

Westley and I are  
joined by the bonds of love.  
And you cannot track that,  
not with a thousand bloodhounds,  
and you cannot break it,  
not with a thousand swords.

- Buttercup

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

August 4, 2019

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 4, 2019

8:30 AM & 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)*

## GATHERING/PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

**Love comes to us with joy!**

The world is filled with beauty.

**Flowers appear on the earth; birdsong brightens the day.**

Crops yield their produce in abundance,  
the air is filled with sweetness.

**The summer of God's love is with us.**

Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

**Arise and sing for joy!**

### \*HYMN

*I Come with Joy*

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(see insert)

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Where can I go from your spirit?

**Or where could I get away from your presence?**

If I climbed the heavens, you would be there;

**if I made my bed in Sheol, you would be there.**

If I were to fly with the morning light

**and settle at the farthest limits of the sunset,**

even there your hand would lead me,

**and your right hand would take hold of me.**

If I asked the darkness to cover me,

**and the light around me to become night,**

even the darkness is not dark to you;

**the night is as bright as the day, for light and dark are just the same.**

**Forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and shape what we shall be; that we may delight in your will; live out your love; and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is unconditional. God's mercy is never-ending.

We are loved with God's love that is stronger than death and

forgiven so that nothing might ever separate us from our Creator.

**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.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**FIRST LESSON**

John 15:12-17

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister Candidate

**RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS: Eric Biedke and Rick Benedetto (8:30 am)**

**Introduction**

**Questions for New Members**

**Question for Congregation**

Will you welcome Eric and Rick 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?

**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.**

**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 your children, 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.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**PREACHING LESSON**

Song of Songs 8:6-7

*This is the word of God, for the people of God.*

***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

**As You Wish!!**

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**

**God of Love, help us to better understand the depth of your love for us. Expand our hearts to truly love and care for all of your children. Open our minds and our hearts that we might live out the principles of love, taught by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May the God of never-ending love be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts, filled with love and joy.

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

Let us give thanks to our God, who created us and has loved us for all time.

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

So, we lift our voices in joy and hope,

singing with the choirs of angels in heaven,

and with all the faithful of every place and time,

singing of your glory forever:

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

As you have called him Beloved at his baptism,  
and as you raised him from death to give us life,  
so we give ourselves to live for him in grateful praise and service, as we proclaim the mystery of our  
faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

#### **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** *Take My Life, vs. 1-4* 391  
(see insert)

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE (10 am)**

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

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

#### LEADING US IN WORSHIP – AUGUST 4, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
Dave Kapolnek, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Brian Torosian, guitarist  
Kent Wehman, pianist

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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. All bread is gluten free to accommodate those with allergies.*

### **PRCC ANNOUNCEMENT: CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

As a congregationally led church, it is an honor and privilege to select our ministers. Listening and hearing God's plan for us to live our faith with open hearts, open minds, faith in our leadership, faith in each other, and faith in God.

I am pleased to announce by the action of the Board of Directors, upon the request of the Associate Minister Search Committee, a congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, August 11, 2019.

The sole purpose of this meeting will be to present and vote on a candidate to become the Associate Minister of the Park Ridge Community Church. We will all join together on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> for one service at 10 am and hold the congregational meeting directly after the service.

This announcement will be repeated at the morning worship services on both July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> in accordance with our bylaws.

