



**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.*

**September 1, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Arr. Paul Johnson  
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Our Approach to God*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 5

Leader: Listen to my words, Lord, consider my lament.

People: **Hear my cry for help, my king and my God, for to you I pray.**

Leader: In the morning Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

People: **For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome. The arrogant cannot stand in your presence.**

Leader: Lead me, Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies-

People: **make your way straight before me.**

\*HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" #63

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 "Spirit of the Living God" #389

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 10:12-18 p. 493 (OT)  
Mark 9:30-37 p. 45 (NT)

SERMON "Moving On Up" Rev. Zach Waldis

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 "Take My Life and Let It Be" #597

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "I Must Tell Jesus" Arr. Larry 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; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Robin Schwarte; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** We pray Lord that your Holy Spirit would help us to focus and be grateful for the mercy and grace You have given us as we live our lives for You.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in celebration of friends and family and to the Glory of God.

**THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, 9/3 7:30 Consistory  
Wednesday, 9/4 7:00 Ramsey Wind Symphony (FH)  
Thursday, 9/5 7:30 Chancel Choir  
Saturday, 9/7 11:00 Dorothy Nelson Memorial Service

**Sunday, September 8, 2024**

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. We assembled 1,000 packs to be distributed to children at risk of hunger on the weekends. Half of the \$6,000 needed for the expenses of this project is funded by the CCHP Outreach Benevolence Special Funds, and the other half is from donations which exceeded our \$3,000 goal. We thank you for your generosity to this annual project.

**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 sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. This is a great time to invite someone to come to church with you.

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** starts rehearsals on Thursday at 7:30 pm beginning Sept. 5. They could use a few more voices to complete their overall sound. If you are of a mind and voice, they have a spot for you. Note: Some members of the Chancel Choir do not read music, so don't let that hold you back from coming and singing to the Glory of God.

**GUILD CIRCLE MEETINGS** – Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 PM and Wed. Sept. 11 at 1:00 PM in the chapel. All women of the church are invited to either of these meeting for fellowship and a devotional discussion. Contact Tracy Ciavaglia, 201-675-5777 or Chris Novak, 201-887-0717.

**LOOKING AHEAD** — We're hosting the Friends to Friends barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Ridgewood in the late afternoon. Lots of help will be needed for this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with more people expected to attend. Please see Steve Baumann or Rich Budinich if you're able to help with this wonderful outreach event.

**DID YOU KNOW** the church subscribes to booklets for you to take home and use for personal, daily devotion time? Please take **Words of Hope** which is published quarterly and/or a bi-monthly **Upper Room**. (There's even a large print version). Copies are in a basket on the table in the narthex by the chapel door. Do you know someone who would benefit from one of these booklets? Take one for them too!

## Mark 9: 30-37 “Moving On Up”

### Exegesis (Background)

1. Jesus tells them a \_\_\_\_\_ time.
2. Children had no \_\_\_\_\_ or rights.

### Life Application

1. Following Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_ mobility.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a virtue.

## 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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