



**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.*

**August 25, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE

*"Amazing Grace"* Traditional American Melody  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**People: So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

**People: So I will bless You as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.**

\*HYMN

*"This Is My Father's World"*

#143

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Wise and patient God, We confess that we often stray from your presence. You have offered us peace yet our lives feel frustrating and unsettled in these times. You offer us compassion yet we feel neglected and resentful amid life's challenges. You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose but we become preoccupied with our own plans and desires. Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to You so that we follow your guidance and trust You as our Shepherd. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN SING

The congregation will select three hymns. Please give the hymn title and number.

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

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN

*"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

#581



## Mark 8:31-38 “You Might Die Trying”

### Exegesis (Background)

1. Jesus & King lived in \_\_\_\_\_ times.
2. Jesus was not a \_\_\_\_\_ king.
3. You can't control how \_\_\_\_\_ you live.

### Life Application

1. Following Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Hunger for \_\_\_\_\_.

(Matthew 5:6)

## 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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