



# ENCOUNTERING GOD



IN THE

DIVERSITY OF



# FAITHS



HINDUISM



PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 22, 2019

10:00 AM



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

As you prepare for worship, consider praying this prayer from the Hindu tradition:  
*O Lord, I pray for the strength and splendor of my powers of speech, respiratory system, sight, hearing, centers of love, feeling and heart, my throat and brain, my hands and arms; my whole body for my personal ends and for the service of all. Amen.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Lyon Leifer, Indian Flute

*In the Christian tradition, we light the candles on the altar to represent Jesus' presence with the congregation at the time of worship. At the conclusion of worship, the light goes before the congregation as a symbol of the congregation taking Christ into the world. Hindu worship often begins with fire as well, into which offerings are placed. The fire represents God: warmth and light, who is radiant and bright, and leads us from darkness to light, untruth to truth, and death to immortality.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we gather to worship our God, who is beyond description, beyond our understanding, beyond our experience.

**We have come to worship, ready to learn, eager to commune with the Divine.**

In the Hindu tradition, OM represents God: the universe, the imperishable, the past, the present and the future, all that was, all is, all that will be, and that which exists beyond time.

**'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and was and is to come, the Almighty.**

*"The great secret of true success, of true happiness, is this: the man or woman who asks for no return, the perfectly unselfish person, is the most successful."*

**Jesus said, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or brothers or your relatives or your rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid."**

*"A grain of devotion is more valuable than tons of faithlessness."*

**Jesus said, "For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.**

*"Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success."*

**Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."**

## \*HYMN

*Awake My Soul*

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## \* OPENING PRAYER

O Lord you are the Giver of life, Remover of pains and sorrows, Bestower of happiness and Creator of the universe. Thou art most luminous, pure and adorable. We meditate on Thee. May Thou inspire and guide our intellect in the right direction. May we receive the supreme sin-destroying light of the Creator of the universe. May You guide our intellect in the right direction. May the most gracious, brilliant, all-pervading Lord be thee ever for our desired happiness and perfect bliss and may His blessings be on us from all sides.

**O Lord, the Life-Breath of all, Dispeller of miseries, Giver of true bliss, Creator of the universe, the Ultimate Reality, all-pervading God, purify and strengthen my head, eyes, throat and speech, heart, navel, feet: all the organs of my body to perform its normal functions and activity in the service of humanity.**

*Silence is kept*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God who is above all, in all, and through all, has heard our prayers and offers each one an abundance of mercy, love, and light.

**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**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*I Will Sing with the Spirit*  
Chancel Choir

J. Rutter

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:**

**Ian Kennedy & Harper Henry**

**Here we come to the waters, to baptize these persons, 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 Assent**

**Congregational Assent**

Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Harper and Ian being baptized as they grow in faith?

**We promise our love support and care.**

How will you do this?

**We desire to associate ourselves in a Fellowship of the Christ Spirit and covenant to accept one another in diversity of faith, supporting each other in love and respect. The fellowship that is our Church grows from and builds upon the traditions of the various Christian churches of the centuries.**

**We intend as individuals to grow in our understanding of the true nature of God and the way of Life taught by Jesus Christ. Unity with God is our Goal, Jesus Christ is our way, the Bible is our greatest resource, and the Church is our visible, sustaining fellowship.**

**As members of this Church, we shall go forward together in freedom seeking continually to learn more of the true nature of God and God's purpose.**

Will you articulate what you have learned about God's love and purpose on your spiritual journey through the years.

**For each of us, Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is accomplished;" for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, Harper and Ian. And we will continue to tell you this good news until it becomes your own. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God first loved us."**

**Blessing of the Water**

**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 these newly baptized people. We pray that this community will always provide a safe shelter of your love in which all may learn, grow, serve and play. We pray that these parents may continue to feel the sweet wonder of your presence so transparent here today. We pray that those baptized will bask in your love as they make their journey through this life. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School*

**\*FIRST LESSON**

John 10:9-16

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

**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.*

**PREACHING LESSON**

Readings from the Hindu Prayer Book

**SERMON**

**Counting Sheep**

Rev. Carol Hill

**OFFERTORY**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

arr. Monaco

**\*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**

**These offerings are for the almighty God, Who is dearer than my life itself, Who is the Dispeller of all sufferings, Bestower of all happiness, Who is all-knowledge, dynamic, imperishable, and eternal. There is nothing in these offerings for me. Whatever we have is all Yours and nothing belongs to us.**

**\*HYMN**

*We All Are One in Mission*

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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*In Thee I Put My Trust*

J.S. Bach

**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 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Sue Douglass, Organist  
Kent Wehman, Pianist  
Lyon Leifer, Flute

## 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 and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our September ushers: Paul Rauch, Sharon Kemerer, George Skoog, Cindy Klimmeck, Jan Steiner, and Paula Mack.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** the flowers are given today by Jim and Dianne Meltreger in honor of their mothers.

