

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.

Community

Church

Harrington Park 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 28, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"How Can I Keep From Singing"
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 121

Leader: Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good

apart from You."

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my

heart instructs me.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because He is at my

right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body

also rests secure.

People: You show me the path of life. In Your presence there is

fullness of joy; in Your right hand are pleasures

forevermore.

\*HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

#128

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, there are a lot of different things we're involved in. Every single one of them takes discipline. We get up at a certain time, have breakfast and head off to work. Or, to make sure the fridge is full, we go to the grocery store each week at more or less the same time. Or, we try to lose weight and so we keep track of what we eat. We want to be in touch with far-away family, and so we call or visit on a regular basis. We're not quite as good at applying discipline to our Christianity, though. We can be haphazard about our praying, our Bible-reading, our giving. And laxity leaves us a bit more ineffective than we could otherwise be. So, Holy Spirit, we ask that You'd remind us to apply the same discipline to our faith as we do to the rest of life, so we can grow in Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Oh Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice" Haydn

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "I Want to Be Like Jesus" #550

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:19-34 p. 67 (NT)

SERMON "The Most Helpful Discipline" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

**OFFERING** 

\*DOXOLOGY #815

BELL CHOIR "As the Deer" arr. Cota

JOYS. THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" #552

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Guide Me Now, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hughes
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:** We ask for forgiveness Lord when we allow our economic status to define or fulfill us when we don't follow Your calling. We pray that our hearts would long for the things of enduring value like your salvation, mercy and grace and leading others to Jesus and teaching others about Jesus.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of John Ziegler, my best buddy in college and a friend forever and by Karen (Seymour-Jones) Madison in appreciation of the congregation of CCHP.

#### **THIS WEEK**

| Today     | 11:15 | Bible Study, Johnson Chapel    |
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|           | 11:15 | Alleluia Choir                 |
| Monday    | 7:30  | Zoom Bible Study               |
| •         | 7:30  | Bell Choir                     |
| Wednesday | 7:30  | Ramsey Wind Symphony Rehearsal |
| Thursday  | 10:00 | Bible Study, Johnson Chapel    |
| ·         | 7:30  | Chancel Choir                  |
| Saturday  | 9:30  | Women's Breakfast Ministry     |

#### Sunday, February 4, 2024

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

WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART? – During the season of Epiphany, we're talking about issues that are on the pastor's heart – important issues that we probably ought to be talking about, but maybe haven't. During Lent, we're going to talk about What's on Your Heart? These will also be important issues we ought to be talking about. If you have a topic you'd like to deal with, please email Steve at sayercchp@verizon.net. We'll see if we can work it into a worship theme.

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR (Children's Choir) begins today at 11:15 AM.

**THE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST MINISTRY** will meet this Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. We begin with breakfast and fellowship, followed by a speaker who will share her journey of faith with us. We hope you can join us at this interfaith gathering. We invite you to bring your friends, co-workers, and neighbors with you!

**SMALL GROUPS** – Our small group experience, *Anxious for Nothing*, by Max Lucado is designed to wrestle with the issue of anxiety. 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 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.

## 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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