

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.

September 17, 2023

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE** 

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Amy Duran, keyboard Moore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PSALM IN SONG

"Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call" Nate Giordano, guitar Psalm 42

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 65

Leader: Silence is praise to You, Zion-dwelling God, and also

obedience.

People: You hear the prayer in it all. We all arrive at Your

doorstep sooner or later, loaded with guilt,
Leader: Our sins too much for us—but You get rid of them once and

for all.

People: Blessed are the chosen! Blessed are the guests at

home in Your place! We expect our fill of good things

in Your house, Your heavenly manse.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God of Love, You ask that we care for each other, love each other, and work hard at our relationships. But it seems like we keep on having ruptures, breaks, and chasms in our relationships with other folks. We let bad feelings and angry words stand between us. We allow unintentional thoughtlessness to drive wedges between us apart. In short, we don't do the hard work of managing and keeping relationships. For that we ask forgiveness, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

Lovelace

#### The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-26

SERMON

"We Can Work It Out"

Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## Our Response to God

OFFERING

(There is a basket on the table near the parking lot in which you may place your offering. Thank you.)

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

insert

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" (medley)
Paul McCartney, John Lennon
Arr. Michael McSweeney
Ramsey Wind Symphony - Minesh Shah, Director

\*Please stand if you are able.

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Judi Keith; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that you would instill in us the desire to fellowship with other Christians so that we may bear each other's burden, pray for each other, rejoice when others rejoice, mourn when others mourn, and also that we would encourage others to encourage each other to use the gifts that God has given us to praise Jesus.

THE FLOWERS are given by Nancy and John McGlade in celebration of their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by the Ramsey Wind Symphony with extreme gratitude to the Community Church for the rehearsal space.

THANK YOU to the Ramsey Wind Symphony for sharing their musical talents during worship today.

#### THIS WEEK

Today	11:00	Church Barbecue
Wednesday	7:00	Property Committee
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Saturday	10:00	Women's Retreat (see insert)

### Sunday, September 24, 2023 - Sacrament of Baptism

9:00 AM Chancel Choir 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 Alleluia Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL & PUPPET CLUB begins today. The children will leave after the children's moment to go inside.

JOIN US FOR OUR Kickoff Barbecue after the service. It's always great to be together.

THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. All women are invited. There are forms on the table if you're interested.

ATTENTION KIDS! Miss Amy will be starting up the Alleluia Choir next Sunday, September 24 after worship at 11:15. Please invite a friend to join you in singing.

#### CHURCH WORKDAY - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!

Please come at 8:30 AM and help. No job too big or small – we can find a job for you!

THE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MINISTRY will begin again on Saturday, October 7 at 9:30 AM. This is an opportunity to catch up and converse with other women as we share breakfast. Then there will be a speaker who will share her faith journey with us. Bring your friends and neighbors!

THE MEN WILL GATHER "DOWN THE SHORE" on Saturday, October 7 for the annual men's retreat. All men are invited. Please see forms on the table for details.

# 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.

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