00 in the church kitchen and then **serving on Thursday, May 2**. We plan to leave church at 5:30 and return before 9:00. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile ministry, please either sign up on the Outreach Bulletin Board or contact Debbie Deitke (d,deitke@gmail.com) or Luan Zoellner (lzoellner@ameritech.net).

OTHER INFORMATION

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held in the Great Hall today! There are a few more chances to host coffee hour, before the Summer season hits. Please contact Lauren Kleingers, at Lauren,Kleingers@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, if you are interested in hosting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

One of the books from the Bible study that Pastor Carol is leading is called Discernment by Henri Nouwen. In the book, Nouwen says, "God has a very special role for you to fulfill. God wants you to stay close to his heart and to let him guide you. You will know what you are called to do when you have to know it." The nominating committee is still working to fill various positions for the congregation to vote on at the May annual meeting. Social committee chairperson, trustee, Deacons, ushers, altar guild - many hands make light work. Where do you see yourself being of service to your church? Why wait for our call? Why not reach out to one of us and let us know where you feel like you are being called to serve. Nominating committee: Dave Kapolnek, Sarah McCarty, Karen Nelson, Naomi Siebert, Jan Steiner, Tricia Williams, and Pastor Carol.

COLLEGE STUDENT EMAILS NEEDED!!!

Please make sure the office has the email address of any college students you know! We will be emailing a "Finals Support" gift card. Give email address to Jaclyn in the office or Sandy Bowen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 pm, all are invited to gather with Pastor Carol in the Ellinger Transept to study the book of Acts. We will be reading a companion study with the actual text of Acts, thinking through the early church, and considering what lessons the church today should learn. This study will correlate with the Sunday sermon series!

LE CHEAP BOUTIQUE

Le Cheap Boutique will continue TODAY from 9:15-11:30 am. Sponsored by PRCC Women's Circle 10, this popular resale event features new and gently used jewelry, handbags and accessories, such as hats, scarves, belts, etc. Proceeds benefit PRCC Circle 10 outreach programs and benevolence ministry and our designated charity for this event: The Harbour, which provides emergency housing and services for youth in need.

NEW WOMEN'S CIRCLE FORMING

Our Women's Circles have provided care and support for the women of PRCC for 175 years. Women of all ages have shared how important it has been to gather with other women and share in life's joys and struggles. We have a new circle forming and will gather tonight at 7:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about this or existing circles, please contact Liz Swanson liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The PRCC Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 5th. There is one service at 10:00 am followed by brunch. Childcare will be offered in the Nursery and through extended Sunday School.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

PRCC Garden Worship begins May 26th at 8:30 am. Every Sunday, weather permitting, through Labor Day our early morning Chapel service moves outdoors to the Carriage House lawn. Bring your chairs and enjoy worship outdoors!

COLLEGE STUDENT REUNION

On Sunday, May 26 all college age students are invited to gather from 5-8 pm at the Carriage House for a reunion. These young adults have gone in many different directions, and this is a great time to catch up with one another. Main Course and drinks will be provided, but students are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

PRCC is going to Wrigley! On Wednesday, June 5 at 7:05 pm the first pitch between the Chicago Cubs and Colorado Rockies will be thrown with 26 folks from Park Ridge Community Church cheering them on. We have a block of tickets available and hope you will join us! Bring a check to the church office and/or email Jaclyn (office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) to sign up for the number of tickets you would like! Tickets are \$40 each, payable to PRCC. All are welcome! We will coordinate parking and carpooling nearer to the event.



WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Chair Yoga	7:00a Men's Breakfast	9:00a Community Bible Study	8:00a Meditation		10:00a Worship
9:00a –11:30a Le Cheap Boutique	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Kindred Spirits	10:00a Women's AA	2:00p LPCS Prep	10:00a Women's AA		11:20a Annual Meeting
11:30a Youth Group Committee							
10:00a Worship	4:00p Jr. Choir		6:00p Confirmation Class	6:30p Bells on High			12:30p Congregational Lunch
1:00p Private Recital	7:00p Yoga		6:30p Women's eCircle	8:00p Men's Basketball			6:00p Youth Group in the Carriage House
2:00p Nelson Visitation & Memorial		1:30p Adult Ed					
3:00p Angeli Choir	7:30p Executive Committee		7:00p Fly Fishing				6:30p Angeli Choir
6:00p Youth Group		7:30p Nominating Committee					
8:00p Men's Basketball			7:30p Bible Study				8:00p Men's Basketball

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