

## Welcome!

**T**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](http://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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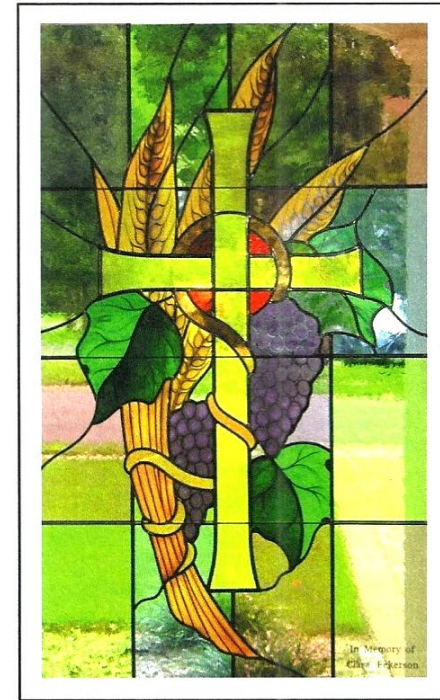
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. George V. Kaden, Pastor Emeritus



**W**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.

February 25, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Elegy for the Victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami"

Barbara Ciannella, piano

Nobuyuki Tsujii

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let's shout praises to God, raise the roof for the Rock Who saved us! Let's march into His presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!

**People: And why? Because God is the best. In one hand He holds deep caves and caverns, in the other hand grasps the high mountains.**

Leader: So come, let us worship: bow before Him, on your knees before God, Who made us!

**People: Oh yes, He's our God, and we're the people He pastures, the flock He feeds. Drop everything and listen, listen as He speaks.**

\*HYMN "How Great Thou Art"

#147

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, we can be kind of defensive. We can be weak and afraid to show that we're not perfect. We can be proud and reluctant to admit mistakes. You ask us to be humble, but there are times that we're not. Forgive us our weakness, our pride, our shallow character. Holy Spirit, we ask that You'd steadily change us so that we might gradually live with the character of Christ. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "There Is a Green Hill"

Joseph Martin

### The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "Rock of Ages"

#342

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**God, we listen to You today. We've been learning from You, some of us for a long time. And we recognize that we still have a lot to learn, and even more to do in terms of following You. Speak to us, we pray. May we hear You, we ask. Teach us to follow You, we implore, through Christ. Amen**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-26

p. 4 (NT)

SERMON

"I'm Sorry"

Pastor Sayer

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

"Wonderful Peace"

#743

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Song without Words"  
Barbara Ciannella, organ

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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**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:** God, we pray that our words and actions be one in unity and that we would listen to each other. May we be defined by who we are for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by who we are against.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Ann Froeder in celebration of her mother, Rosie Froeder's 94th birthday.

**THIS WEEK**

Today	11:15	Guild Executive Meeting
	11:15	Les Cox Shepherding Group
Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Tuesday	7:30	Search Committee
Wednesday	6:30	Lenten Supper
	7:30	Lenten Worship
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
Saturday	9:30	Women's Breakfast Ministry

**Sunday, March 3, 2024**

9:00 Chancel Choir  
 10:00 Worship  
 Puppets & Sunday School  
 11:15 Alleluia Choir  
 11:15 Congregational Care meeting  
 11:15 Steve Baumann Shepherding Group

**LENT CONTINUES!** -- Join us for our Lenten Supper at 6:30 PM this Wednesday, February 28. Our Lenten worship service will follow at 7:30 PM. Our sermon series for both Sundays and Wednesdays is, "What's on Your Heart?" These are topics that you've suggested.

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**THE MEN** will gather for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, March 9 beginning at 8:30 followed by a time of devotions. All men are invited and encouraged to come. Bring a friend!

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