



We 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.

July 9, 2023

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 97

Leader: God rules: there's something to shout over! On the double, mainlands and islands - celebrate!

People: Bright clouds and storm clouds circle 'round Him; right and justice anchor His rule.

Leader: Fire blazes out before Him, flaming high up the craggy mountains.

People: The heavens announce that He'll set everything right, and everyone will see it happen - glorious!

*HYMN

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Wonderful God, we believe in justice and righteousness. But we despair that we'll see them. And sometimes that despair so overtakes us that we get cynical. And our cynicism leads to apathy. We can get so that we no longer care so much about justice. It seems too elusive. We ask that You forgive us for not working to bring about the things that are important to You, in the name of Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

Green

Les Cox; Amy Duran, piano

The Word of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"The Servant Song"

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Property Committee
	7:30 PM	Consistory
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Bible Study on Zoom
	7:30 PM	Search Committee
Thursday	10:00 AM	Bible Study in the Johnson Chapel

Sunday, July 16, 2023

10:00 AM Worship

Join us for coffee hour in Founder's Hall every Sunday following worship.

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

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: We need to staff the nursery for our youngest children, ages six and under. All children will be in the sanctuary until after the Children's Message. At that time, parents may take the youngest to the nursery. Please sign-up in the narthex so we can compile a list of people willing to serve this important, child-care ministry. Over the summer, we realize it may be difficult to commit to a particular Sunday, so please indicate your willingness to serve in the nursery without choosing a date.

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 meets on Thursdays in the Johnson Chapel from 10:00-11:30 AM. The Zoom study meets on Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 PM. The study runs through the first week in August. You may join in anytime. Contact Sandy Bennington for information, 201-543-1244.

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. 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 Spring Street entrance by the food shelf or we can arrange a pick-up. Jane and Bruce Marshall are collecting the diaper donations and will bring them to a distribution center. Your support is deeply appreciated

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.

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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