

Order of Worship

Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Day's Psalter

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the

Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is not

10 AM

deceit.

People: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through

my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried

up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide

my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to

the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

People: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast

love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

*HYMN "Lamb of Glory" #109

CHANCEL CHOIR "Wondrous Cross" Benjamin Harlan

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN "Softly and Tenderly" #479

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 31:19-20 p. 735 (OT)

Luke 15:11-32 p. 78 (NT)

Curtis Stock, Liturgist

SERMON "The Forgiving Father" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"At Calvary"* #492

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE "Blessed Assurance" Mark Hayes

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: Holy Spirit, we ask that you would guide our lives to live for Christ by seeking God and not sin; for fearing God, not men; for loving God, not the world; and serving God and not ourselves.

THE FLOWERS are given by Lori and Chuck Anders in loving memory of Lori's grandmother, Lyndell Steinhilber.

THIS WEEK

| Today | 11:15 | Children's Choir | |
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| Monday | 7:45 | Bell Choir | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 | Lenten Potluck Supper | |
| | 7:30 | Lenten Worship & Kids' Activity | |
| | | "Lent in a Bag" | |
| | 7:45 | Ramsey Wind Symphony in FH | |
| Thursday | 7:30 | Chancel Choir | |

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025 – 5th Wednesday in Lent

6:30 – Potluck Lenten Supper 7:30 – Worship and Children's Activity "Lent in a Bag"

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 – Worship, Sunday School & Puppets 11:15 – Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 13, 2025 - Palm Sunday

9:00 Chancel Choir 10:00 – Worship, Sunday School & Puppets

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

6:30 – Easter Dawn Worship at Pondside Park
Corner of Blanch Avenue & Kolder Way, Harrington Park
7:30 – Breakfast following at CCHP
8:30 – Bell Choir
9:00 – Chancel Choir

9:30 – Alleluia Choir 10:00 – Worship **JOIN US FOR OUR FIFTH MID-WEEK LENTEN SUPPER AND WORSHIP –** Wednesday, April 2, hosted by the Men's Group. Stay for our first Lenten worship that begins at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Bring your kids! They will be discovering "Lent in a Bag."

THE GUILD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE will be collecting money during March for their annual Lenten service project. It will go to help the people devastated by the California wildfires, which swept through the Pacific Palisades. Make your check payable to "Guild for Christian Service" and drop it in the box in the Narthex. You can read more about this service project in the latest edition of the Courier.

THE WOMEN'S COMMUNION BRUNCH, hosted by the Guild for Christian Service, will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. The Rev. Jodie Wu from the Bogart Memorial Reformed Church in Bogota will be leading us in worship and speaking at the brunch about her partnership with her husband in life and in ministry as co-pastors of a multicultural congregation. Tickets are \$5.00 and are being sold in the narthex after worship today, or if not today, they can be purchased during the week in the office. All women and teenage girls are welcome. Please think about inviting a friend for this uplifting time of fellowship!

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME! Foundation scholarships are one-time awards given to high school seniors or graduates who are members of The Community Church (or children of an active member). These individuals must be accepted to or currently attending an accredited institution of post-high school education. Recipients of scholarship awards are expected to receive their awards in person at the annual Fathers' Day communion breakfast in June. This year that date is June 15 at 9:30 AM in Founders' Hall. The completed application must be returned to the church office by May 1st. Applications are available on the counter in the church office.

Luke 15: 11-32 The Forgiving Father

Exegesis (Background)

| 1. | The son was deeply | | | |
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| 2. | The father has ason. | love for his | | |
| 3. | The father | loves the other son. | | |
| 4. | God's grace and mercy are for | | | |
| <u>Life Application</u> | | | | |
| | Be | as God is forgiving. | | |
| The | e church is a | , multi-ethnic body | | |



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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