



"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,"

ACTS 9:17-18

The Church is Transformational

May 19, 2019 10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 19, 2019

CONFIRMATION 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Spirit invites us to waken from our slumber!

The Holy Spirit transforms us and gives us new life!

God's Spirit invites us to step further in our faith!

The Holy Spirit leads us into deeper discipleship!

God's Spirit reminds us that the source of our strength
this day and every day comes from on high.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live boldly!

God's Spirit beckons and draws us close.

The Holy Spirit renews us in this time of worship!

*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Forgiveness, hear now the confession of our sins.

Our greed and our lust for power create enemies where we should find friends.

We fail to offer comfort and aid to those who are afraid and beat down by the burdens of life.

**We are as blind and willful as Saul to the pain and the destruction of our wrongdoings
and our well-meaning crusades.**

Forgive us, merciful One. Give us sight to see with your eyes,
that we may bring hope and peace to our world.

Silence is kept

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime. The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ, just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.

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

CELEBRATING THE CONFIRMATION OF CLAIRE KALLEN, SAM TAGLIA, AND RYEN DESMEDT

Introduction

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Confirmation

Affirmation of the Congregation

Will you welcome Claire, Sam, and Ryen 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 our sisters and brothers, in Jesus name, we pray.

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.

AMEN.

Words of Welcome

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGERS

*If I Were a Butterfly
I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

TESTIMONY ABOUT THE CHURCH

Confirmands

PREACHING LESSON

Acts 9:1-20
*This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Eyes Wide Open

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
Chancel Choir

arr. Betcourt

***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 Lord — giver of life, of salvation, of the Holy Spirit — we thank you for the gifts you continue to pour upon us. Take these gifts we return to you, and use them for your glory now and forever more. In Christ's name, Amen.

***HYMN**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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POSTLUDE

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Fred Siebert, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Rick Hagedorn, organist
John Weber, Acolytes

Our Deepest thanks and gratitude to Siri Nelson, Bob Mack, and Jim Pantazi who have designed and taught the Confirmation class for the past few years when we have not had a Senior or Associate Minister to provide support. They have designed lessons and experiences to help make faith questions real. They have helped our students engage with the Bible in new ways, and they have unceasingly prayed with and for the kids. All of PRCC thanks you for your faith, your determination, your energy, and your care for our Confirmands.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION? At PRCC, students in 6th-8th grade are invited to attend weekly classes on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 pm. Each week, they will consider a different topic - from what is communion, to learning about the Bible, to serve and play opportunities to put their faith into action. At the end of this 3 year journey, 8th grade students have the opportunity to be confirmed. The word “confirm” means to make firm, and students are able to declare their faith as a Christian, to declare their commitment as a member of this local congregation, and to accept the privileges and responsibilities of being a person of faith. Children being confirmed have already been baptized, but their parents and loved ones made promises on their behalf. This time, the student is making promises and commitments for themselves. Being confirmed does not mean the students have finished learning about God. It doesn’t mean they have it all figured out. It doesn’t mean that they still won’t have times of doubt and struggle to find God. It simply means they are making a choice to be on this journey as one who identifies as a follower of Jesus and will try to live out their faith even as they continue to explore what that means.

2019 CONFIRMANDS



Ryen Desmedt, an 8th grader at Emerson Middle School, is the daughter of Tracy Krahle and Andy Desmedt. She has a younger brother, Logan. Ryen enjoys soccer and basketball. Recently, Ryen participated in a project with her friends to help save the coral reefs and marine ecosystems. She is interested in potentially being in a science-related field like medicine as she gets older. Ryen loves to travel places because she loves learning about history. She and her mom just went to New York, where four days was not long enough because she had so much more to learn. She dreams of going to Ireland, Germany, France, and Italy.



Claire Kallen, an 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School, is the daughter of Terry and Scott Kallen. She has younger siblings, Kiera and Elias. Claire enjoys playing basketball. She loves baking projects. One of Claire’s favorite memories is finding a flying squirrel at the pumpkin patch. She also enjoys helping with the Easter egg Hunt at PRCC. The greatest trip Claire has taken was to Hawaii, where she stayed in a house across from the beach. One day, Claire hopes to swim with sharks. Claire likes coming to church, especially coffee hour!



Sam Taglia, an 8th grader at Lincoln Middle School is the son of Carmen and Andi Taglia. Sam has an older sister Grace. Sam enjoys basketball, football, and lacrosse. Sam loves chocolate chip cookies and would like to travel to Bora Bora. Sam has traveled to Mexico, Colorado, California, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Florida, and his favorite was California. Sam loves Pasta Divine at PRCC and enjoyed selling necklaces for the raffle. Going to worship makes Sam feel like a better person.

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, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our May ushers: Paul Rauch, Sharon Kemerer, George Skoog, Cindy Klimmeck, and Jan Steiner*

ALTAR FLOWERS this week are in celebration of Miranda Thomas' birthday.

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!

NEXT SUNDAY we will begin outdoor worship! Bring your own chair and meet us out on the Carriage House lawn for our 8:30 am Garden Worship service.

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF RICK HAGEDORN

Rick Hagedorn, our organist for the past 20 years, will conclude his time with our congregation at the end of the current choir season (June 9). We celebrate the beautiful music Rick has shared with our congregation, playing for the Angeli Choir, the Chancel Choir, the Junior Choir, Christmas Eve services, Good Friday services, funerals, weddings, and weekly worship services. Rick has been an integral part of our music ministry, and we are so grateful. After 20 years, Rick has decided that it's time for him to begin the next chapter in his life apart from PRCC. Our prayers and our love go with him, of course! But that's not all...we want to send Rick off with a celebration!