Thank you,  
Lonn Naudzius, Clerk

# I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody  
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His  
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And  
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We  
ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.  
see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.  
live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

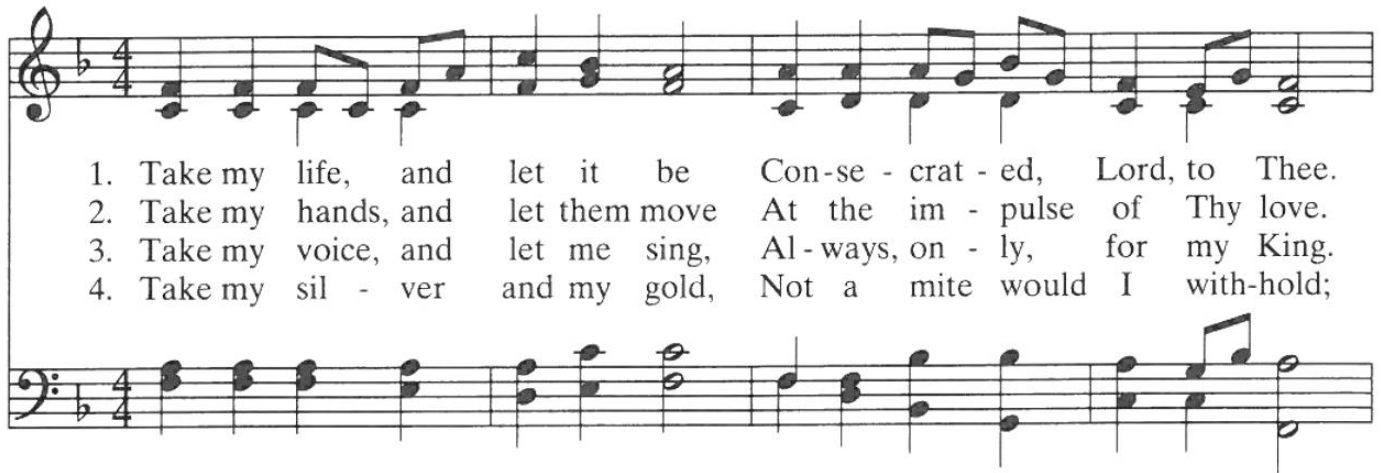


# Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

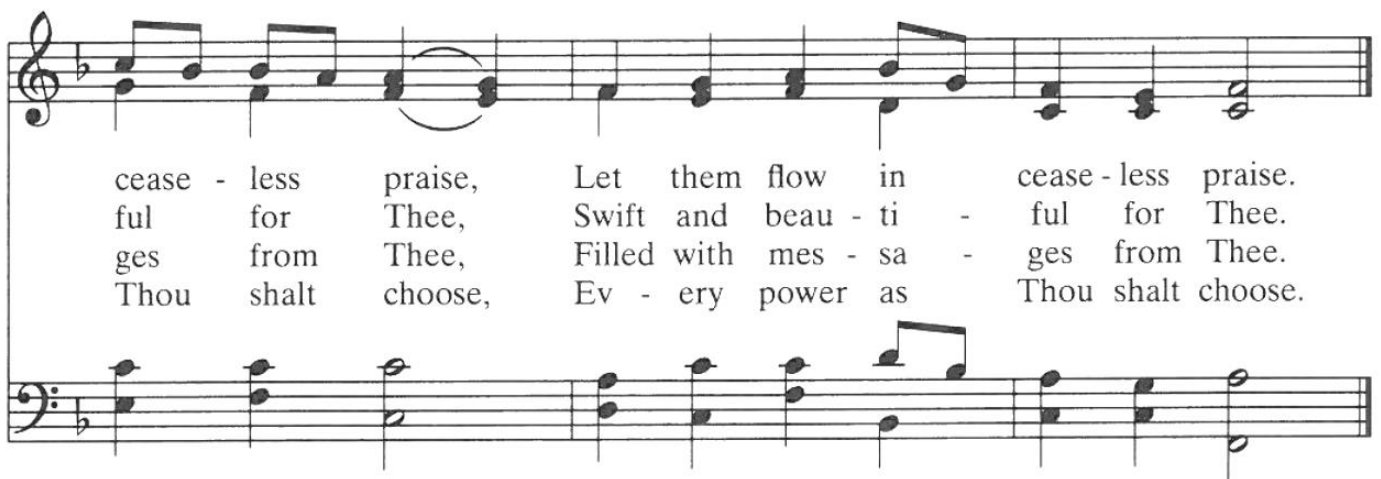
H. A. César Malan, 1827



1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in  
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -  
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as



cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.  
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

## 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 August ushers: Dave Kapolnek, Barbara Madro, Marty McHugh, and Chris Browning.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** this week are in celebration of Tim and Laura Lapp's 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

**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** We will worship together at ONE service at 10:00 am followed by a Congregational Meeting to vote on our Associate Minister Candidate, Pastor Mollie Foster.