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

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

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

**COFFEE HOUR** After 10:00 am Service, please join us downstairs in Jordan Hall for Coffee Hour. (Jordan Hall is accessible by elevator) **Thank you to the Goodwin Family for hosting today's Coffee Hour.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** We celebrate with Harper Henry James, daughter of Courtney Beckers & Jonathan Henry, and Ian Kennedy as they take this next step in their Christian journey.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>:

Prayers from September 15<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the September 29<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

# IMPORTANT INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for preschool through high school takes place during 10 am worship (start in the Sanctuary).

10-10:15 am - All gather in the Sanctuary as worship begins

10:15 am - Pastors dismiss preschool through high school students and teachers to class after Children's Message

10:15 am - preK-3rd graders sing in the Sunday school wing, then go to class;

4th-5th grade head down to the Library for class;

6th-12th grade head to the Great Hall (above the Sunday school wing)

11:15 am - classes finish; parents pick up young children from classrooms

Please complete a registration form, available from the Sunday school wing or our

website, [www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org), so that we have contact and allergy info for each child. Return forms to Teri or Shelley, or to the church office.

Nursery open for babies through 5-year-olds on the lower level, 8:30-11:15 weekly.

## Sunday School Offerings

Sunday school offerings for September go to the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, recommended by our own Kevin Plach Sr, which provides fire prevention education and equipment, as well as a summer camp for children who have been injured by fire. For more information, [ifsa.org](http://ifsa.org). Don't forget your offerings coin pouch from last year (or request one from us)!

Questions? Shelley or Teri, [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## PRAYER BUDDIES

Prayer Buddy matching runs from Sept. 15 through Sept. 29. We match an older congregant with child so they can get to know each other at coffee hours and church events and keep each other in their prayers all year. Previous pairs will remain together, unless a change is requested. Contact Shelley to sign up! [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org).

## OUR FALL LEARN N' GO SERIES: Encountering God in the Diversity of Faiths

Join a small group as we dive in deeper to understanding other religious traditions and how they impact or inform our own beliefs and perspectives. Monday mornings at 10 am or Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm, we will journey through Rev. Adam Hamilton's *Christianity and World Religions*. **Some upcoming field trips or in-house opportunities include:**

### Islam

Sunday, October 13, from 12:15 - 2 pm, we will head over after worship concludes! PRCCers of all ages - Seniors, Confirmands, and everyone in between, are invited to visit the Jamatkhana Ismaili Center, 100 Shermer Rd., Glenview Illinois for a time of learning and conversation. We will eat a light lunch together, hear a presentation of Islam 101, and have time for questions and answers.

### Baha'i

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Temple, 100 Linden Ave Wilmette, IL 60091, and attend their Presentation on the Baha'i Faith at 1:00 pm. If you would like to participate in their Afternoon devotions at 12:30 pm you are welcome to before the presentation.

## COFFEE WITH PASTOR MOLLIE

Pastor Mollie will be available for coffee and conversation, drop in and say hi, anyone from PRCC is invited to sit down and get to know Pastor Mollie a little better as she begins her journey with us. **Drop in on the following Tuesdays at the Northwest Highway Starbucks: September 24<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 1 pm, and October 8<sup>th</sup> 11 am - 1 pm.**

## PRCC GOLF OUTING

The Park Ridge Community Church Golf Outing will be Next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at the old Orchard Country Club. 1:00 pm shotgun start with a scramble format. Dinner will be held after, and those not golfing are welcome to attend! Registration is now open online by visiting the Golf Event page on our website or you can get a paper form in the Church Office. Golfers - \$125 (includes 18 holes, cart rental, and attendant) Dinner Only - \$35/person.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND OCTOBER 20

If you have been attending PRCC for a while and are ready to become a member, we'd love to welcome you into membership! For those who want to learn more, ask questions and understand how PRCC works - join in a PRCC 101 Information Night on Monday, September 30 at 7:30 pm. We will receive new members on September 29 and October 20. If you'd like to become a member, please contact the church office or the membership Chairpersons, Sara Born or Sue Douglass.