We will begin collecting a love offering to present to Rick on his last day. Please submit checks and cash with the note: "Rick Hagedorn gift." All are encouraged to write down memories and notes for Rick and bring those to the church office to be presented along with the love offering on Sunday, June 9. On the 9th, after the 10 am worship, we will enjoy our Strawberry Festival, which will also include a cake in Rick's honor. Of course, everyone is encouraged to share with Rick directly how much he has been a blessing! We are grateful for what God has done in the past and in anticipation for all that God will do in the future,

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

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MAY 12th

- Today in worship we celebrate Mother's Day, we rejoice in the Baptism of Emma Hollingsworth and we appreciate the 4th & 5th grade outreach project and visit to the Red Door Animal Shelter this past week.
- Happy birthday to Judy Artrip and celebrating one of Judy's greatest blessings, her sister JoAnn who is visiting from Connecticut is worshiping with us today.
- Happy birthday prayers for Sydney Hollingsworth who will be celebrating her 11th birthday this week.
- It is a joy to have Bill Zoellner home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for his healing.
- Bill Scharringhausen is grateful for his successful shoulder surgery and for nurse Barbara.
- Susan & Tom Ruth are grateful for all the cards, calls and prayers
- Ed Numrych shared the joy of his granddaughter Sarah graduating from college.

- Please keep Angie Weber's mom in your prayers as she is home recovering from pneumonia.
- The Douglass and Sandstrom families ask for prayers for John Douglass who is in hospice care
- Please pray for a brother in law experiencing his first Mother's Day without his mom.
- Prayers for my sister who won't acknowledge a son she gave up for adoption decades ago & her son trying to understand why.
- Prayers for the family and friends of Carole Nelson who entered Life in the Resurrection on Thursday, May 16th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week, we wrap up our regular school-year Sunday school. Begin in 10 am worship with families. PreK-3rd graders will sing, teachers will be recognized for their generous efforts this year, and we will confirm 8th graders! After the Children's Message, Pastor Carol will dismiss PreK-3rd graders to the Sunday school wing, while 4th-5th graders go down to the Library. This week, 6th-12th graders will remain in worship in support of our Confirmands. Young children should be picked up from the Sunday school wing after worship.

A huge thank you to our generous Sunday school teachers, helpers and musicians, and our nursery caregivers:

Preschool: Sheila Blackburn, Julie Smith & Kiera Kallen

Kindergarten: Nikki Craig & Isabela Brown

1st & 2nd grade: Sarah McCarty, Nicole Magnuson & Katie Hill

3rd grade: Natalie Brown & JoEllen Flener

4th & 5th grade: Andrea Goodwin

Middle & High School: Chris Chandler & Rick Benedetto

Music: Angie & Andrew Weber

Nursery: Vicki Kelly, Kyrie Nelson & Kendall Battaglia

Sunday school offerings for April-May go to Culinary Care, which provides restaurant meals to cancer patients and their families. For more information, culinarycare.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for Community Church Cafe, where food, fun and faith combine! 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, 5:30-7:30 pm for Bible stories, crafts, games, music, science and snack! \$20/child, \$50/family of 3 or more. Registration forms available in the Park Place Room, the Sunday school wing, or online at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Tonight 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!

JUNIOR CHOIR CAMP

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

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are offering a unique and engaging program for children during the summer during worship, and we need extra willing volunteers. In order to give our regular Sunday school teachers a break, we are asking additional adults to volunteer for as many weeks as you are able in the summer. After the children's message at the 10 am service, children will be dismissed, and we will participate in different engaging activities, including being outdoors, activities in the Great Hall, and more. We are excited about offering this program for the children, but we need your help! To sign up for one or more Sundays, please contact Teri or Shelley at sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

OTHER INFORMATION

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing something? Please check the lost & found box in the Park Place Room. Items not claimed by the end of the month will be donated.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES!

On June 2nd we will be honoring our graduates. If you are graduating from high school, college or graduate school, please notify the office. Include your name, school, degree and your plans. We want to congratulate you on this important milestone in your life!

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 week we will discuss Acts 15:35 and the corresponding chapters in our study.

COLLEGE STUDENT REUNION

Next 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 30 folks from Park Ridge Community Church cheering them on. We have 8 tickets left and hope you will join us! Bring a check to the church office and/or email Jaclyn (office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) to sign up by May 24th! Tickets are \$50 each, payable to PRCC. All are welcome! We will coordinate parking and carpooling nearer to the event.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Save the Date!



Join us June 9th 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!

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 18th to talk about the impact of losing vision as well as answer questions regarding their training, resources, and answer questions about guide dogs!

DATES:
JUNE 17-20

TIME:
5:30-7:30 pm

AGES:
PreK-3rd grade
older students can sign up to be helpers

COST:
\$20*/child
*Family Max \$50

COMMUNITY CHURCH

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where Food, Fun, and Faith Combine!

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Questions? (847) 823-3164 sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday	
8:30a Chapel Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Women's AA	7:00a Men's Breakfast	6:30p Bells on High	8:00a Meditation	1:30p Private Wedding	8:30a Garden Worship	
10:00a Worship – Confirmation Sunday	7:00p Knitting Knights	10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women's AA	8:00p Men's Basketball	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship	
12:00p Worship Support		11:30a Kindred Spirits	7:00p Fly Fishing					
6:00p Youth Game Night	7:00p Yoga	6:30p Jazz Band Practice	7:30p Bible Study					5:00p College Student Reunion
8:00p Men's Basketball		7:30p Board of Directors						8:00p Men's Basketball

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