



We live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

Christ pours meaning into our lives by showing us who we are created to be.

We live in a world with such a frenetic pace, where we are anxious and uncertain.

Jesus brings us peace by showing us how deeply we're loved.

We live in a world where we're surrounded by people and yet we often feel alone.

Christ calls us into a loving community.

Here, in this church, we are in the process of discovering the meaning, peace, and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

We invite you into that journey with us.



Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.
 January 22, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "The Lord, My Shepherd, Guards Me Well" arr. Carter
 Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

*OPENING PSALM "Praise His Name" Psalm 148
 Nate Giordano, guitar

VOTUM

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: "Come," my heart says, "seek His face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

SALUTATION

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

*HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #151

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we stand in this tradition of the Christian faith that believes all people are close to You. We don't have intermediaries that lie between us and You. We don't believe You must have expertise or standing in order to come into Your presence. Yet, God, we still rely on experts and intermediaries. There are huge parts of church life – the Christian life – that we don't do – won't do – because we lack standing and certainty about what we're doing. That's especially true when it comes to reaching out in Your name, Jesus. We want to leave that to the experts, when it's much more effective coming from us. Holy Spirit, push us, encourage us to reach out in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR *"It Is Good"* Lantz

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* #435

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 4:12-23 p. 3 (NT)

SERMON *"Fishing with the Gear You've Got"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"* p. 446

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Blessed Assurance"* arr. Carter

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Ann Froeder; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: Lord, we come before You with no requests but to simply be still and praise and glorify Your name.

THE FLOWERS are given by Diana Macerone in loving memory of her mother, Charlotte Tammilehto.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:10 Children's Choir
Tuesday Feed Our Souls
Wednesday Feed Our Souls
7:00 Outreach & Evangelism Committee
Thursday 7:30 Chancel Choir

Sunday, January 29, 2022

9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship
Puppet Club and Sunday School
11:15 - Children's Choir

THANK YOU to all who attended and helped assemble our 1,000 Snack Packs. We had over 100 people, both from our church and from the community, to help. We got it done in 40 minutes! If you'd still like to contribute to this project, you may do so by making your check payable to Community Church with a notation that it's for Snack Pack. Each Snack Pack costs \$6.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to join us at our monthly Women's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. Feel free to invite a friend.

THE 2023 FLOWER CALENDAR IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD! There are lots of open dates -- If you'd like to sign up for a special date to donate flowers, please put your name on the calendar next to that date. Take a slip out of the pocket to the left of the calendar, fill it out, and leave it on the desk in the office along with your check made payable to the Guild for Christian Service for \$25.

REMINDER -- If it's more convenient, you can make your weekly or monthly donations to the church through Tithely or Paypal, both of which are apps you can download to your device. If you have any questions, please call Lori Anders in the church office.

CORRECTION -- In the Courier, George and Janet Kaden's address was listed incorrectly. They no longer have a PO box. Their mailing address is 93 Inskip Avenue, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756.

Welcome!

The Community Church in Harrington Park was established in 1908 as part of the Reformed Church in America, the oldest denomination in the United States of America (www.rca.org).

Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

Nursery care is available for children, infant through 3 years of age. **Sunday school classes** are for children ages 4 through high school. The children are dismissed to their classes during the Passing of the Peace.

At the end of our worship hour, **refreshments** are served in Founders' Hall at the other end of the building. We hope you will stay so we can get to know you.

Large print hymnals are available as well as **hearing assistive devices**. Please speak to an usher.

Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

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