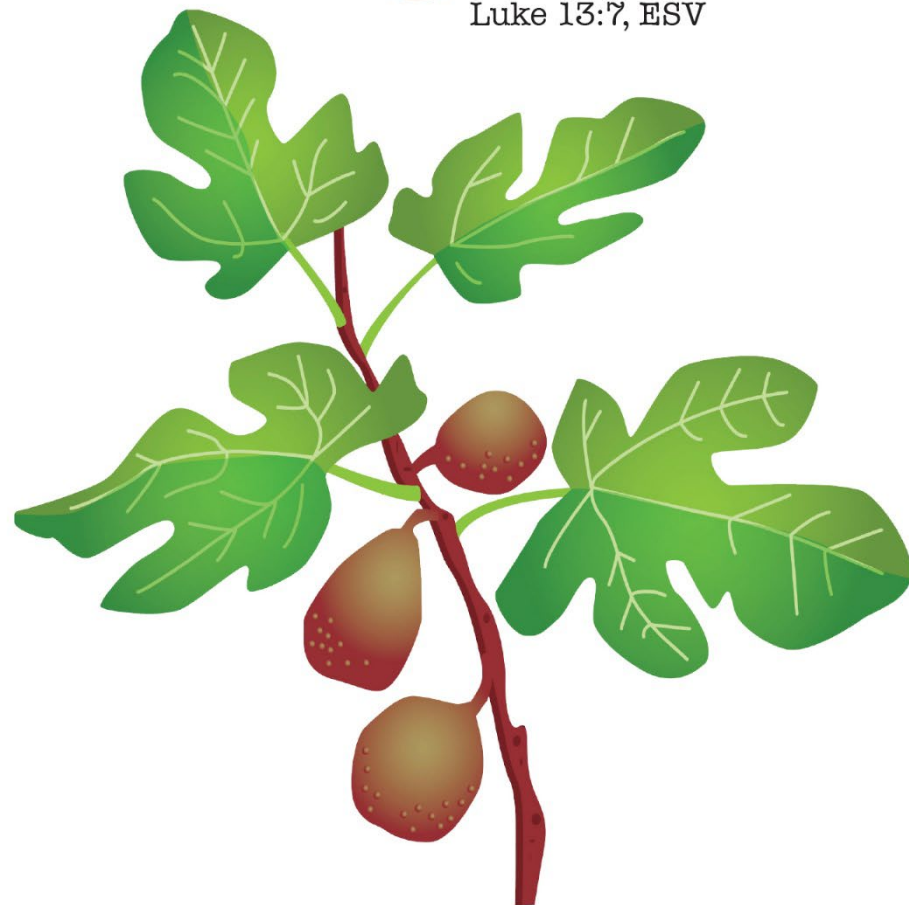




*“I have come
seeking fruit
on this fig tree ...”*
Luke 13:7, ESV



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.

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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Rev. Zach Waldis, Pastor

Order of Worship

Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

March 23, 2025 3rd Sunday in Lent 10 AM

PRELUDE *"Trust and Obey"* arr. Joel Raney
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; 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; I will lift up my hands
and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth
praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,

**People: for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your
wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right
hand upholds me.**

*HYMN *"Jesus Is Lord of All"* #599

CHANCEL CHOIR *"The Old Rugged Cross"* arr. Vicki Wright

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN *"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"* #606

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:17-20 p. 186 (OT)
Luke 13:1-9 p. 76 (NT)
Jeff Pond, Liturgist

SERMON *"Life Is Short"* Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

BELL CHOIR *"Amazing Grace"* Moklebust
Amy Duran, piano; Dorothy Abelman, director;

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"I Then Shall Live"* #604

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Jesus Loves Me"* arr. Joel Raney
Amy Duran, piano

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Curtis Stock; Craig Terjanian; Don Winters; Barry Wood.

UNITY PRAYER: God, the Bible warns us to not be merely hearers of the Word but doers. We pray that the Holy Spirit would catch our attention as we read scripture because you are speaking directly to us.

THE FLOWERS are given by Kathy & Chuck Dages in loving memory of their parents.

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	7:30	Lenten Worship & Kids' Activity "Lent in a Bag"
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"Lent in a Bag"

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Life Application

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