



**W**e 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.*

The  
**Community  
Church**  
in  
Harrington  
Park

## Order of Worship

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

May 14, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*"Fairest Lord Jesus"*  
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Sayer

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 66

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples! Give Him a thunderous welcome! Didn't He set us on the road to life? Didn't He keep us out of the ditch?

**People: He trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires, road-tested us inside and out. Finally, He brought us to this well-watered place.**

Leader: All believers, come here and listen. Let me tell you what God did for me. I called out to Him with my mouth, my tongue shaped the sounds of music.

**People: If I had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened.**

Leader: But He most surely did listen; He came on the double when He heard my prayer.

**People: Blessed be God: He didn't turn a deaf ear; He stayed with me, loyal in His love.**

\*HYMN

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, the world around us is changing so fast. And it's a lot more than technology. What's seen as right and wrong, proper and improper, good and bad is changing fast, too. And it's changing us. We Christians – we don't necessarily stand on what You've always said about loving people, showing kindness and being gentle. We don't notice people of bad character. We forget about living out mercy and caring for folks who are downtrodden. Sometimes we forget the simple concepts of time-tested right and wrong, as declared in Scripture. Holy Spirit, please reorient us so that we live in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

PUPPET MINISTRY

*"We Love Mom!"*

Joan Hoerauf, director



## Meaning of the Sacrament

- Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.
- People: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**
- Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.
- People: **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**
- Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.
- People: **In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**
- Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.
- People: **Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

## Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: . . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: . . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

## Communion Thanksgiving

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: **and do not forget all His benefits**

Leader: **Who forgives all your iniquity,**

People: **Who heals all your diseases,**

Leader: **Who redeems your life from the Pit,**

People: **Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

People: **nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: **so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

People: **So far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: **So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,

but gave Him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

People: **Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore.**

**Amen**

## THIS WEEK

Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Tuesday	7:30	Deborah Circle, Chapel
Wednesday		Feed Our Souls
	7:30	Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH
Thursday		Feed Our Souls
	7:30	Chancel Choir

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:00 AM - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. George Kaden, preaching  
Puppet Club and Sunday School

11:15—Alleluia Choir

**HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!** This Mothers' Day blanket the world in love. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. Once again, the Guild for Christian Service is holding their annual Blanket Sunday today and next Sunday. Honor or memorialize a special mother or woman in your life by donating \$5 (\$10 for 3) to hang a heart (or 3) on the blanket in the narthex. When our neighbors are in need, even \$10 for a single blanket goes a long way. All proceeds go to Church World Service.

**IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN!** CCHP offers one-time scholarships to students who have been accepted to or are attending an accredited institution of post-high school education. The scholarships are based on church involvement and financial need. Applications are available on the counter in the church office and are due back tomorrow, May 15.

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD GRADUATING** from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college, or higher? Or are you graduating from one of those? If so, please let us know by June 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can include their names in our "graduates" listing in the June issue of the Courier. Sent via email to [cchp@verizon.net](mailto:cchp@verizon.net) or call the church office at 201-768-2457.

**WE ARE EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS—** They are Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM through June 19<sup>th</sup>; then from June 23-September 4, Tuesday-Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM.

# Welcome!

**T**he 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](http://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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