



**ENCOUNTERING  
GOD**

**IN THE  
DIVERSITY OF  
FAITHS**

Rally Day

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

September 8, 2019

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RALLY DAY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

*Stompin' At the Savoy*  
Jazz Community Big Band

arr. Bill Holman

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of creation makes us one in the flesh!

**Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

The God of Christ makes us one in the spirit!

**Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!**

#### \*HYMN

*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

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#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating God, from the waters of chaos you brought forth order in the unity of creation.

**Giving God, in every time you send messengers to call your people back to you.**

Listening God, in the fullness of time, you sent us Jesus, the Christ, who lived out the artistry of your love and prayed to you that all his followers might be one.

**Forgive us for our divisive ways, the separate lives we lead in Christ's church, the judgments and suspicions we harbor about those whose faith expressions are different from our own.**

Forgive us for the violence we do to our sisters and brothers, for the lines of oppression we draw against those not like us.

**Brooding God, move restlessly among us as you breathed on the primordial waters.**

Call us out from the depths of our chaotic differences. Stir in us a passion for unity.

**Embracing God, gather your people from all the divisions we create.**

Help us find our common roots of faith. Teach us to celebrate the richness of diversity.

**Loving God, hear us, heal us of our divisions. Make us truly one as Jesus prayed.**

*Silence is kept*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is forgiven.

**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

Ephesians 4:1-6

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Gimme Dat!*

arr. by Chris McDonald

## BLESSING OF THE MINISTRIES OF 2019 - 2020

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 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.*

### SECOND LESSON

John 17:20-26

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

***Thanks be to God.***

### SERMON

**Unity ≠ Uniformity**

Rev. Carol Hill

### LITANY OF GRATITUDE

We give thanks for the world's religions and the richness they bring to our lives.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Christian brothers and sisters, for their message of love and ethic of compassion.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Hindu sisters and brothers, for their open-hearted acceptance of others and kindly disposition toward those of other faiths.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Buddhist sisters and brothers, for their sense of peace and relinquishing of self.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Jewish sisters and brothers, for their enriching symbols of worship and cherishing of tradition.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Muslim brothers and sisters, for their commitment in prayer and faithfulness in worship.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for our Baha'i brothers and sisters, for their genuine openness and desire for unity.

***We give thanks.***

We give thanks for every faith tradition, named and unnamed, for the variety and richness of their spiritualities, for their united quest for truth, for their common dedication to the pursuit of peace, reconciliation and healing of the spirit.

***We give thanks. Ever unite us as one community of joy, hope, love and peace. Ever inspire us to live more genuinely and authentically, celebrating diversity, affirming unity, pursuing peace, not just for better relations among faith communities, but for a new and more just world.***

***Amen.***

### OFFERTORY

*Another Lazy Day*

by Sammy Nestico

### \*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 All, we celebrate the ways you have engaged peoples of all nations, all creeds, and all races. We thank you for this community where we can learn and grow in our relationship with you and with our neighbors. Bless these gifts that they might heal division and help create a more whole and just world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### \*HYMN

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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### \*BENEDICTION

\* 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 8, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services  
 Haukur Gudmundsson, lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Sue Douglass, Organist  
 Kent Wehman, pianist

Jaxx Community Big Band Musicians:

**Saxophone:** David Orlicz *alto*, Dennis Trainor *alto*, Leo Kawczinski *tenor*, Steve Koerner *tenor*, Chip Gdalman *baritone*

**Trombone:** Conner Eisenmenger *lead*, Henry Sparks, John Larson, John McAllister *bass*

**Trumpets:** John Pausche *lead*, Phil Feo, Ryan Adamsons, Matt Laphen

**Piano:** John Paluch

**Guitar:** Derek Duleba

**Bass:** Bobby Mack

**Drums:** Mike O'Brien

**Leader:** Marianne May

## A LITTLE ABOUT THE BAND:

*Jazz Community* is an 18-piece big band playing the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Stan Kenton, Thad Jones and many more. The band was established in 1976 by its late founder and director, trumpet player and music educator, Bill May. *Jazz Community* played weekly at several restaurants and supper clubs, as well as many outdoor festivals and street fairs, private events and weddings, throughout the Chicagoland area for over 12 years. With the untimely passing of founder and director Bill May, in the fall of 1991, *Jazz Community* disbanded.

