

## 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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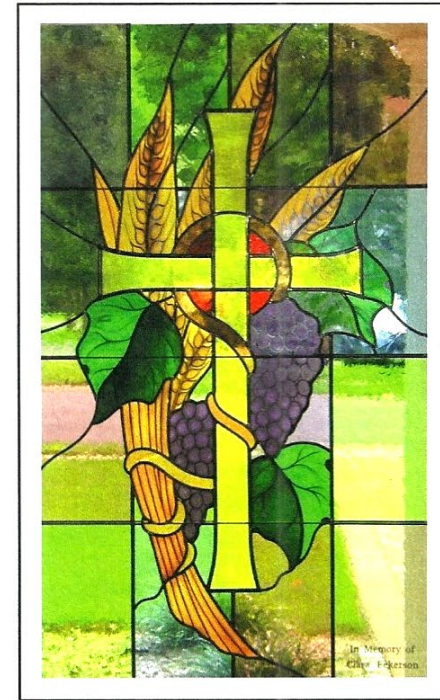
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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

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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.

May 5, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Joel Raney  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 92

Leader: Come, let's shout praises to God, raise the roof for the Rock who saved us!

**People: Let's march into His presence singing praises, lifting the rafters with our hymns!**

Leader: So come, let us worship: bow before Him, on your knees before God, who made us!

**People: Oh yes, He's our God, and we're the people He pastures, the flock He feeds. Drop everything and listen, listen as He speaks.**

HYMN "All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord" #221

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Loving God, You are deepening us through Your Spirit. You're working in us slowly and persistently, over the course of our lives, to transform us into who You hope we'll be. You take the long view with us, and You take the long view with Your world. But, we're always looking for fast results. We want things to happen right away. We get impatient when they don't. In ourselves. In the church. In life in general. And so, we pray for patience as You do Your Jesus-thing in us, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

CHANCEL CHOIR "Come to the Table" David Lantz III

## The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "The Solid Rock" #526

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:3-11 p. (NT)

SERMON "The Magic Bullet" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

### Our Response to God

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "Come, Share the Lord" #462

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Come Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Matt Limbaugh  
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; Lois Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian..

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Tuesday	7:30	Consistory
Wednesday	1:00	Rachel Circle
	7:30	RWS in Founders' Hall
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir
	7:30	Christian Education
Friday		COURIER DEADLINE
	11:30	Club 60
Saturday	8:30	Men's Group

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

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

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### Meaning of the Sacrament

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

**People: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**

Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

**People: We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**

Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

**People: In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**

Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

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### Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Leader: . . . With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.  
**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**  
Leader: . . . Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
**People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

### Communion Thanksgiving

Leader: Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving! Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**  
Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
**People: and do not forget all His benefits**  
Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,  
**People: Who heals all your diseases,**  
Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,  
**People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**  
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**  
Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.**  
Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;**  
Leader: As far as the east is from the west,  
**People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.**  
Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,  
**People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,**  
Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,  
but gave Him up for us all,  
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**People: Therefore shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen**

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