

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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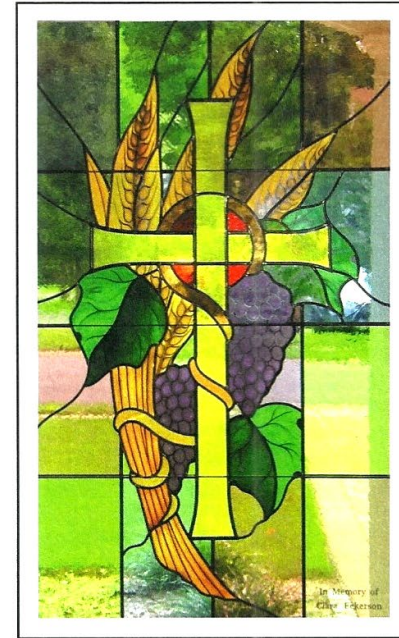
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The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. George V. Kaden, Pastor Emeritus



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.

January 14, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Faith of Our Fathers" arr. Smith/Hustad
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 25

Leader: Mark the milestones of Your mercy and love, God; forget that I sowed wild oats; Mark me with Your sign of love. Plan only the best for me, God!

People: God is fair and just; He corrects the misdirected, sends them in the right direction.

Leader: From now on every road you travel will take you to God. Follow the Covenant signs; Read the charted directions.

People: God, keep up Your reputation; forgive my life.

*HYMN "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" #112

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You forgive and forgive. We don't understand the degree to which You forgive. We don't understand it because we're not very good at it. And we don't want to be that good at it. We nurture our little grudges; we cherish the slights that we think come our way. It takes intentionality for us to forgive, and we don't have that intention. And so, we don't show grace like You do; we keep ourselves from being true disciples of Jesus. And so, we pray for You to create something more in us through the Spirit. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "Make My Life an Alleluia" Schram

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #355

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Colossians 3:12-15 p. 198 (NT)

SERMON "Unintended" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "O for a Heart to Praise My God" #650

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Trust and Obey" arr. Smith/Hustad
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.

THE UNITY PRAYER: Lord, we pray for hearts that are overflowing with selflessness, kindness, and the desire to reach out to others in word and in action.

THE FLOWERS are given by Ann Froeder in loving memory of her daughter, Clarissa, on her birthday and by Jean Greenlaw in loving memory of her mother, Edie Greenlaw.

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Tuesday	7:30	Congregational Care
	7:30	Finance
	7:30	Deborah Circle
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	10:00	Worship Committee Meeting
	7:30	Ramsey Wind Symphony Rehearsal
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- 10:00 Worship
- Puppets & Sunday School
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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.

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People: And also with you.

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People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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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,

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