## 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.

**Puppet ministry and Sunday school classes** are for children ages 3 through high school. The children meet in Founders' Hall at the other end of the building at the beginning of worship.

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.

The Community Church in Harrington Park

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eholding God (worship) uilding Faith (discipleship) eing One (unity) ringing Others (evangelism) earing Fruit (ministry) estowing Mercy (compassion) elonging Together (fellowship) oosting Ministry (structures)

# **Order of Worship**

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

March 12, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*p to Thee"* arr. John Carter

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 61

Leader: God, listen to me shout, bend an ear to my prayer.

People: You've always given me breathing room, a place to get

away from it all,

Leader: A lifetime pass to Your safe-house, an open invitation as

Your guest.

People: You've always taken me seriously, God, made me

welcome among those who know and love You.

\*HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Holy Spirit, please be among us today as we focus our attention, our hearts, and our minds on You. Flow around us and in us – together, as we place ourselves before You, as we come into Your presence, as we try to connect with You, and as we try to more fully live together as Your church. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, we ask this in service to You. Amen.

CHANCEL CHOIR "Jeru

"Jerusalem My Destiny"
Les Cox, soloist
Rhoda Tillack, violin

Cooney

(Congregation will sing along with the refrain on the screens.)

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16 p. 193 (NT)

SERMON "Bearing Fruit" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## Our Response to God

**OFFERING** 

**DISCERNING OUR GIFTS\*\*** 

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" #664

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Near the Cross"

Amy Duran, piano

William Doane

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\* Please stand if you are able.

\*\*If you want to take additional online gifts tests, you could go to: https://www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/faith-practices/spiritual-renewal/assessment-tools for an assessment the Evangelical Lutheran Church uses;

for an assessment the Evangelical Lutheran Church uses; and/or https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en for a gifts assessment from the United Methodist Church

**PRAYER CONCERNS**: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna & Roger Carman; Bill Keith; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We pray, Father, that our hearts may know what You have set us apart for so that we can remain attached to You, the Vine, and we, the branch, may produce the fruit you have designed us for so naturally.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by John McGlade in celebration of his wife, Nancy's birthday and by Lori and Chuck Anders in loving memory of Chuck's mother, Maureen Sullivan Anders.

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Tuesday	7:30	Deborah Circle
Wednesday	6:30	Lenten Supper sponsored by Consistory
_	7:30	Worship
	7:30	Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH
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_	1:30	Rachel Circle
	5:00-7:00	HPBOE in FH
	7:30	Chancel Choir

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