



“They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?”  
ACTS 1:11a

## **The Church is Liberated**

**June 2, 2019 10:00 am**



# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

ASCENSION SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 2019

GRADUATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship God at PRCC! This is a place where persons from a diversity of faith perspectives find unity in Christ. As we begin worship, take a moment to breathe deeply, inviting the Divine to speak anew this day. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, know that you are genuinely welcome here.*

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### PRELUDE

*Everlasting Praise  
Bells on High*

Mallory

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new world has broken into ours—**

a world in which justice does come for the poor,  
freedom comes for the prisoners,  
and healing for the sick.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed—**

a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a place where all find a place of belonging.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun—**

all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.

**Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has begun.**

### \*HYMN

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

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### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, resurrection is not what we expect in our world.  
On the face of things, life seems to be under threat...  
our earth is grieving,  
our families are fracturing,  
our nations are at war,  
and the light of our hope is growing dim.

**We need the stone to be rolled away again.**

Forgive us and all who have failed to honor and preserve life in all its diversity and glory. Forgive us and all who have allowed relationships to become less important than riches or recognition. Forgive us and all who continue to exalt our needs and desires over those of others, and who are prepared to kill to prove it. Forgive us and all who have grown blind to all the signs of resurrection that beckon us still.

**We need the stone to be rolled away again. We need life to break out within us again. We need love to consume us again. Resurrect us today, O Lord, and make us agents of Your life wherever dying and grief hold sway. Fill us with courage, hope, and faithful persistence. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The One who raised Jesus from the dead, offers us life and forgiveness of sin. Rejoice in Christ our Savior, whose resurrection brings us life.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**\*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**

**RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES**

**BLESSING OUR GRADUATES**

Eternal God,  
in you we live, and move, and have our being.  
In your will we find our purpose, and in  
your wisdom we find our joy.

**Bless these graduates who have completed a course of  
study and now begin a new part of their lives.**

**Let them not be troubled about the past nor anxious about the future,  
but let them be concerned about the moment they must now live.**

**Strengthen their faith and ease their fears that they may courageously follow your  
Spirit and live fully the life you give them. When doubt and confusion about their  
purpose surround them, light their way and give them peace in your plan for them.**

**Let them use the gifts they have received in their studies that they may become a  
source of inspiration and blessing for the world.**

**And when each day is ended, give them delight in knowing that the good work you  
have begun in them shall come to completion in you. We ask this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Shall We Gather at the River?  
Bells on High*

Arr. Helman

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children and Youth are invited to attend Summer Sunday School*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**TESTIMONY ABOUT THE CHURCH**

Bob Mack

**PREACHING LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11  
*This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

**Don't Just Stand There**

Rev. Carol Hill

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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*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, take these gifts and multiply them  
for the healing of your beloved world;  
know that we offer them as praise to you:  
Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power! Amen!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE 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.*

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**\*HYMN** *I Come with Joy* 507

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

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

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – JUNE 2, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Bob Mack, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, organist

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*We are celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion, often called the Lord's Supper, this morning. All who profess Christ are invited to partake. The practice this morning is by intinction, one of the oldest known forms of sharing Holy Communion. When invited, please come forward, a piece of the loaf will be handed to you, dip the bread into the cup, partake of the sacrament, and then return to your seat. To keep an open table, gluten-free bread and unfermented juice will be offered.*

## 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](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

**PLEASE SEE AN USHER** for seat cushions, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our June ushers: Anita Rifkind, George Brandt, Laura Sissman, Lonn Naudzius, Fred Siebert, Fred Flener, Tim Lapp, and Bruce Nelson.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in celebration of the life of Nancy Zuegel

**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.

**NAME TAGS** Thank you for wearing your nametag to help us know one another. If you need a new or replacement tag, please let us know!

**THE CHURCH PARKING LOT** will be closed to all traffic Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> for resurfacing.

## 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, 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, Greg McDonough, Dean Muenzer, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Ginny Sutton, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MAY 26<sup>th</sup>

- On this Memorial Day weekend, we offer thanks for all those who have died in war, and pray for those who mourn their loss
- We pray for the victims of tornadoes and flooding that have been widespread this spring.
- New grandson Murphy Holihan, born unexpectedly at home.
- New grandson Finley Wylder Keady born this week in New Jersey
- It is a joy to have Ed Numrych's family in church today; welcome to Darlene, David and Sarah.
- Rachel Born asked for prayers for her great uncle John and her grandpa, Dave Douglass visiting him.
- Please pray with Katie for a friend suffering from postpartum depression and the loss of her baby
- We pray for Devon Williams who will be traveling in Eastern Europe on her own this summer
- Please keep the family and friends of Jane Scheurer's son-in-law Kevin McKee in your prayers. Kevin entered eternal life on 5/24
- Continue to pray for the Longman and Zuegel families as they prepare to celebrate the life of Nancy Zuegel Saturday 6/1 at 11 am