**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!

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

Our **last Movies with a Message feature** will be held outdoors at Prospect Park. This is an all ages film!

Movie	Wednesday Showing	Sunday Scripture
Incredibles 2	August 8 @ Prospect Park	Aug. 11: 1 Corinthians 12

## 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 JULY 28<sup>th</sup>:

- We welcome back the mission trip team and celebrate the transforming work done in their lives and the lives of those they served.
- What a joy to celebrate the Baptism of Eliza Hamilton.
- Greetings from the Stettlers. Please keep them in your prayers as they face a variety of health challenges
- Please pray for Jan Cannon's daughter Heather as she undergoes treatments for leukemia.
- Prayers for Drason Pace, 17-year-old with end stage liver disease due to hepatic thrombosis as a result of a liver transplant as an infant.
- Pray for Sheila Blackburn's cousin who had a brain shunt revision yesterday and Sheila's friend experiencing fertility issues.
- Please keep Sheila's friend's mom who's facing serious and chronic pain in your prayers.
- We pray for Julie Hennessey who has a broken ankle and will be facing surgery this week.
- Mark Houlihan asked for prayers for his son Matt with a herniated disc.
- Please keep Mary Johnson's friend in your prayers as she grieves the unexpected loss of her husband.
- Tricia Williams asks for prayers for her cousin Doug Nash, diagnosed with cancer.
- We pray for Lauren, that she finds her way back to her family and away from harm.

# IMPORTANT INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School takes place during 10am worship. Ages 3-8 are invited to a Bible story and activities, while older children and youth help. 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. **Sunday, Aug. 11** (next week), please pick up children from the Sunday school wing as soon as 10 am worship ends, so that we can all attend the short meeting to vote on the Associate Minister. That way, the kids can have lesson on a self-governed church in action, and the Summer Sunday School staff and helpers can cast their votes during the meeting.

## KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ

All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation by the Associate Minister Search Committee. We gather around 11:30 am and begin at noon, please bring a lunch, dessert is provided.

## TUESDAY TEA WITH KATE AND DARCY

Come to TeaLuLa on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am to sip tea and hang with Kate, Darcy, and other middle school and high school students.

## GATHERING FOR STEPHEN CADY AND FAMILY

Stephen and Emily Cady and their children will be visiting Park Ridge! On Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> we will welcome them at an Open House in the Great Hall from 5-7:30 pm. RSVP's are requested, please contact the office or respond to the **Evite that was sent out**. Light refreshments will be served. Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady will also be our guest speaker at the 10 am service on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## MARYVILLE BACKPACK COLLECTION

We have collected over 40 backpacks....but need at least 100. More good quality backpacks with padded backs are needed. Please drop of your backpack(s) in the Park Place room through August 26. On that date we will bless the backpacks at the 10:00am service.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 PRCC Golf Outing will be held at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Look out for more details and ways to register!

## 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	7:00p Movies with a Message – Incredibles 2 at Prospect Park	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
10:00a Worship	6:00p Evening Meditation	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA				11:00a Congregational Meeting
11:00a Coffee Hour Meet and Greet	7:00p Yoga	11:30a Kindred Spirits	5:00p Youth Back to School Bon Fire	8:00p Men's Basketball			8:00p Men's Basketball
8:00p Men's Basketball		4:00p National Night Out	7:00p Rainbow Hospice (closed event)				
		7:30p Trustees					