



Beholding God (worship)

Building Faith (discipleship)

Being One (unity)

Reaching Others (evangelism)

Bearing Fruit (ministry)

Bestowing Mercy
(compassion)

Belonging Together
(fellowship)

Boosting Ministry (structures)

Order of Worship

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

March 19, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Change My Heart, O God"
Amy Duran, piano

Eddie Espinosa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 61

Leader: When the righteous see God in action, they'll laugh, they'll laugh and sing for joy.

People: Father of orphans, champion of widows, is God in His holy house. God makes homes for the homeless, leads prisoners to freedom.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord—day after day He carries us along.

People: He's our Savior, our God! He's God-for-us; He's God-who-saves-us.

*HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Our God, You've blessed us – blessed us tremendously. We live in comfort. And in our comfort, in our relative affluence, we live in isolation from the real world, from places of need, of struggle, happening just a few towns away. And not being confronted by such struggle each day, it's easy to forget about it, and simply luxuriate in our comfort and isolation. Forgive us, please God, when we fall prey to that temptation. We ask for that forgiveness in the name of the One who died on the cross for it. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR

"God Is Always with Me"

Althouse

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* #665

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:28 p. 194 (NT)

SERMON *"Bestowing Mercy"* Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

BELL CHOIR *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* arr. Krug
Dorothy Abelman, Director; Amy Duran, piano

OFFERING

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"Make Me a Blessing"* #670

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"* Aaron Williams
Amy Duran, piano

*** Please stand if you are able.**

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

THE UNITY PRAYER: Since we have been given such great mercy and compassion by Christ taking away our sins, we pray, Father, that we may have mercy and compassion flow through us to others because Your love reaches us to the core.

THE FLOWERS are given by the Gumberg Family in loving memory of Wendy's mother, Ruth Horbert.

OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to the Smyth Family on the passing of Richard Smyth on Thursday, March 16. Please remember them in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:15 Children's Choir
	11:30 Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	7:45 Bell Choir
Wednesday	6:30 Lenten Supper sponsored by the Sayers
	7:30 Worship
	7:45 Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH
Thursday	7:30 Chancel Choir
Saturday	9:30 Women's Communion Brunch

Sunday, March 26, 2023

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

THE SAYER FAMILY WILL BE HOSTING THE LENTEN SUPPER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd AT 6:30 PM! The evening continues at precisely 7:30 with worship. Please join us.

THE GUILD'S SPECIAL LENT COLLECTION for the Norwood Food Pantry ends today. We will be delivering the donations this week. Thank you to everyone for your generous support, sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors in need.

THE WOMEN'S COMMUNION BRUNCH will be held on Saturday, March 25 at 9:30 AM. The guest preacher/speaker will be the Rev. Linnea Berry. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex following worship.

ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 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.

EASTER WORSHIP will begin at 6:30 AM at Pondsides 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.

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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