A Memorial Service for Carole Nelson will be held here at PRCC on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins this Sunday, June 2, during 10am worship! Ages 3-8 are invited as a group to a Bible story, craft, and perhaps outdoor time, while older children and youth help. One or more adult volunteers are needed weekly as well--email Teri and Shelley, [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) to sign up. Families begin in worship at 10, and Summer Sunday School participants and helpers are dismissed after the Children's Message. Please pick up young children from the Sunday school wing as worship ends. **Adult volunteers needed!**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Three-year-olds through finishing 3rd grade are invited as students, while older children, youth, and adults are needed as volunteers. Join us Mon. June 17 - Thurs. June 20, 5:30-7:30pm for Bible stories, crafts, games, music, science and snack! \$20/child, \$50/family of 3 or more. Registration and volunteer forms available in the Park Place Room, the Sunday school wing, or online at [www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## JUNIOR CHOIR CAMP

Rising 2<sup>nd</sup> graders through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to a week of fun and music! Junior Choir Camp is back, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Sasha or the Church Office for more details and to register.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

Sunday school teachers for 2018-19 are **meeting TODAY at 11:15am** in the Sunday school wing to discuss and brainstorm about our Children's Ministry for this year and next. Potential teachers are invited to this enhanced coffee time to meet recent teachers and find out more. Hope to see you there! Questions? [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

# OTHER INFORMATION

## MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE

Our July and August sermon series will highlight movies that have taught us something about God or what it means to be a person of faith. YOU are invited to nominate movies that have been revelatory to you! Star Wars? Lion King? You tell us what movie you think reveals something about God and why! Send suggestions into the church office, and Pastor Carol and staff will select a movie for each week based on your submissions. Throughout July and August, we will host movies on Wednesday evenings with popcorn that will pertain to the upcoming sermon/worship topic! Mark your calendars and send in your movie suggestions! (*Some movies may be more appropriate for all ages and others may be more for an adult-only audience.*)

## THANK YOU!

To PRCC and the Youth Committee,

I am so honored to have received the Eric Nelson Scholarship this year. I am so lucky to have grown up on such a wonderful church. I promise to go out into the world and be a good representative of PRCC. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Brien

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FINANCIAL LITERACY SERIES

The Fund Managers and Church Treasurer are sponsoring a two-part series on personal finances, wealth management, and tax and estate planning. The first session will be a panel discussion with Tom Klimmeck, Eric Johnson, and representatives from Northern Trust and Sasseti, CPA, covering basic concepts of investing and accumulating wealth. An outline for this session can be found on the church website under Upcoming Events. The second will feature an in-depth discussion of asset protection, trusts, and estate planning presented by Michael Ticknor, Vice President, from Northern Trust. Feel free to attend one or both. **Sessions will be held in the parlor on Wednesday June 5 and June 12 beginning at 7:00 pm** with time for questions after each presentation. Contact Anita Rifkind or Tom Klimmeck for more information.

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Save the Date!

Join us June 9<sup>th</sup> for our annual Strawberry Festival! After the 10:00 am worship service, all are invited outside of the Park Place entrance for fellowship and strawberry treats!

## WORLDWIDE KNITTING DAY

On Saturday, June 8th, PRCC Knitting Knights and PRPL Fiber Artist will host **Knit in Public** on the corner of Prospect and

Courtland. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair and project to work on. The event is from 10:00 am - noon. The event will move to the Great Hall in the event of rain. Stop by and see the wonderful display of Yarn Bombing and projects being worked on in our community.

### MISSION TRIP TEAM MEETING

If you are planning to go on the 2019 Mission Trip, please meet at the Carriage House on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for an informational meeting.

### FOLK SUNDAY

June 16, 2019 at the 10:00 am Service. Join us Father's Day we will be celebrating with the music of Pete Seeger on the 100th Anniversary of his birth.

### SECOND SENSE

Second Sense helps individuals face the emotional and practical challenges of vision loss. Their certified professionals provide education and training to enable a person to travel independently, use technology and continue to accomplish daily tasks. Training is tailored to meet individual needs and goals. Speaker Kathy Austin will join us at Kinder Spirits Café on June 18<sup>th</sup> to talk about the impact of losing vision as well as answer questions regarding their training, resources, and answer questions about guide dogs!

### WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Garden Worship	Church Office Closed	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	2:00p LPCS Prep	<b>Church Parking Lot Closed All Day</b>	<b>Church Parking Lot Closed All Day</b>	8:30a Garden Worship
10:00a Worship	6:00p Evening Meditation	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	8:00p Men's Basketball	8:00a Meditation	10:00a Worldwide Knit Day	10:00a Worship
8:00p Men's Basketball	7:00p Yoga	11:30a Kindred Spirits	7:00p Finance Education Series		10:00a Women's AA		8:00p Men's Basketball
		7:30p Trustees	7:05p Cubs Game				

### STAFF:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Kate Joyce, Youth Group Co-Facilitator  
 Darcy LeDuc, Youth Group Co-Facilitator  
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