## MISSION TRIP DINNER CELEBRATION – OCTOBER 6

You're invited!! Come and hear stories and see pictures from the youth mission trip in 2019 to the Adirondack Mountains in New York. Our team of youth and adults will share what they saw, what they did, and what they learned. The youth will serve a delicious meal, AND the destination and project for the 2020 mission trip will be revealed! This is a fundraising dinner for the upcoming trip, and we are hoping to have a big turnout. Tickets for dinner are \$20 adults/ \$10 child and are available in advance in the office or at the door. There will also be a love offering collected. Thank you for your ongoing support of our youth mission projects!!

## CONFIRMATION UPDATE – 6<sup>TH</sup> - 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS!

Confirmation is an important time of learning, exploring, and experiencing what it means to be a Christian and a member of PRCC specifically. Our Confirmation program is being reworked with the Confirmation team, Pastor Mollie and Pastor Carol. Weekly classes will resume in October on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 pm, and there will be a calendar for the year, complete with extra trips and adventures! More information is coming soon with details, registration info and schedule.

## PRCC PUMPKIN PATCH 2019

### **Pumpkin Patch Set-Up is next Saturday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM**

Come one, come all. Many hands make light work! WE NEED YOU!



### **Pumpkin Patch 2019 Save the Dates-all hands-on DECK!**

**Pumpkin Patch set up will be Sat. Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am bring work gloves and a smile!**

Pumpkin unload will be Saturday, Oct 12th at 9:00AM

Pumpkin Patch will be open Saturday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday Oct 31 (or until the last pumpkin is sold)

Pumpkin Patch take down will be Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **How to Sign Up to Work the Patch**

Individuals or groups wishing to sign up online can go to the PRCC website at [www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org). Click on the "Pumpkin Patch Page" and look for the sign up. You can also sign up on the poster board in the Park Place room!



### **Donate to the SEED Patch**

Help purchase much needed supplies for the Patch. More information is in Ellinger.

### **Consider being a Patch Sponsor**

Your family or business can sponsor the Patch through one of our various sponsor levels (Gold Pumpkin - \$100 donation and higher; Silver Pumpkin - \$50 donation; Bronze Pumpkin - \$25 donation) or choose a different amount that is comfortable for you. Sponsors will have their names prominently displayed on our sponsorship board (if you so choose) located at the main entrance to the patch.

Questions, contact Hillary Larson at [hkharp@comcast.net](mailto:hkharp@comcast.net) or Colleen Moriarty [cmoriarty104@gmail.com](mailto:cmoriarty104@gmail.com)

## THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK IS COMING

Here's the second way you can support the 2019 Crop Hunger Walk---go to [crophungerwalk.org/nilesil](http://crophungerwalk.org/nilesil) and sign up to walk or to give a donation to a PRCC walker or the PRCC team. You can also get a donation envelope from Sarah McCarty or from the church office.



## YOUTH AND TEACHER SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

### **Jeanine Schultz Memorial School Youth and Teacher School Supply Drive**

The Jeanine Schultz Memorial School in Park Ridge was founded in 1965 to assist the needs of area youth that were unable to attend public or private schools. Currently, 29 students are provided learning and necessary therapies for individual success. With very limited budgets, teachers and students will greatly benefit from generous donations of supplies.

### **Items Needed**

#2 Pencils, Pens, Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Assorted Markers, Glue Sticks, Erasers, Spiral Notebooks, Pocket Folders, 3 Ring Binders, Packets of Lined Paper(wide rule) Construction Paper  
Kleenex, Sanitizer, Disinfecting Wipes.

Wish to participate, but unable to shop?

Donations/Gift cards are appreciated

Questions? Contact: Paula Mack - [paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:paula.mack@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study (All are Welcome!)	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	8:30 am Community Bible Study	8:00a Morning Meditation	9:00a Pumpkin Patch Set Up	8:30a Chapel Worship
10:00a Worship	6:00p Evening Meditation	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	12:00p Staff Meeting	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
12:00p Angeli Choir	7:00p Yoga	11:00a – 1pm Coffee with Pastor Mollie	7:00p Fly Fishing	8:00p Chancel Choir			12:00p Angeli Choir
12:00p Worship Support		11:30a Kindred Spirits	7:30p Bible Study	8:00p Men's Basketball			1:00p Golf Outing
4:00p Youth Group		4:00p Junior Choir					5:30p Golf Outing Dinner
8:00p Men's Basketball		7:00p Rainbow Hospice (closed)			4:00p Youth Group		
		7:30p Stephen Ministry			8:00p Men's Basketball		

## STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Teri Biedke, Director of Children Ministries  
 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation  
 Shelly O'Brien, Director of Children Ministries  
 Laura Sissman, Chair of the Congregation  
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