# 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.

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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor



# Order of Worship

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

March 26, 2023 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Awesome God" Richard Mullins

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Our Approach to God

VOTUM

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and

earth.

People: Amen.

SENTENCES from Psalm 111

Leader: Hallelujah! I give thanks to God with everything I've got—

wherever good people gather, and in the congregation.

People: The good life begins in the fear of God—do that and

you'll know the blessing of God. His Hallelujah lasts

forever!

PSALM IN SONG "I'll Not Be Shaken" Psalm 62

Nate Giordano, guitar

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, we're a little random with our approach to Your work. We don't always take the time to organize it well. We shy away from meetings. We don't necessarily make the effort to handle details. We don't put effective structures in place to manage ministry. We don't take financial stewardship—that which enables ministry--as seriously as we ought. All of it means that Your work – what You're trying to do through us – suffers. We repent of our lackadaisical approach to doing what You'd have us do in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "The Cross" Craig Courtney

#### The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" #405

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:21-24 p. 195 (NT)

SERMON "Boosting Ministry" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

# Our Response to God

**OFFERING** 

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #403

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lead On, O King Eternal" Henry Smart

Amy Duran, piano

# \* Please stand if you are able.

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

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We pray, Father, that we can become leaders under the influence of the Holy Spirit, not seeking to exercise authority over people, but partner with others to achieve a common goal--to serve others by leading and leading others by serving.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Ruth Cuffe in loving memory of her grandmother, Caroline Bender.

**FLOWER ENVELOPES** are in the pews for your convenience in donating to our Easter lily display. You can donate today or next week, April 2. Thank you.

### **THIS WEEK**

Today
11:15 Children's Choir
11:15 Guild Executive Meeting
Monday
7:45 Bell Choir
Wednesday
6:30 Lenten Supper

7:30 Worship

7:45 Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH

**Thursday** 7:30 Chancel Choir

#### Sunday, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

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

THE FEED OUR SOULS CREW WILL BE HOSTING THE LENTEN SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM! The evening continues at precisely 7:30 with worship. Please join us.

**NEXT WEEK ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>,** we invite you to bring someone you know and care about to worship. Perhaps they have expressed an openness to Jesus, or maybe their situation in life indicates a rethinking of their priorities. We will be having a number of special musical numbers in worship that day. The last part of the service will be a children's Easter pageant down in Founders' Hall where we will conclude our worship. We invite you to think and pray about who might be open to your bringing them to worship on that day.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION IN CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** will be held Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 PM.

THERE WILL BE A GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATIONAL VIDEO SERVICE which will be on our website, and the link to that will be sent via email.

**EASTER WORSHIP** will begin at 6:30 AM (April 9) at Pondside Park near the corner of Lafayette Road and Blanch Avenue in Harrington Park. Our regular Easter worship will be at 10 AM in the sanctuary. As has been our pre-Covid tradition, we will have breakfast together at 7:30 AM in Founders' Hall.

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