

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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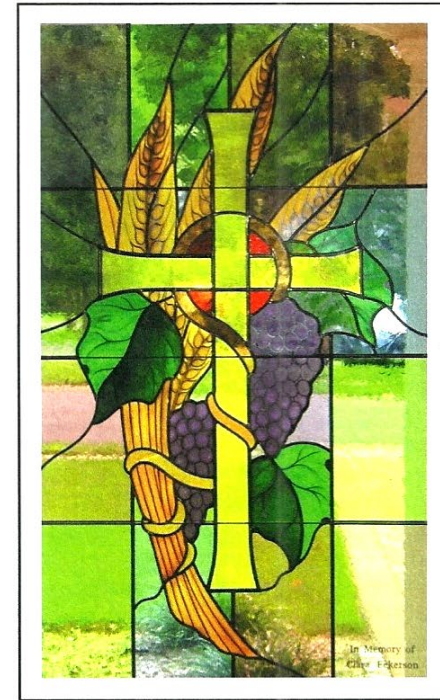
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

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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.

May 19, 2024 **Pentecost** **10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* arr. Limbaugh
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 104

Leader: What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at Your side, made earth overflow with Your wonderful creations.

People: Send out Your Spirit and they spring to life—the whole countryside in bloom and blossom.

Leader: The glory of God—let it last forever! Let God enjoy His creation!

People: Oh, let my song please Him; I’m so pleased to be singing to God. But clear the ground of sinners—no more godless men and women! O my soul, bless God!

HYMN *“Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”* #29

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we know you’re trying to do some things with us and in us. While You don’t give us pain, You try to use our hurt to grow us. You push us toward things like prayer and reading the Bible so that we may be closer to You. You’re trying to do things in Your church, too – things both great and modest. Here in the church, there are paths from which You’ve cleared the obstacles. There are opportunities You’ve raised up for us to see and follow. But, Spirit, we push You away. We don’t always look for what You’re trying to do. We’re set in our ways and avoid the waves You place before us. And so, we ask for forgiveness through Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR *“Whirlwind Spirit”* Joel Raney

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN *“Spirit of the Living God”* #389

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-24, 29-33, 36-41 p. 119(NT)

SERMON *“Riding the Wave”* 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 *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”* #390

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* arr. Larry Shackley
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, please forgive us for being quick to judge other people and not taking the time to try to understand those with whom we disagree. Please help us to sow seeds of kindness and unity.

THE FLOWERS are given by Joan Hoerauf in loving celebration of Jennifer’s birthday and by Ellen and Paul Nelson in honor of Dorothy Nelson’s birthday.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:15 Alleluia Choir
Monday 7:45 Bell Choir
Thursday 7:30 Chancel Choir

Sunday, May 26, 2024

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

THE GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE is continuing its celebration of Mothers' Day with Blanket Sunday. You are invited to express your love and appreciation to those you care about with three hearts for \$10 that you personalize and pin on the CWS blanket. All proceeds will be donated to Church World Service to help provide blankets to those in need. Last year, CWS provided 32,785 blankets globally. Let's spread love and kindness through this simple yet powerful act of compassion. Visit the table in the narthex.

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NEW MEMBERS' CLASS - We will be holding a new members' class on Wednesday, June 5 at 7 PM. So, if you would like to be a part of this new members' class, please contact Steve (sayercchp@verizon.net or 570-656-1412).

RAMSEY WIND SYMPHONY will be presenting a free concert, "Melodic Inventions," this afternoon at 4:30 PM at Tenafly High School, 19 Columbus Drive, Tenafly, featuring clarinetist Ben Baron (benjaminbaron.com). *This program is made possible in part by a grant administered by the Bergen County Division of Historic & Cultural Affairs from funds granted by the New Jersey State Council of the Arts.*

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