

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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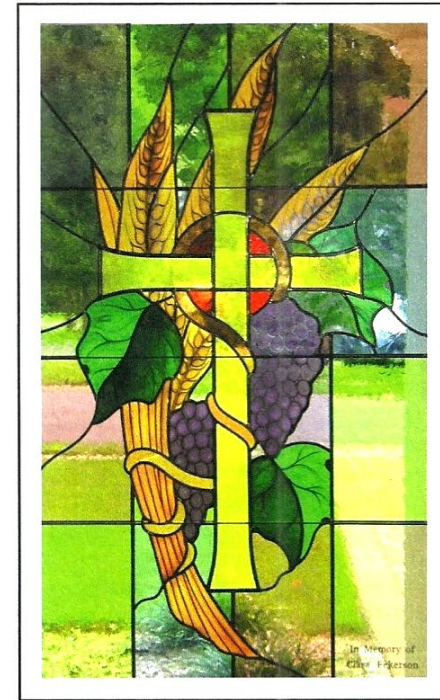
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

The Rev. Charles P. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

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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 26, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "America, the Beautiful" arr. Ted Smith
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 66

Leader: Sing songs to the tune of God's glory, set glory to the rhythms of His praise. Say of God, "We've never seen anything like Him!"

People: The whole earth falls to its knees—it worships You, sings to You, can't stop enjoying Your name and fame.

Leader: Take a good look at God's wonders—they'll take your breath away.

People: Didn't He set us on the road to life? Didn't He keep us out of the ditch?

Leader: He trained us first, passed us like silver through refining fires.

People: Road-tested us inside and out; finally, He brought us to this well-watered place.

HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we don't always pray. Sometimes when we're worried about something, we let our worry drive You from our minds. Holy God, we don't always read Your Word. We're content to get our fix of Scripture on Sunday mornings, and we let our maturing in Christ go during the week. Holy God, we don't always focus on our growth in Christ. We're happy enough with the way we are and aren't looking to move forward. Holy God, You are Holy. And great. And loving. And gracious. And You have a life for us that's far beyond anything we know now. Through the persistent nudging of Your Spirit, remind us to increasingly live into this wonderful life of Christ. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "American Anthem" Gene Scheer

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Spirit Song" #384

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Gracious God, teach us, mold us, shape us, revise us, refine us, through the power of Your Spirit. Would You move us from where we are to where You are? We ask it through Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Colossians 2:6-10 p. 200 (NT)

SERMON "Christians are Trees" 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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #393

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Official Songs of Our Armed Forces Medley" arr. Dan Coates
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; Barry Wood.

THE UNITY PRAYER: Lord, we pray that You would help us to recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and that You would make us more sensitive to its calling.

THE FLOWERS are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of Peg Carpenter and by Carol and Hal Ewald in loving memory of Carol's parents, John and Irene Post.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:15 Alleluia Choir
Thursday 7:30 Chancel Choir
Saturday 10:00 Meet and Greet the Waldis Family
11:00-6:00 Girl Scouts in Founders' Hall

Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

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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).

ATTENTION ALL LADIES! You are invited to The Guild for Christian Service's Annual Potluck Supper on Tuesday, June 11th beginning at 6:30 PM in Founders' Hall.

GRADUATING? Please let us know by June 7th at cchp@verizon.net if you're graduating from 8th grade, high school, college or higher so we can include your name in the June issue of the Courier. Also, if you're attending college in the full, let us know where you'll be attending. If you're graduating from college or higher, let us know from where and what degree you received.

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