



Community
Presbyterian
Church
OF CLARENDON HILLS



Vincent van Gogh, *The Sower*, June 1888

Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Behold, a Rose is Blooming
My Faithful Heart Rejoices

Johannes Brahms

(Please use the prelude to make the transition from getting here to being here.
Open yourself to the Spirit of God moving in our midst.)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lauren Cochran

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kendall Florence

*Sung Call to Worship 401 v. 1

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Opening Sentences

Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile

One: Sower of living hearts, sower of tenderness,

All: sower of courage, sower of service,

One: sower of prayer, sower of light.

All: Creating God, sow within us!

One: Sower of gifts, sower of forgiveness,

All: sower of faith, sower of joy,

One: sower of life, sower of the parables.

All: Gracious God, sow faith in the spirits of all people!

One: Even if we are hard as stones, be patient with us.

All: Your good news will manage to take root in the soil of our hearts.

Your promises will grow into giant sheaves of Good News.

One: Seed Planter, prepare us to praise you.

All: Seed Planter, cultivate hope in us, so we can sing your joy all of our days.

A Time for our Youngest Disciples

Lisa Henderson

(During the singing of the following hymn, children 1st Grade and younger are invited to go to rm 109 with the teachers for Sunday School)

***Hymn 401 v. 2-4**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Confession

Pete Hanlon

Why is it so easy to boast of our achievements, yet so hard to humbly come to God with our mistakes? This is the place where we stand in the presence of the One who longs to shape us into new people. This is the place we can come to as our loving God forgives us.

Prayer of Confession

We confess, Sower God, that we ask about someone's background to see if they are like us, while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's looks or address, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's car or portfolio to judge their worth, while you observe whether or not they have faith the size of the smallest mustard seed. Forgive us, Merciful One, for looking at those around us with human eyes and not seeing them as created in your image. As you shape us into new people, plant in us new eyes, new hearts, new lives to follow Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: God leans over so that God's great heart of forgiveness and hope might touch our own, healing us and restoring us to new life.

All: If anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! We are forgiven and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sung Response to Pardon 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, let us share the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.
(Let us exchange the peace of Christ with our neighbors.)

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Prayer for Inspiration

Marylen

Scripture Reading

Mark 4:26-34 (N.T. p. 36)

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Flourishing

Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile

***Statement of Faith: Maasai Creed**

Pete

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created Man and wanted Man to be happy in the world.

God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the Earth. We have known this High God in darkness, and now we know Him in the light.

God promised in the book of His word, the Bible, that He would save the world and all the nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good His promise by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left His home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing the meaning of religion is love.

He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, He rose from the grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through Jesus.

All who have faith in Jesus must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love and share the bread together in love, to announce the Good News to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for Him. He is alive. He lives.

This we believe. Amen.

This is an expression of the Christian faith from an African perspective. This creed was composed in 1960 by the Maasai people of East Africa in collaboration with missionaries from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. The creed attempts to express the essentials of the Christian faith within the Maasai culture and language. Jaroslav Pelikan, a modern scholar of creeds and their history, considers the Maasai Creed to be an excellent example of the bringing together of universal faith and local experience.

***Hymn 714 v.1-3**

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

The Offering

Call to Offering

Pete

Offertory

Chant donne

Jehan Alain

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ all people here below,
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,
Praise Triune God whom we adore, Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Tidings

Lauren

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People (We lift this prayer to God. Lord, hear our prayer)

Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

***Hymn 36**

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

***Charge and Benediction**

***Response to Benediction 543 v.1**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*God be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.*

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Emma Lou Diemer

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgist: Pete Hanlon

Summer Choir

USHERING THIS MORNING: Gary Coop, Mike Oliver, Betsy Roca, Michele Vickery

HOSPITALITY: Tom O'Brien & Grace Miao

OUR PASTORS WELCOME ALL CHILDREN

in worship — the squiggly, the sleeping the giggling and the goldfish snacks

Today's Guest Preacher
Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile

Marylen was on staff at First United Church of Oak Park until 2016 as the Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries.

She had served that congregation in children's formation and taught in the confirmation program (Quest) since 1992. Currently she is a Licensed Spiritual Director who meets with individuals interested in exploring their connection to the Holy Mystery and the place of the Holy in their lives.



Next Sunday in Worship
June 24
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Lauren Cochran preaching

Special Music: Barbie Polus and Lauren Cochran

This week at CPC:

Today, Sunday, June 17

Worship — 9:30 a.m.

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile
9:30 a.m. — Sunday School N – 1st
9:00 a.m. Summer Choir
10:45 a.m. — M&O and Finance
Chapel

Happy Father's Day!

Monday, June 18

7:30 p.m. — CE-C Parlor

Tuesday, June 19

7:00 a.m. — Men's Discussion Group
Parlor

1:30 p.m. — Staff Meeting Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Membership Chapel
7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, June 20

9:30 a.m. — Circle of Voices Parlor
Lunch following the meeting at Ruth
Lake Country Club
1:00 p.m. — Courage to Change
Chapel

Thursday, June 21

6:30 p.m. — Middle School parent
meeting at Trowbridge's

Sunday, June 24

Worship — 9:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. — Sunday School N-1
10:45-11:45 a.m. — Domestic Violence
Series Chapel

Children & Youth

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL Nursey - 1st Grade
at 9:30 a.m. in room 109.

MARKETPLACE VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Wednesday – Friday, August 15-17, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Marketplace VBS is for children entering 1st - 6th grades. Plus 7th & 8th grade students are invited to register as helpers. Registration forms are available in the narthex and the church office. CPC Kids are encouraged to invite a friend!

