## 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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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.

January 21, 2024 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "He Hideth My Soul" Mary McDonald

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Our Approach to God

**CHORAL INTROIT** 

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 121

Leader: I look up to the mountains; does my strength come from

mountains?

People: No, my strength comes from God, Who made heaven,

and earth, and mountains.

Leader: He won't let you stumble; your Guardian God won't fall

asleep.

People: Not on your life! Israel's Guardian will never doze or

sleep.

Leader: God's your Guardian, right at your side to protect you—

People: He guards you when you leave and when you return;

He guards you now; He guards you always.

\*HYMN "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" #123

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You give us everything good. All that we need comes from You. But we look for all kinds of stuff in other places. We find our happiness in the things we do, plan, and have. We put our priorities in procuring. And it works, but it doesn't really work. It allows us to bypass You and craft a life outside of You; and, when we think about it, that's not really who we want to be. And so, we pray that You'd move us oh-so-consistently in Your direction, through the Spirit, and centered around Jesus. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "Holy Is the Lord" arr. Mark Hayes

#### The Word of God

#### GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "Grace Greater than Our Sin" #344

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 8:4-15 p. 67 (NT)

SERMON "Not Quite Right . . . " Pastor Saver

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 "And Can It Be?" #347

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "There Is a Land of Pure Delight" Bill Billings

Amy Duran, piano

\*Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lori Anders; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed

Serrano; Craig Terjanian, the Search Committee.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** Lord, we know that You are the true source of peace. May the Holy Spirit help us to worship together, pray together, walk together, sing together, and live together in the unity that You seek from Your children.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in celebration of friends and family and to the glory of God.

**THE PUPPET CLUB** is celebrating 25 years by inviting you to join them for coffee and refreshments after worship in Founders' Hall. Congratulations to Joan Hoerauf and our puppet team!!!

#### THIS WEEK

Today	11:15	Bible Study, Johnson Chapel
-	11:15	Guild Executive Meeting
Monday	7:30	Zoom Bible Study
Wednesday	7:30	Ramsey Wind Symphony Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00	Bible Study, Johnson Chapel
	7:30	Chancel Choir

#### Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 Worship Puppets & Sunday School 11:15 Bible Study

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**SMALL GROUPS** — Our small group experience is designed to wrestle with the issue of anxiety. It's called *Anxious for Nothing* and is by Max Lucado. It begins with a video, which primes the pump for our discussions and then moves to reflection about what the Bible has to say about being anxious. It's five weeks long and meets at 11:15 in the Johnson Chapel. Or, if Sundays don't work for you, there's a Zoom option on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM, or in person on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. If you'd like to join the Zoom study, please email cchp@verizon.net to get the link.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME HOSTS NEEDED!** Please sign up to make coffee and provide snacks for fellowship time after worship. The sign-up sheet is in Founders' Hall. If you have questions or need some help, feel free to reach out to Jocelyn Brueck at Jocelynbrueck@gmail.

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