

## 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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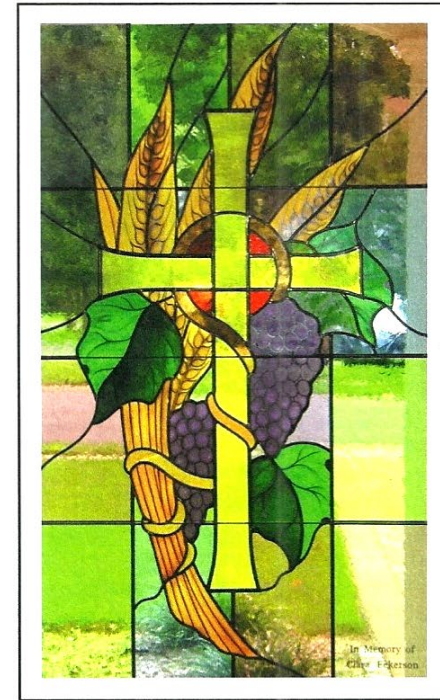
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

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**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.

April 14, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 18

Leader: I love you, God—You make me strong.

**People: God is bedrock under my feet, the castle in which I live, my rescuing knight. My God—the high crag where I run for dear life, hiding behind the boulders, safe in the granite hideout.**

Leader: I sing to God, the Praise-Lofty, and find myself safe and saved.

**People: God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before Him. When I got my act together, He gave me a fresh start.**

Leader: Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted.

**People: Every day I review the ways He works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step.**

HYMN "We Have Come to Join in Worship" #207

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God, You are Loving. And powerful. And gracious. And wise. And full of glory. And . . . more adjectives than we can list. Suffice it to say that we're honored to be Your people. But there are times and seasons when we make things more important than You, even though there's nothing and no one more important. We lose perspective about Who You are, and who we are. And we're sorry for that and ask for forgiveness through Christ. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

\*GLORIA PATRI #813

CHANCEL CHOIR "Great Day" Noble Cain

## The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #21

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Wonderful God, as we dig into Your Word this morning, we ask that You'd help us to see Your glory, and to give Your glory its place in our lives. Show us the challenges Your people have faced in doing that, we ask, so that we might overcome some of those same challenges through the power of Your Spirit. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Romans 1:19-25 p. 153 (NT)

SERMON "Jesus, John, and Lawrence" 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #435

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord Almighty" arr. Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

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

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

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** God, we pray that our Easter celebration would endure and that it would run deep. May the joy and spirit of the Easter season move us to worship and serve God in a powerful and exciting new way.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Lynne and Jim Lupfer in celebration of their anniversary and by Chris Doyle in loving memory of Louise Crovatto.

**THIS WEEK**

Today	11:15	Alleluia Choir
	11:15	Guild Garage Sale Meeting
	12:15	Confirmation
Wednesday	7:30	Special Consistory Meeting
	7:30	RWS in Founders' Hall
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

9:00 Chancel Choir  
 10:00 Worship  
 Puppets & Sunday School  
 11:15 Alleluia Choir  
 12:15 Confirmation

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**THE NORWOOD FOOD PANTRY**, which CCHP supports, is changing its mission and also its name. They will now be helping the whole person, in addition to the giving of food to people. They will be providing tools in other areas of life: mental health, senior and children's programs, finance, and healthy eating—to name a few. They are changing their name to The WholeSum Pantry. This will officially take place at an event on Saturday, April 20 at 12 noon. They invite you to be part of that event, which takes place at the Church of the Holy Communion, 66 Summit Street, Norwood, New Jersey. You can RSVP to [joannescalpello1460@gmail.com](mailto:joannescalpello1460@gmail.com).

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