

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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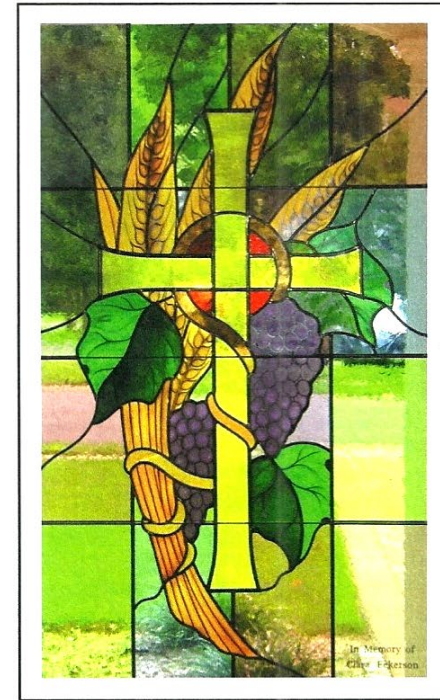
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

The Rev. George V. Kaden, Pastor Emeritus



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.

May 12, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" arr. Collinsworth
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 30

Leader: God, my God, I yelled for help and You put me together.

People: God, You pulled me out of the grave, gave me another chance at life when I was down-and-out.

Leader: All you saints! Sing your hearts out to God! Thank Him to His face!

People: I'm about to burst with song; I can't keep quiet about You. God, my God, I can't thank You enough.

HYMN "Come, Christians Join to Sing" #225

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Glorious God, You've given us a great gift. You've offered us the chance to speak with You through Your Word. We open its pages, and we have the opportunity to hear what's really important for us, to experience Your vision for us, to hear how the world really is. But we have to confess, we don't take advantage of that gift. We have Bibles sitting on our bookshelves somewhere, but we don't read them. We know some verses, but we don't apply them to our lives. We have the chance to invigorate our lives with Your Word, but we neglect reading it. We pray that through Your Spirit, You'll put in us the desire and discipline to read Your Word. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

WOMEN'S CHOIR "Seek Ye First" arr. Douglas Wagner

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "I Hide Your Word Within My Heart" #411

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:1-17 p. 212 (NT)

SERMON "The Difference Between Stale and Stupendous"
Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

BELL CHOIR "Sweet By and By" arr. Kurt Meyer
Dorothy Abelman director; Amy Duran, piano

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" #406

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" arr. Marianne Kim
Amy Duran, piano

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Wendy Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Lois Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian.

THE UNITY PRAYER: God, as we pray for Your church, both locally and universally, may you shine Your light in us, through us, and over us so that we may make a difference in this world for Your glory and Your purposes

THE FLOWERS are given by Chris and Dennis Novak in loving memory of their mothers, Betty Zotos and Josephine Novak, and by Ann Froeder with love and prayers for all who find Mothers' Day difficult.

| <u>THIS WEEK</u> | | |
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| Tuesday | 7:00 | Outreach |
| | 7:30 | Deborah Circle |
| | 7:30 | Finance & Facilities Meeting |
| Wednesday | 9:00 | Courier Assembly |
| | 10:00 | Worship Committee |
| | 7:30 | RWS in Founders' Hall |
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| Friday | 10:00 | Guild Cooking in Kitchen |
| Saturday | 9:30 | Women's Communion Brunch |

Sunday, May 12, 2024

9:00 Chancel Choir
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 Puppets & Sunday School
 11:15 Alleluia Choir

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