

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.

The Community Church in Harrington Park

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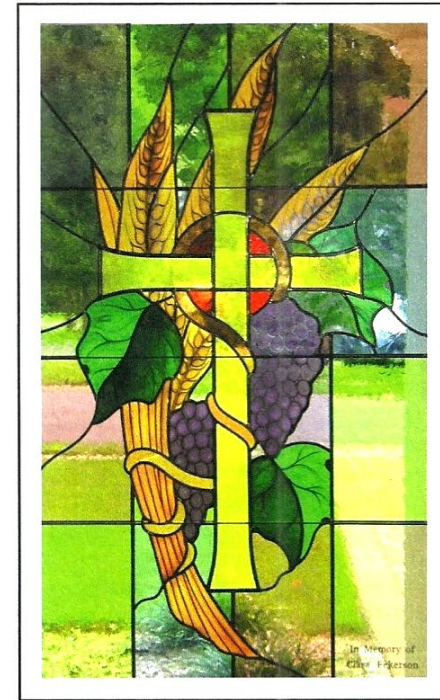
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We live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

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.

April 21, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Howard Helvey
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 26
Leader: Examine me, God, from head to foot; order your battery of tests. Make sure I'm fit inside and out so I never lose sight of Your love, but keep in step with You, never missing a beat.

People: I don't hang out with tricksters; I don't pal around with thugs; I don't deal with double-dealers.

Leader: God, I love living with You; Your house glows with Your glory. When it's time for spring cleaning, don't sweep me out with the quacks and crooks, men with bags of dirty tricks, women with purses stuffed with bribe-money.

People: I'm on the level with You, God; I bless You every chance I get.

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #210

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, a lot of us are concerned about our nation right now. Something seems broken. But we lack patience in the fixing. We lack love and compassion in our remedies. We throw up our hands and yell out in frustration. Some of us are ready to tear things down and start all over, and the rest of us are fed up with the tear-downers. Holy Spirit, we ask for patience, love and compassion of the kind Jesus modeled. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "God Watches Over You" Joel Raney

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #682

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, Your Word leads us in the direction of understanding and love. It shows us quiet, humble strength. May we hear that and live it out even more fully in our own lives, through Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, 12:27-13:3 p. 167 & 174 (NT)

SERMON "Fixing" 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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" #686

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Alleluia!" arr. John Wilson
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

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

Every four years, leading up to the presidential election, I do a sermon series that will help us to think through some of the larger biblical issues around our citizenship. I work very hard to be balanced and stay away from partisanship during these messages, and especially have to do so in these divided times. Inasmuch as we already seem to be in general election mode, this year's series started on April 7th and concludes on May 12, the Sunday before Pentecost

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: We pray, Lord, that the Holy Spirit would work in our lives so that we may produce good fruit and that we would come into greater communion with You.

THE FLOWERS are given by Jane and Bruce Marshall in loving memory of Dorothy Foster and Anne Marshall.

THIS WEEK

Today 12:15 Confirmation
Wednesday 7:30 RWS in Founders' Hall
Thursday 7:30 Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE OF MAY 1ST IS APPROACHING! Foundation scholarships are one-time awards given to high school seniors or graduates who are members of The Community Church (or children of an active member). These individuals must be accepted to or currently attending an accredited institution of post-high school education. Recipients of scholarship awards are expected to receive their awards in person at the annual Fathers' Day communion breakfast in June. This year that date is June 16 at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. The completed application must be returned to the church office by May 1st. Applications are available on the counter in the church office.

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.

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Tuesday, April 30 from 1 to 7 PM in Founders' Hall. Please schedule an appointment to donate. There is a poster in the hallway with a QR code, which you may use to schedule your appointment. Or, you can call 646-656-5798 or email ssaeid@nybc.org. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

THE GUILD GARAGE SALE is Saturday, May 4 from 9 AM - 2 PM in Founders' Hall. We will accept any household items that one person can carry and others including jewelry, holiday decorations, children's items, etc. You may drop off on the stage beginning Sunday, April 28 through Thursday, May 2 from 9 AM - 3 PM. There will be "to go" coffee and baked goods. Contact Tracy Ciavaglia, 201-675-5777 for information.

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