

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.



Order of Worship

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

June 25, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Almighty King"

arr. Howard Helvey

Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

OPENING PSALM

"How Majestic Is Your Name" Nate Giordano, guitar

Psalm 8

VOTUM

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven

and earth.

PEOPLE: Amen.

SENTENCES

from Psalm 22

Leader:

Sing to God a brand-new song. He's made a world of

wonders! He rolled up His sleeves; He set things right.

PEOPLE: God made history with salvation; He showed the

world what He could do.

SALUTATION

Leader:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the

Lord Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You've made this world - You've made us to help fashion a world - where the only constant is change. You've also made a church to do Your work in that evolving, dynamic world. And so, Your church can't be an unchanging cement lump - it has to evolve too - always true to Your principles, yet changing its methods and process to serve and speak to the actual world it's in. And so, our church culture has to change. But too often we opt for the cement lump. And then we miss out on chances to minister among the people and places You put us. We confess this in Jesus' name. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

HYMN SING

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"Revive Us Again"

#434

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 23:1-13

SERMON

"Culture"

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

#815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN

"Rise Up, O Church of God"

#433

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Howard Helvey Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

* Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Jim Kaiser; Nancy Lanzalotto; Debra Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that as we partake of the Communion elements that we would remember the cost of our salvation and the sacrifice made and to humbly walk in your forgiveness.

THE FLOWERS are given by Ruth and Rob Cuffe in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Sunday, July 2, 2023 10:00 AM Worship in Founders' Hall

USHERS AND GREETERS are needed for the summer. Please sign-up in the narthex.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE thanks everyone who helped with set-up, cooking, and serving, and clean-up for the Communion Breakfast Worship Service. A special thank you to the Feed Our Souls cooks for the delicious crumb cake.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: The topic is Prophecy and God's Prophets. How did God call His prophets? How did God's call tie in with events in Israel's history? What was God telling His people through His prophets? What is He telling us? What can we learn about the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies? We will be looking at one prophet in detail: Habakkuk. What was different about him? What can we learn from him for our times? The in-person study will begin on Thursday, July 6, in the Johnson Chapel, 10-11:30. The Zoom study will begin on Wednesday evening, July 5, 7:30-9 pm.

THE CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION is in desperate need of disposable diapers. 20% of their clients request diapers but CFA only purchases food with the limited funds they have. All diapers need to be donated. Jane and Bruce Marshall are collecting diaper donations and will bring them to a distribution center. Sizes 1-7 are needed; small packages are preferred as they can more easily be included with the weekly food packages. You can leave them at the side entrance to the church where food is left, or they will pick them up. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Welcome!

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).

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.

The Community Church in Harrington Park

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