HOME FOR THE SUMMER

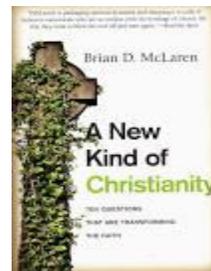
Meets on the following Sundays at 7:30
June 24, July 8, July 22, Aug 5

If you are between the ages of 19-25, join us for fellowship in the garden behind the manse. We look forward to seeing our CPC Youth Alumni and friends! Questions? Contact Lauren!



Adult Education

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP



meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. in the parlor. All men from the church are invited for a "Bring Your Own Coffee" setting for discussion and fellowship. They are reading *A New Kind of Christianity* by Brian McLaren. Questions, contact Bob Parsons at 708-588-1753

CIRCLE OF VOICES

Will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday in the parlor to discuss *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. They will also choose their books for the next year, so come with your suggestions. Lunch will be at Ruth Lake Country Club after the meeting. For questions call Ann Hamman at 630-323-6254

Adult Education Summer Series: Violence in our Country, and the Church's Response

Looking back over the past couple of years, we can see that our country has faced violence in many ways. Here at CPC, people from all corners of the church have been asking for opportunities to learn more about the roots of this problem, what is being done to solve it (by us and by others), and how it intersects with our faith. This summer, the Adult Education committee is offering several meetings for our congregation to come and learn more.

- **June 24, 10:45 am, Presentation from Family Shelter Services (FSS).** Join us to learn more about Domestic Violence, and to see what is being done in DuPage County. CPC has been partnering with FSS for years, and we are honored to welcome them to our church. We will meet in the chapel.
- **July 15, 10:45 am, Screening of 13th, a documentary about Race and the Prison System in the U.S.** This documentary is incredibly powerful and an excellent way to learn more about the systemic racism in our country. Run time is 1 hour and 40 minutes, so we will provide light refreshments. Please know that this documentary is rated MA for Mature Audiences (Lauren suggests ages 15 and up).
- More events to be announced.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lauren (lauren.cochran@chcpc.org) or Geoff Silver (gmsilver@gmail.com), chair of CE-Adults

LOOKING AHEAD

JAZZ WORSHIP ON THE LAWN—Sunday, July 8 9:30 a.m.

Invite your friends to join us for a very special worship service on July 8 at 9:30 a.m.

We'll be outdoors (weather permitting) and will worship under the sky to the sounds of jazz hymns like "Just a Closer Walk with Thee." This is a marvelous opportunity to spread the good word about CPC!

In the Narthex, you can order your t-shirts and pick up postcard invitations to share with your friends & family.



JUBILEE RESALE — July 26, 27, & 28! Save the dates and save your stuff for our annual mission resale!



Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
CPC Member and Friend Presale — Thursday, July 26, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Save your items for our mission resale!
The next donation drop-off date: Friday, June 29, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO STRONGHOLD— 4 MORE SPOTS OPEN!

CPC is organizing an adult work trip to support the ministry of Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center August 23-26. Stronghold would like us to help rehab and spruce up the Carriage House building, connected to one wing of the castle. There will be painting, exterior wood trim replacement, repairs to the building both inside and out. You do not need to be a carpenter or have special skills. There will be work for all.



- Four-day trip, August 23-26 to Stronghold Castle in Oregon, Illinois (1:45 hrs away)
- Must attend all 4 days. **Open to 19 yrs or older.
- Cost is \$220/person. **Space limited to 20 people.

Applications are available in the narthex and on the credenza.

Questions: contact Jason Salbego 708-721-0516 or

John Helms 630-986-8683

MEN'S RETREAT

Will be Friday, September 28- 30.

Details on our speaker will be coming soon, but if you know already that would like to register for this retreat, please contact Geoff Silver (gmsilver01@gmail.com).

Keep looking for more information to come!



SAVE THE DATE!



Sunday, September 9th
Deacon's Brunch after the 9am worship service.

Saturday, October 20th CPC Progressive Dinner

If you are interested in hosting dinner for 8-12 people please contact Matt Vold at mattvold@gmail.com or Lynn Mehrhoff at almehrhoff@gmail.com.



Join Us in Cuba!

Be a part of the **Presbytery of Chicago's** nearly **20-year partnership** with the Presbytery of Havana and join in on the Fall 2018 tour of churches in the Havana Presbytery. Interested? Questions? Contact Kathy Wennerstrum (kowennerstrum@me.com). Applications are available in the narthex and church office. Space is limited to 12 people.

Please note: Deposits are due by Saturday, June 30.



The General Assembly (GA) of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), convened yesterday, Saturday June 16 and will continue through Saturday June 23. **What happens at GA and why should I care about you, you ask?**

GA is the gathering of 538 elected commissioners (evenly split between ruling elders and pastors) every two years for the purpose of **discerning God's will for the church**. Each commissioner is randomly assigned to a committee with a specific focus such as: Climate change, Church matters, Public Policy, Middle East or Racial and economic injustice. The committees receive overtures (position statements, action requests) from Presbyteries around the nation. The committees are created after the overtures are received. So, from year to year they will change focus as our world and society changes.

The actions and decisions of the GA provide guidance to our local church and serve as a witness to the world as to who we are and what we believe. Because we are followers of Jesus Christ, we structure our daily living to be a witness as to what we believe.

Please pray the Holy Spirit guides the discernment and decision-making of the GA.

Pastor Beth will be at GA all week observing the conversations, sharing in remarkable worship and participating in active mission on the streets of St. Louis.

*You are invited to a deeper life with God
through the worship and programs at Community Presbyterian Church.*

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