

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds:*



*September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*8:30 and 10:00 am Service*

*Online and In Person*

# PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS:  
HONORING DIFFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

MULTI-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY

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## WELCOME!

*We hope worship today nurtures your heart and transforms your mind. At PRCC, we realize we need each other and commit to pray for each other. We reach out in love and compassion to a world in need, knowing we are a work in progress. No matter who you are, where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Paula Mack and Sydney Hollingsworth

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.  
For if they fall, one will lift up the other.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone?  
A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

Jesus gathered a band of followers: some fishermen, some tax collectors, some beggars...  
and He created community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

God gathers us together: diverse people of all sorts...and God creates community!

**Blest be the tie that binds!**

#### A POEM BY STEFFI BEERY

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity and love,  
place within each of us  
a spirit of hope and community.  
Have mercy upon us  
when we speak without love  
or act without humility.  
Cleanse us with the living water of your grace.  
Create in us willing hearts  
to live in patience and gentleness.  
Raise us up to be your children,  
growing toward maturity  
in faith and love.  
Strengthen this church,  
that we may be a model  
of ministry and unity  
for all the world to see.

*A time of silent prayer*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our creative God brings all people together, celebrating our differences  
and unique abilities to shape us into a new, redeemed community of the faithful.  
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed!

**We are a community who reflects the image of God for the world.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

**FIRST LESSON**

Ephesians 4:1-6

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

**PREACHING LESSON**

Matthew 8:5-13  
This is the Word of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Faith in Diversity**

Pastor Mollie Foster

**OFFERTORY**

**TIME OF REFLECTION**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**God of our Faith, God of our ancestors, we thank you for our one calling and one baptism. We thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us and our world. We thank you for this community. Use our gifts to bring healing and unity to the brokenness of the world. Use our words and our actions to radiate your love that all might see your glory. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Alayne Richards

*\*INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

**BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE**

***\*DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND AND SING ALOUD AS YOU ARE CALLED TO.***

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister  
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister  
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries  
Angie & Andrew Weber, Musicians

Thank you to our Ushers: Cindy Kilimmeck, Paula Mack, Jan Steiner, George Skoog, and Sharon Kemerer

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PASTOR CAROL OFFICE HOURS

In August, Pastor Carol will be taking meetings by appointment. She can meet you at the church, your yard, or a local coffee shop. Please reach out to Pastor Carol or the Church Office to make an appointment.

## SEPTEMBER GARDEN SERVICES

We will be offering two outdoor services at 8:30 am and 10:00 am with livestreaming available. If you would like to join us in person, please visit the Sunday Worship page on our website to sign up.

<https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/sunday-worship>.

## YOUTH GROUP

**TODAY** – Virtual Sunday School Begins

- All Youth Bike Ride at 11:45 am

September 26<sup>th</sup> – Pumpkin Patch Set Up at 9 am

## DIY BIBLE STUDY

To accommodate a variety of schedules and our ever-changing realities, we will offer an all new form of Bible Study this year! DIY Bible Study will correspond with our preaching series. There will be a Study Guide available on our website <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/diybiblestudy> OR printed out for you (upon request).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM VIDEO DISCUSSION- September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Join us once again as we gather via zoom to discuss the undertaking of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in 1968 to explain racism to her students. There are two videos, “Eye of the Storm” and “Frontline – A Class Divided” that we will discuss. Both can be found on YouTube for free.

## COMING SOON FROM TH SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

Unique, Colorful, Social Justice Lawn Signs

Featuring wording from Micah 6:8

**Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly.**



The colorful, double sided 24 x 18-inch signs come with a sturdy stand. They will be available soon at a suggested donation of \$15. If you would like to reserve a sign for your yard, please contact Luan Zoellner at [lzoellner@ameritech.net](mailto:lzoellner@ameritech.net).

## BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR CAROL

Join Pastor Carol as we begin a 30-week journey through the scriptures using the Disciple Bible Study series. This series will begin on September 16 and conclude in the middle of May, covering Genesis through Revelation. We will meet virtually using the Zoom platform. Each participant should have a Study Manual. They are \$33 from the Church office, or you may order your own online. This manual and your Bible are the only items you'll need for this study. We will watch a brief video together each Wednesday and have discussion. There are daily assigned readings, but if you cannot complete the assignments, please come to class anyway!

