

The Word of God

*HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" #435

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 49:1-7 p. 519 (OT)
Luke 12:13-21 p. 74 (NT)
Chris Novak, Liturgist

SERMON "Mad Money" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy" #677

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Chariots A-Comin!" arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Amy Duran, piano

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

UNITY PRAYER: God, we know that when we read your Word and pray, we are being hopeful. We cannot hope in excess because we know that our joy, hope, and salvation comes through Christ Jesus.

THE FLOWERS are given by Merry Thompson and family in loving memory of Tommy and with heartfelt appreciation for all of your prayers for us.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7:30 Consistory
7:30 Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 10:00 Bible Study in Johnson Chapel

Sunday, August 10, 2025
10:00 -- Worship

THE ISAIAH BIBLE STUDY finishes this week – on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 via Zoom and on Thursday mornings at 10 AM in person. Call or email the church office if you'd like the Zoom link (201-768-2457 or cchp@verizon.net) Thank you to Sandy Bennington for organizing and teaching this study!

SNACK PACK EVENT! – We will once again host a Snack Pack event on Thursday, August 21st. Please mark it on your calendar and plan on helping that day. We assemble 1,000 Snack Packs for the Center for Food Action. Throughout the school year, CFA delivers snack packs to local schools and organizations, where they are discreetly distributed to children facing food insecurity. In addition to volunteering that morning, we would welcome any financial contributions you can make to help us reach our goal. Each pack costs \$6.50, so we need to raise \$6,500. Any amount you can give will be helpful. So far we have raised \$2,350.

DEDICATE A BOUQUET – Sign up on the flower calendar at the top of the stairs to donate a bouquet in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special date. The cost is \$25; make your check payable to Guild for Christian Service; leave it with your dedication on the desk on the church office.

THE OFFICE is now on summer hours which are Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICE is available (free) in the church office. Please call ahead to make sure Lori is in the office.

Luke 12: 13-21 Mad Money

Exegesis (Background)

1. Jesus has a _____ focus.
2. Money does not make _____ worth living.
3. Seek justice for _____ people.

Life Application

Be socially responsible about _____.

God wants a world where _____ can do well.



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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Story Behind the Song: 'As the Deer'
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Marty Nystrom related to me the following account of the birth of a favorite worship song:

"In 1984 I was a schoolteacher in Seattle, and since I had the summer off, I decided to go back to Bible College, but only for the summer term. I headed for Dallas, Texas and Christ for the Nations Institute. Little did I know what was about to happen to me, especially with all that I would be exposed to and the worship emphasis of the school."

"I had a roommate at CFNI who was a very vibrant Christian. He challenged me to go on a fast - a period of time when a person refrains from eating solid food in order to give time to the reading of the Bible and to prayer."

"I took up the challenge, and on the 19th day of the fast I found myself sitting at a piano trying to write a song. I was simply playing chord progressions when I noticed a Bible on the music stand of the piano. It was open to Psalm 42. My eyes fell on the first verse of that chapter... As the hart (deer) panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. After reading the verse I began to sing its message, right off the page. I wrote the first verse and the chorus of a song, pretty much straight through. The whole of the adventure was completed in a matter of minutes. I then repeated the song I had just written. I wanted to seal it in my mind."

"I had no intention of showing the song to anyone. It was to be for my own devotional time with the Lord. However, before leaving the school to go back to Seattle, I did share it with one person, Dave Butterbaugh. He introduced it to the students of the school and it became a favorite."

"Since that introduction of the song, it has been translated into several languages and is often sung in other countries. Orchestras have used it. It has been sung in unusually different styles."

Marty continues to write songs and travel extensively, teaching in worship conferences. In Korea in the 1990s, he attended one such conference, and as he walked into the stadium, 100,000 Koreans were singing "As the Deer."