



**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.*

**July 7, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

"Like a River Glorious"  
Amy Duran, piano

arr. Walters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 72

Leader: For He will deliver the needy who cry out,  
**People: The afflicted who have no one to help.**

Leader: He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.

**People: He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in His sight.**

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Heavenly Father, we believe ourselves to be stronger than we are. We are proud of our material possessions and our petty accomplishments. We are proud that we spend our Sunday mornings here with you. We boast about how great we are. We do not see how little our greatness is compared to yours. We overlook our weaknesses. Dear God, help us to appreciate our weaknesses. Help us to see that it is only through your grace that we can be strong. We pray through Christ, Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Funderburk

Rhoda & Laura Tillack, violin; Amy Duran, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### ***The Word of God***

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

SERMON "That's Not Gonna Hurt Ya" Jeff Pond

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 "America the Beautiful" #799

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Shackley Amy Duran, piano

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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Donna Johnson; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Lois Parma; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** God, we pray that we may first find unity with You so that we could be a positive and have a defined influence on others. Though we may struggle from time to time, we pray for Your guidance helping us make the right decision according to Your will. Amen.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by The Guild for Christian Service with thanks to our lay preachers who are leading us in worship a few Sundays until our new pastor arrives. Chris Doyle was last week, Jeff Pond today and Jane Marshall on July 21.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE** – In preparation for the arrival of Rev. Zach Waldis and his family, we are planning a workday at the manse, an inside and outdoor clean-up, on Saturday, July 20 at 8:30 am. Please let the office 201-768-2457 or Dave Hall, 201-403-1490, know if you can help.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:** Jesus often spoke in parables to teach spiritual lessons. Although you may be familiar with a number of these parables, you may never have considered how they fall into meaningful groupings. In our 5-week study, we will be arranging Jesus' parables in groupings that reflect Jesus' teachings during His earthly ministry: Parables of the Kingdom, of Salvation, of Wisdom and Folly, of the Christian Life, and of Judgment. Each week of the study we will be focusing on one of these groupings and talking about 4 or 5 parables in that grouping. There are two opportunities to join in this study: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on Zoom, and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Johnson Chapel through the week of July 29. Text or call Sandy Bennington, 201-543-1244, for information and getting the Zoom link for Tuesday evenings. You may switch between the evening and morning sessions.

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 7/9 7:30 pm Finance and Facilities Meeting  
7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study  
Thursday 7/11 10:00 am Bible Study – Johnson Chapel

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

10:00 am Worship – Rev. Tom Larkin

Tuesday 7/16 7:30 pm Consistory  
7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study  
Thursday 7/18 10:00 am Bible Study – Johnson Chapel  
Saturday 7/20 8:30 am Manse Workday

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

10:00 am Worship – Jane Marshall

Tuesday 7/23 7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study  
Thursday 7/25 10:00 am Bible Study – Johnson Chapel

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

10:00 am Worship – Rev. Tim Dunn

Tuesday 7/30 7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study  
Thursday 8/1 10:00 am Bible Study – Johnson Chapel

## 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.

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