



“So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” ACTS 2:41-42

The Church is Persistent

May 5, 2019 10:00 am

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2019

176TH ANNUAL MEETING
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

Family of God, what shall we do?

**We shall praise God
who hears our prayers,
who draws near to us,
and brings new life out of death.**

Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?

**With the confidence of God's beloved children,
with security and joy of God's saving grace.**

Community of Believers, what is the promise?

New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!

Church, how shall we praise?

**We lift our voices and our hearts in love, thanks, and praise!
We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

*HYMN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling.

Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship.

We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith.

Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

Silent prayers are offered

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Spirit of the Lord is in this place. Feel the loving breath of God whisper in your heart: "You are my beloved. I forgive you and will always love you." We are a forgiven people!

Thanks be to God! Amen!

*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

Acts 5:27-32

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Soli Deo Gloria
(All Glory be to God)*

Praetorius

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

TESTIMONY ABOUT THE CHURCH

*HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

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PREACHING LESSON

Acts 5:33-42

SERMON

Not Throwing Away Our Shot

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

Sing Praise!
Chancel Choir

Mozart

*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

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of the Risen Jesus to all people. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let's celebrate this irrepressible life; let's open our hearts to the joy and wonder of infinite possibility, of unquenched hope, of eternal resurrection.

We celebrate, we raise our voices and our hearts in worship and thanksgiving to the God who lives. Resurrection happened because Christ was first prepared to die. Defying death, Jesus refused to release His hold on life and love. So now, as Jesus encouraged us, we choose to remember so that we too can truly live.

At supper on the night before He died Jesus took bread and blessed it. Then He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying:

This is my body, broken so that you may know life. Eat it and remember Me.

After the meal Jesus took wine and blessed it. Then He gave it to His disciples saying:

This is my blood, shed so that you may know life. Drink it and remember Me.

So, now, Lord of Life, we share in this meal, we celebrate together, and we remember You. And we will continue to do this until resurrection has flooded the whole creation. **Amen.**

May this bread and this wine become for us in this moment your life-giving body and blood, And may we who share this meal, be joined with you, and with one another, as one body united in resurrection life, and sharing with all of creation in your eternal salvation. **Amen.**

As we break this bread, we receive Christ's life in all our diversity, in all our individuality, as we share this one loaf we are one.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

see back cover of hymnal

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

We thank You, O God, for Your life, pulsing in creation revealed in Jesus, renewed in resurrection and available to us now.

Thank You for touching us again with Your life through bread and wine; For joining our lives with Yours through Jesus; And for renewing resurrection in our hearts through your Holy Spirit.

Filled with life, we now offer ourselves to be life-bringers in the world. Touched by resurrection we pledge to resist death wherever we find it. Filled with hope we embrace the promise of eternity, and the call to make it known at every opportunity. Through us may graves continue to be opened, and may the dead continue to be awakened to new life. In Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

I've Got Peace Like a River

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***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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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 – MAY 5, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Bill Williams, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries

Rick Hagedorn, organist

John Weber & Nate Jarvis, Acolytes

THE 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. As the plate is passed, you are invited to take a piece of the bread, and then pass the plate to your neighbor. To keep an open table, gluten-free bread and unfermented juice will be offered. Please hold the bread so that we may partake together. We will follow the same practice in passing the cup.

(Those members staying for the congregational meeting: we will take a 10-minute break)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Order

Convening prayer:

One: God of the seasons turning, another year has come and gone and once again we gather for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. To this place we bring all the celebrations and hardships, the joys and the sorrows of the past year. Here also we gather to look forward to what the coming years have in store. As we meet and discuss the life and work of this church, a part of your family, we pray that you would be a part of our discussion. May your Spirit move in our hearts, opening them to hear what each of us has to offer, bringing light to both possibilities and realities, drawing us always to consider what you would have us be and do in this time and place.

All: Bless now, loving God, the labor of our minds and hands and hearts; our lives, busy with families and work, fun and friends; and our church, a community of faith. Bless all these things for we offer them to be your vehicles of compassion, justice, grace, and joy. In Christ's name. Amen.

Appointment of the Parliamentarian

Declaration of a Quorum

Approval of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Special Congregation Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2018

Chair of the Congregation Report

Financial Report

Trustees Report

Report of the Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

Other Business

Presentations:

Eric Nelson Scholarship

Second Mile Recognition

Motion to Adjourn

Concluding Prayer (Pastor Carol)

** The Annual Report is available online at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, paper copies are available on request.

