



We 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 8, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Mark Hayes
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Zach Waldis

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

*HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" #185

ORDER OF CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENT (insert) Les Cox

SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him" Arr. Hayes/Gaspard
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Zach Waldis

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "God Is So Good" #193

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 10:16-20 p. 167 (OT)
 Mark 10:13-16 p. 46 (NT)

SERMON "Love Like a Child" Rev. Zach Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CHANCEL CHOIR "At the River" Copland/White

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" #147

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Majesty!" Arr. Larry Shackley
 Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Cinnella, organ

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

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: Father God, we pray that you would give us a heart like the heart of Jesus, a heart that is more ready to serve than to be served and a heart that is compassionate so that we see the needs of those around us and are willing to step in and help.

THE FLOWERS are given by Sharon Brahs in loving memory of her mother, Eva McCune; and by Wendy Gumberg in loving memory of her father, Henry Horbert.

THE CHURCH BARBECUE follows the worship service on the lawn outside Founders' Hall. Please join us for a time of great fellowship and shared food. Everyone is welcome.

THIS WEEK

Monday, 9/9 7:45 Bell Choir
 Tuesday, 9/10 7:30 Deborah Circle
 Wednesday 9/11 1:00 Rachel Circle
 7:00 Ramsey Wind Symphony (FH)
 Thursday, 9/12 7:30 Christian Education Meeting
 7:30 Chancel Choir
 Friday, Sept. 13 11:00 Club 60 Senior Group (FH)
 Saturday, 9/7 8:30 Men's Group

Sunday, September 15, 2024

10:00 am Worship, Sunday School & Puppets

THE CHANCEL CHOIR rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 pm. 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 — Deborah Circle meets Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7:30 PM and Rachel Circle meets 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.

THE MEN'S GROUP meets this coming Saturday, Sept. 13 at 8:30 AM for a time of fellowship and breakfast. All men are invited to come.

LOOKING AHEAD — We're hosting the Friends to Friends barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 22nd in Ridgewood in the late afternoon. Lots of help will be needed for this 10th anniversary celebration with more people expected to attend. Please sign up in the narthex or 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 10: 13-16 "Love Like a Child"

Exegesis (Background)

1. The disciples want to build their _____.
2. Power and _____ are not the way.

Life Application

1. Welcome the _____.
2. Let go of _____.

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**Order for the Celebration
of Pastor Zach Waldis' Appointment**

Leader: Dear friends, today we welcome **Zach Waldis** who has been appointed to serve as the pastor of The Community Church in Harrington Park. We believe that he is well qualified and has been prayerfully approved by our consistory and classis.

Pastor Zach, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor: Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader: Will the congregation please rise.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you, who celebrate this new beginning, support and uphold Pastor Zach in these ministries?

Congregation: We will and we affirm our commitment to support you and your family with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Pastor: Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together.

People: Give us patience, courage, and wisdom that each may use our differing gifts as members of one body.

Pastor: Help us to care for one another and challenge one another that we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love.

People: May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness and may we be not only hearers but ultimately doers of your Word.

All: We thank you for drawing us together in a spirit of willingness to work in your service and we offer our gifts and talents in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.