

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

Community

in Harrington

Park

Church

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
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#### 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"

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE	lsaiah 53:7-12 p. 684 (OT) Mark 8:31-38 p. 44 (NT)				
SERMON	<i>""You Might Die Trying"</i> Rev. Zach Waldis				
PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD					
OFFERING	Our Response to God				
*DOXOLOGY		#815			
JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION					
THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER					
*HYMN	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	#602			
*BENEDICTION					
POSTLUDE	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God"</i> Amy Duran, piano	Johan Crueger			
	*Please stand if you are able.				
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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** We thank you Lord for the gifts and talents that You have blessed us with, and for hearts to use them to glorify your name, to serve You and to do your will.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Ann Froeder with love and longing in memory of her daughter, Clarissa Wunschel and by Jean Greenlaw in memory of her mother, Edie Greenlaw.

**PRAYERS:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Paul and Ellen Nelson and their family on the passing of their mother and grandmother, Dorothy Nelson, on Wednesday. A Celebration of Life service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 7 at 11:00 am.

Today Wednesday, 8/28	11:15 7:00	Guild Executive Meeting Ramsey Wind Symphony (FH)
		<b>y, September 1, 2024</b> D:00 am Worship
Tuesday, 9/3 Wednesday, 9/4 Thursday, 9/5	7:30 7:00 8:00 <b>Sunda</b> y	Consistory Ramsey Wind Symphony (FH) Chancel Choir <b>y, September 8, 2024</b>

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School & Puppets Kick-Off All-Church Barbecue

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and/or donated to our Snack Pack event. On Thursday, we assembled 1,000 packs to be distributed to children at risk of hunger on the weekends. Half of the \$6,000 cost of the program is funded by the CCHP Outreach Benevolence Special Funds, and the other half we were blessed to raise from your donations.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, September 8 is our Sunday School and Puppets kick-off, Pastor Zach's official welcome and the All-Church Barbecue. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us. This is a great time to invite someone to come to church with you.

**LOOKING AHEAD** — We will once again be hosting a Friends to Friends barbecue on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ridgewood in the late afternoon. Lots of help will be needed as they are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and are expecting more people than usual. Please see Steve Baumann or Rich Budinich if you're able to help with this wonderful outreach event.

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!

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).

*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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