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PRCC FAMILY

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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 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 from the Gudmundsson family in honor of Birthmother's and the adoption Triad.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING CHILDCARE PreK-3rd graders can remain in the Sunday school wing for childcare during the Annual Meeting, 11:15-12:30 or so. Older children and youth can help supervise. The nursery will be open for babies and toddlers during this time as well. Then all are welcome to a luncheon in Jordan Hall after the meeting!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM APRIL 28th

- John and Kathy Davis celebrate the birth of their grandson Lincoln Tosh. Lincoln came five weeks early so please pray for his development and ability to go home.
- It is a joy to have Emily Zoellner home and Bill Jr. visiting last week.
- Charlie is celebrating a happy Easter with family and a good health report to go off of medication.
- Please pray for Cindy Klimmeck's friend who has a 29-year-old son struggling with mental illness.
- Rick W. asks for prayer for his sister-in-law Debbie Mitchell who suffered a stroke.
- Please pray for Beth's close friend who has been diagnosed with advanced stage cancer.
- Laurie Runtz ask for prayers for her friend John, only 43 years old in hospice care with an inoperable liver tumor. Please pray for his wife and 5-year-old daughter.
- We keep the Ginger family in our prayers as they gathered to celebrate the life of Irene on 4/27.
- We continue to pray for Melissa, Phil and Erik Nelson on the sudden death of their 25-year-old daughter Emily. Tony, Emily's fiancé and all Emily's friends and family are held close in prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

BIBLE OLYMPICS TODAY!

PreK through high school students are invited to begin in worship with families at 10 am and are dismissed about 15 minutes later to head to the Sunday school wing's music room to organize for outdoor fun with Bible Olympics. Rain location: Great Hall. Children can be picked up in the Sunday school wing around 11:15 or remain with us in the Sunday school wing during the Annual Meeting.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for Community Church Cafe! Three-year-olds through finishing 3rd grade, with older children and youth helping. Mon. June 17 - Thurs. June 20, 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for Bible stories, crafts, games, music, science and snack! \$20/child, \$50/family of 3 or more. **Registration forms available in Park Place Room.**

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

Sunday, May 5, youth group will meet from 6-7:30 pm at the Carriage House for our last gathering focused on "Truth", which includes games, discussion, dinner, and more!

UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Speaking of games - Sunday, May 19 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!

4th & 5th SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Congratulations and thanks to the 4th and 5th grade Sunday school class. The students led the children's message last Sunday, took up a loose change collection, and sold crafts and treats to raise money for the Red Door Animal Shelter. With the generosity of the congregation and the passion of our children, we raised over \$331!!

OTHER INFORMATION

COFFEE HOUR

There are a few more chances to host coffee hour, before the Summer season hits. Please contact Lauren Kleingers, at Lauren.Kleingers@parkridgecommunitychurch.org, if you are interested in hosting.

COLLEGE STUDENT EMAILS NEEDED!!!

Please make sure the office has the email address of any college students you know! We will be emailing a "Finals Support" gift card. Give email address to Jaelyn in the office or Sandy Bowen.

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing something? Check the Church Office Lost & Found; there are hats, water bottles, gloves, jewelry, car keys, and more. Call or email Jaelyn in the office if you would like to stop in and look through it!



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 study will correlate with the Sunday sermon series!

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFÉ- Belated Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Everyone is invited to Kindred Spirits Cafe this Tuesday, 5/7 for a Cinco de Mayo food celebration. We gather in Jordan Hall about 11:45 and begin at noon with our food free for all. Everyone is invited to come with a dish to share and join in the fun.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

PRCC Garden Worship begins May 26th at 8:30 am. Every Sunday, weather permitting, through Labor Day our early morning Chapel service moves outdoors to the Carriage House lawn. Bring your chairs and enjoy worship outdoors!

COLLEGE STUDENT REUNION

On 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 a block of tickets available and hope you will join us! Bring a check to the church office and/or email Jaclyn (office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) to sign up for the number of tickets you would like! Tickets are \$50 each, payable to PRCC. All are welcome! We will coordinate parking and carpooling nearer to the event. **Please Note:** *The price of the tickets has gone up slightly to include taxes. For those that have already paid, if you are able to cover this please do so by sending in an additional check. Thank you for your understanding!*



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Save the Date!



Join us June 9th for our annual Strawberry Festival! We will worship together at ONE service at 10:00 am and then all are invited outside of the Park Place entrance for fellowship and strawberry treats!

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Next Sunday
10:00a Worship	10:00a Bible Study	10:00a Chair Yoga	7:00a Men's Breakfast	6:30p Bells on High	8:00a Meditation	1:30p Private Recital	8:30a Chapel Worship
11:15a Annual Meeting	10:00a Women's AA	11:30a Kindred Spirits – food free for all!	10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Women's AA		10:00a Worship
12:30p Congregational Lunch			7:00p Yoga	6:00p Confirmation Class	8:00p Men's Basketball	8:00p Men's Basketball	
4:00p Angeli Choir	7:00p Knitting Knights	7:00p Fly Fishing					
6:00p Youth Group (in Carriage House)		7:30p Trustees Meeting	7:30p Finance Committee				
6:30p Angeli Choir Concert	7:30p Bible Study						
8:00p Men's Basketball							

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