



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.

February 4, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" Parry
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 75

Leader: We thank You, God, we thank You - Your Name is our favorite word; Your mighty works are all we talk about.

People: God says, "I'm ready to set things right. When the earth goes topsy-turvy and nobody knows which end is up, I nail it all down, I put everything in place again."

Leader: Don't raise Your voice against Rock of Ages. He's the One from east to west; from desert to mountains, He's the One. God rules.

People: And I'm telling the story of God Eternal, singing the praises of Jacob's God.

*HYMN "Join All the Glorious Names" #132

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, You are Lord: You're the Master of everything in our lives and everything in the world. In charge of it all. It's the most basic principle of the Christian faith. But the truth is, there are parts of life – parts of our lives - that we try to exclude from Your lordship, from Your control. It's like we try to create a vault, open the heavy door, shut it, lock it, and hide it away from You. We're just not ready to give You that kind of control over the entirety of our lives. But, of course, the problem is, until we can – until we do – You're not really Lord, and we're not being true to what we say we believe. Holy Spirit, we ask for the courage to withhold nothing from You. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "The Gift of Love" Hobson

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #591

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 12:13-17 p. 49 (NT)

SERMON "What Is God's Anyway?" 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 "I Surrender All" #596

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" Campbell
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: Heavenly Father, we thank You for being an overcoming God. We can take heart and rejoice that You have overcome the world. You are the God who saves, who forgives and who loves.

THE FLOWERS are given by Lynn Baker in celebration of her mother, Marilyn Clark's, 90th birthday on February 6.

THIS WEEK

Today	11:15	Bible Study, Johnson Chapel
	11:15	Alleluia Choir
Monday	7:30	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday	7:30	Consistory
Wednesday	7:30	Search Committee
	7:30	Ramsey Wind Symphony Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00	Bible Study, Johnson Chapel
	7:30	Chancel Choir
	7:30	Christian Education Committee
Friday		Courier Deadline
	11:00	Club 60 Founders' Hall
Saturday	8:30	Men's Group

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:00 Chancel Choir

10:00 Worship

Puppets & Sunday School

11:15 Bible Study

11:15 Alleluia Choir

THE MEN'S GROUP will meet this Saturday, Feb. 10 at 8:30 AM in the Johnson Chapel. Breakfast is a part of it, as well as good, biblical discussion. Come and invite a friend.

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.

SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION to benefit the Norwood Food Pantry which happens to be low on soup right now. Please bring in soup donations, or any other non-perishable food items by next Sunday, Feb.11.

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.com.

USHERS/GREETERS NEEDED! Something new! Worship Committee is asking for volunteer ushers/greeters who would be willing to serve somewhat regularly, possibly scheduled once every two months, depending on the number of volunteers. Ushers/greeters are the first

representatives of the church that people meet and through them visitors and members alike experience the warmth and welcome of the church. If you enjoy meeting and greeting people and receiving the offering, then this may be your calling. Please speak to or contact Chris Novak cpn105@optonline.net or Chris Doyle ttemper@aol.com to volunteer or for more information.

BOOKS FOR THE TAKING! Please help us by taking some books leftover from the Bazaar and Garage Sale. There is a cart with spiritual/devotional offerings and some Bibles in the hallway at the Spring Street entrance. Please take as many as you want, read them, pass them along to a friend and we request that you do not return them to church.

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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