**DISCIPLE**  
BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

## SENIOR PALS

A new initiative to pair individuals in our congregation with a "Senior Pal" is beginning. Not only is this a way to ensure that regular contact with our seniors is maintained, but it is also a way to build a connection between people of different ages. Senior Pals connects people for a regular but safe social interaction and are being formed now. Senior Pals reach out to each other by phone, email, sending a note, marking special occasions or doing whatever works for the two of you. Senior Pals is an opportunity to build a relationship with someone to share and celebrate the wisdom of different generations. Being connected and engaged with each other is one of the many ways we share Christ's love. Consider sharing Christ's love as a Senior Pal.

If you would like to connect regularly with someone, please, call or email the church office or follow the link in CC News. If you need more information about this please connect with Kimberly Walters, Mike Proue or Liz Swanson.

## CROP WALK 2020

This year the Crop Walk will be held virtually on October 18th but we will still host fundraising events around town and would still greatly appreciate your support n our team page -

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/nilesil/Team/View/134903/ParkRidge-Community-Church>.

All of our fundraisers include dine in or carryout and will not require you to bring fliers.

Fundraisers:

September 24th – City BBQ (all day!)

October 7th – Graziano's (noon to 8 pm)

October 13th – Chipotle (4 pm to 8 pm)

## PUMPKIN PATCH IMPORTANT DATES

September 26th – Patch Set-Up at 9 am

October 10th – Unload Pumpkins at 9 am

Visit <https://www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/pumpkin-patch> to sign up to volunteer!



# Cans of Care

## Wednesdays

1. Buy/Collect items to donate to Food Pantry
2. Locate closest PRCC Cans of Care Collection Point
3. Drop Items into Collection Bin

(Contact Church Office to arrange pick-up, if needed)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

One of the gifts of community is that hold one another in prayer. Each week, we share our joys and sorrows with one another so that we might feel the support of community. No one is alone. God is with us, and we are supporting one another.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Heather Cannon, Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Reggie Pantazi, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>:

- Happy Birthdays to Kathy, whose birthday was yesterday, Ann and Kati, whose birthdays are tomorrow, Kathy, whose birthday is on Tuesday, Sept. 15, Laura, whose birthday is Wednesday.
- We celebrate that Wellington is home from the hospital, but pray for his continued healing from the effects of Covid. We also hold his other family members in our prayers as many were infected after a family birthday party.
- We celebrate our 3rd and 4th graders getting their Bibles today and their faith journeys that continue!
- We celebrate that Sue's husband, Bill came home on Thursday, and we pray for his continued healing, knowing there's nothing like the TLC you get at home.
- Please pray for Ryan's father Dale and mother Kathie. Dale was taken to the hospital this week with respiratory failure, and is in critical condition.
- Please pray for Jennifer and Haukur's neighbor, who passed away after going to the hospital and contracted Covid.
- Prayers for Reggie, who is going to be seeking treatment at rehab as she continues to face medical challenges.
- Pray for Pastor Carol's Grandma Carolyn, who was hospitalized this week.
- Continue to pray for Lorenzo's mother Constance, who is continuing to recover from pneumonia.
- Please pray for Greg's friend Lisa, whose parents were in a car accident, which killed Lisa's mother and has left her father in critical condition.
- We pray for Tom and Grace's son Evan as he begins a month-long stay at the hospital receiving treatment for leukemia.
- Darcy asks for prayers for her friend Chris, who was 32 years old who died in a motorcycle accident, as well as his fiancé who is also a dear friend of Darcy's.
- Prayers for the family and loved ones of long-time PRCC member Tina Bianchi who entered life in the resurrection this week.
- Prayers for our church as we begin a new year, facing many challenges, and yet keenly aware of how blessed we are to have this church community.
- We pray for those who are being evacuated from fires in California and those who lost their homes from a fire in the refugee camp in Greece.



## **Blood Drive and Food Pantry Collection**

**When:** Sunday October 4, 2020  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Paula Hassell O'Connor Building  
Prospect Park  
733 North Prospect Ave.  
Park Ridge, IL 60068

### **How you can Help:**

1. Donate Blood on Sunday October 4 by registering today.

Online: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Telephone: 1 – 800 – RED – CROSS (733-2767)

2. Bring non-perishable food items to support Maine Township Food Pantry  
Food can be dropped off at the Blood Drive on Sunday October 4.

**Organizers:** Carter and Noah Collins  
[carterandnoahblooddrive@yahoo.com](mailto:carterandnoahblooddrive@yahoo.com)  
847-518-8629

# CITY BARBEQUE PARK RIDGE

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AND WE'LL GET 20% OF THE PROCEEDS!**

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