In the fall of 2011, under the leadership of Bill's sister, Marianne May, and with several charter members in tow, *Jazz Community* reunited for a one-time event to honor Bill on the twentieth anniversary of his passing and to celebrate the musical contributions he made to the many lives he touched. With that successful reunion under its belt, the band decided it was time to get back on the jazz scene. With Marianne as the band's leader, and co-music director Leo Kawczinski, *Jazz Community* is now back on track, swinging hard and delighting Chicagoland big band fans once again with regular monthly performances in Elmhurst, several appearances each year at FitzGerald's in Berwyn, the Jazz Showcase in Chicago, and other venues throughout the city and suburbs.

The members of the *Jazz Community Big Band* would like to express their thanks to the congregation for offering use of the Park Ridge Community Church for our once a month rehearsals. With deepest appreciation for your continued support and generosity, ***Thank You!***

## 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** this week are in celebration of Sue Carroll for her birthday on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**RALLY DAY** Join us after worship outside on Butler Place for hot dogs, fellowship, and a bounce house! (In the event of bad weather, we will be in Jordan Hall)

## 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 1st:

- Charlie Giera wishes everyone a happy Labor Day
- Thank you to all those who made it possible to worship outside over the summer!
- We welcome in worship today, Pastor Mollie Foster and her parents as well Maddie Johnson and the Baker family.
- Happy Anniversary to Bill and Tricia Williams this week!
- A very happy 9th birthday to Jackson McGuffey.
- Please pray for all the Chicago Public school students & teachers who will be returning to school on 9/3
- We keep all those in the path of Hurricane Dorian in our prayers.
- Julie Bruno asked for prayers for the family and friends of her high school friend who is now grieving the loss of her sister who battled cancer for 40 years.
- Janet Johnson requests prayers for her friend Joan who is nearing the end of her life.
- Please pray for a family member who is struggling with addiction and the immediate family suffering the effects of this illness.
- Prayers for the McGuffey grandparents whose dog Lily recently passed away.
- Beth Parsch asks for prayers for the friends and family of Ginny. Ginny and Beth had been friends for 65 years.
- Please continue to pray for the friends and family of Jim Reeder whose life was celebrated at PRCC on 8/31.
- We keep Cathy Thompson in our prayers as she grieves the loss of her father Armand Landerghini who entered life in the resurrection on 8/21.
- Please pray for Andi Taglia, whose mother Ginny entered life in the resurrection on 8/28. Andi, Carmen and Sam then took Grace to Augustana for her first year of college. Prayers surround the entire family.

# IMPORTANT INFO & UPCOMING EVENTS

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Rally Day today!**

Join us after worship today for lunch and activities 11:15-12:30.

Nursery open until worship ends, for babies through 5-year-olds on the lower level.

### **Sunday School**

Regular Sunday school for preschool through high school takes place during 10 am worship (start in the Sanctuary) beginning **next week, Sept. 15!** Please contact Shelley or Teri, [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) with questions or to register.

### **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? [sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sundayschool@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

## GIFT CARDS OF GRATITUDE FOR KATE AND DARCY – Last Week to Contribute!

We will recognize their ministry in worship on Sunday, Sept. 15 and we'd like to give them a gift from the PRCC church family. If you would like to participate, please bring gift cards of gratitude to the church office before Sept. 15. Gift cards can be of any value to any place you think they might enjoy! If you'd prefer to donate a monetary gift instead, please memo checks to "Kate and Darcy". We give thanks that Kate and Darcy will continue to minister with our youth, even if no longer as staff, and we look forward to honoring them as a church!

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

In Sunday Worship, Bible Study, and Sunday school, we will explore some of the fundamental components and beliefs of a variety of faith traditions. We will be invited to go and see other places of worship and hear directly from leaders in those traditions. **Series begins TODAY and runs through October 27.** Come along for a time of learning, exploration, and encountering the Divine! Books are now available in the Church Office.

- 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*.

- All are welcome to join our Monday morning Bible Study. We will resume our normal 10:00 am meetings on September 9<sup>th</sup>, we meet in the Library. We will be following the Unity in Diversity study and Pastor Mollie will provide additional insights.

## UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open 9:30 am – 12:00 pm September 13 – 20 while Jaclyn is away on family vacation. In the case of an urgent matter, please contact Pastor Carol or Pastor Mollie. Any items you need in the September 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> bulletins need to be submitted by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## YOUTH DESSERT FEST

You are invited to a dessert fest at Pastor Mollie's house (Carriage House) next Sunday, **September 15th from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**. There will be ice cream and a variety of other desserts for you to enjoy! Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share! (If you're a football fan--don't worry, so is Pastor Mollie--the games will be on!) This will be a great opportunity for Pastor Mollie to get to know you whether you're a youth veteran or a rookie!

**Parents:** You are also invited to join in from 5:30-6:00 pm. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Mollie: [pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastormollie@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

## UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

"reNEW" is the theme for Youth Group this year! Pastor Mollie and the youth team will lead Sunday morning Sunday school each Sunday (except 1st Sundays) for 6th-12th graders. Each week on Sunday evenings (starting on Sept. 15) from 4-6 pm, get ready for exciting youth group time. The youth spaces will be reNEWed and so will we!! Contact Pastor Mollie for details!



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 11 am, 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 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.

### THE NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK IS COMING – Save These Dates!

September 17 – Chipotle Benefit (1195 NW Hwy) from 4:00 to 8:00 pm

October 2 – Graziano's Benefit (5960 W. Touhy, Niles) from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

October 17 – Harp & Fiddle Benefit (110 Main) from 4:00 to 9:00 pm

**October 20 – Crop Hunger Walk steps off from First United Methodist Church (418 Touhy)**

12:30 – 2:00 raffles sales & registration; 2:00 send-off; 2:15 walk begins



### PRCC PUMPKIN PATCH 2019

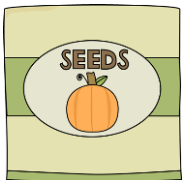
#### **Pumpkin Patch 2019 Save the Dates**

Pumpkin Patch set up will be Saturday, Sept 28 at 9:00 am

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

Pumpkin Patch will be open Saturday, Oct 12 - Wednesday Oct 31  
(closed on Mondays)

Pumpkin Patch take down will be Saturday, Nov 2 at 9:00 am



#### **Pumpkin Patch Seeds**

If you would like to donate "seed money" to the patch efforts to help us look our best for the upcoming season, we have seed packets in Ellinger Transept for donations towards a new tent and other items. Thank you in advance, Questions, contact Hillary Larson at [hkharp@comcast.net](mailto:hkharp@comcast.net) (773-263-3866) or Colleen Moriarty at [cmoriarty104@gmail.com](mailto:cmoriarty104@gmail.com) (224-558-1783). Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you in the Patch!

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS WANTED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! We are seeking hosts to volunteer to prepare treats EITHER after the 8:30 OR after the 10 am service. This can be as simple or elaborate as you'd like. Reimbursement is available to cover the cost of food.

## DIVERSITY OF FAITHS UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

All are welcome to join us as we learn and discover by engaging with the various faiths we are exploring on Sundays. Planning is still in the works but these are upcoming dates that we have planned:

### Catholicism

We will welcome Father Matthew O'Donnell to Bible Study on Wednesday evening, Sept 18 to dialogue about the Catholic tradition.

### Islam

Sunday, October 13, from 12:15 - 2 pm, we will head over after worship concludes! PRCers of all ages - Seniors, Confirmants, and everyone in between, are invited to visit the Jamatkhanah 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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
10:00a 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		8:30a Chapel Worship
11:15a Rally Day Fun Fest!		10:15a Chair Yoga	10:00a Women’s AA	12:00p Staff Meeting	10:00a Women’s AA		10:00a Worship
3:00p BSA Training (private)	6:00p Evening Meditation	11:30a Kindred Spirits	5:30p Google Training	6:30 pm Bells on High			12:00p Angeli Choir <b>(New Time!)</b>
8:00p Men’s Basketball	7:00p Yoga	4:00p Junior Choir <b>(New Day!)</b>	7:00p Fly Fishing	8:00p Chancel Choir			4:00p Youth Dessert Fest at the Carriage House!
		6:30p Jazz Band Practice	7:30p Bible Study	8:00p Men’s Basketball	8:00p Men’s Basketball		
		7:00p Rainbow Hospice (private)	7:30p Finance				
		7:30p Membership Committee					
		7:30p Stephen Ministry					

## STAFF & CONGREGATION LEADERSHIP:

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 Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
 Teri Biedke, Director of Children Ministries  
 Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
 Thom Goodwin, Vice-Chair of the Congregation  
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