



Worship for the Lord's Day

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

9:30 am



Prelude

Fantasy on Holy Manna

arr. John Carter

Lighting the Christ Candle

Emily Jaycox

Words of Welcome

Ken Monson

***Opening Words**

Rev. Joy Douglas Strome

One: We come to worship today

**All: for clarity and peace of mind,
for good news that holds up to this life,
for the hopeful promise that comes with change.**

One: We come ready to give thanks

**All: for possibility,
for all that we cannot yet see,
for the feast that is set before us.**

One: Let us worship the God who makes all things new.

***Hymn**

God Among Us

HOLY MANNA

Text: Joy Douglas Strome

*When the roads of past and present
Seem to skew the future trail
When the place of our tomorrow
Is obscured by laws that fail.*

*You will come and move among us
There will be a gospel bell
Pealing loud and long for justice
Sounding ways to love you still.*

*So we sing our lamentations
While the passion still runs deep
And we hold out for the children
Even when the progress creeps*

*You will come and move among us
There will be a gospel bell
Pealing loud and long for justice
Sounding ways to love you still.*

Call to Confession

Rev Joy Douglas Strome

One: Confession is a declaration of faith, a moment to trust that even when God receives our worst, we receive God's best. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy one, our lives are unruly and scattered.
Finding the sacred in crowded schedules is hard.
Finding you in the midst of our fears and tears is impossible.
We pray that you will find us instead.
We pray that you will hold our broken lives gently.
We pray that new life among us will jumpstart our engines.
We pray that you will empower us for faithful living.
Hear our prayers, O God, Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Sung Response 587** (sung once)

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

All: And also with you!

***Sung Response 587**

Alleluia

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Growing with God

Rev. Dean Choi & Rev. Joy Douglas Strome

Following our time together, all children are invited to remain in Grace Space or return to their parents.

Sung Response remain seated



Prayer for Inspiration

Ken

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22-30

Ken

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Those Who Walk by Faith

Rev. Dean Choi

*Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Ken

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry; setting Timothy Shaw



***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

QRCode for Giving ***Prayer of Dedication**

Church Tidings



use this QR Code to sign into the friendship pad

Ken

Holy Communion

Rev. Dean Choi & Rev. Joy Douglas Strome

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: (prayers continue...) We join with the voices of the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

One: (prayer continues)...

For we are believers in the great mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

*Communion of the People

Ushers will invite you to come forward for the receiving of communion.

All are invited to come to the table using the center aisle and return via the outside aisles.

The center station offers allergen-free wafers and prepackaged communion elements.

Any with mobility challenges will be served in the pews.

***Hymn 507**

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

Prayer Following Communion

***Hymn 546**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***Charge and Blessing**

Dean

***Postlude**

Prelude in D, BWV 925

Bach

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

LITURGIST: Ken Monson

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ken Monson

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Gary Coop

ACOLYTE: Emily Jaycox

AV: Pat Garner, Liz Monson

USHERS: Janice Bouchard, Julie Trowbridge

COMMUNION SERVERS: Darlene Campione,
Joanna Petersen, Todd Petersen, Julie Trowbridge,
Michele Vickery

FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE are given in
honor of Tom Wearne's parents.

LARGE PRINT hymnals are available from the ushers.

**REQUEST FOR STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY AND
SOCIAL MEDIA EMBARGO**

Pastor Dean will not inform his congregation about CPC's call until after the Congregational Meeting. Please honor our strict confidentiality request to allow his congregation to learn of this change directly from him. Information on new calls flows quickly throughout the PC (U.S.A.) community. Please support Pastor Dean by limiting discussion of CPC's call until Thursday, September 11th



Guest Preacher: Rev. Joy Douglas Strome

We welcome the Rev. Joy Douglas Strome to the pulpit today.

Joy Douglas Strome has recently retired from 26 years at Lake View Presbyterian Church in Chicago.

She was the Moderator of the Presbytery in 2008, served on many Presbytery committees and is happily enjoying retirement!

**Next Sunday in Worship
September 14**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am**



NEXT WEEK'S GUEST PREACHER: Peter Park

The Reverend S. Peter Park, is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) with over 20 years of pastoral ministry experience, focusing on new worshiping communities and congregational revitalization across the PC(USA), UMC, and ECC traditions. He has also served in a limited capacity as bridge pastor, temporary pulpit supply, and leadership consultant.

In addition to his pastoral work, Peter brings more than a decade of experience in the financial industry, where he helps individuals, families, and organizations pursue their financial goals with clarity and purpose. He has a particular heart for serving pastors, ministry leaders, and nonprofit professionals, equipping them to achieve financial health. With a unique blend of spiritual insight and financial expertise, Peter is passionate about building resilient faith leaders and communities prepared to flourish in today's complex, challenging and beautiful community.



VISITING CPC? WELCOME!

We believe feeling welcome is foundational for members and visitors to be open to the journey of lifelong faith formation and growth. If you've felt a sense of welcome at CPC and are curious to learn more about us, reach out to Erin James, Community Connector, to chat by email erinjames1@comcast.net or by phone at (630) 649-0151.

HELLO!
My name is

Visitor



NEXT SUNDAY

Fall Kick-off Celebration

September 14

Following Worship

Join us after worship for games, crafts, treats and fellowship!

CEC COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

September 28 - October 19

Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets.

We want to show that even a small act of love, such as donating a pair of socks, can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors. This year our socks will be benefiting Metropolitan Family Services which runs the only Domestic Violence shelter in DuPage County.



During the drive boxes will be in the Narthex for sock donations

This week at CPC:

Sunday, September 7

Communion

9:30 am — Worship

NO faith formation - children remain in worship

10:30 am — Congregational Meeting; sanctuary / hybrid

5:00 pm — Cubes (high school youth); Youth Lounge

5:00 pm — Middle School Youth; LL Rm 8

Monday, September 8

7:00 pm — Session; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, September 9

Noon — PW Luncheon & Program; Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm — Kids Academy Board meeting;
Gathering Room

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; sanctuary

Thursday, September 11

9:00 am — Read*Share*Pray; Chapel / Hybrid

7:00 pm — Clarion Bells rehearsal

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

8:30 am — Presbytery Assembly Meeting; Evanston

1:00 pm — Bev Briggs Celebration of Life; Sanctuary

3:00 pm — High School lock-in; lower level

Sunday, September 14

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL RM 6

10:45 am — Adult Ed—Chapel / Hybrid

3:00 pm — Jim Gill Family Concert; Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm — Middle School Youth; LL Rm 8



FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR

PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE

Click [HERE](#) Or scan the QR code to get your kids, 3yrs - 5th grade all set for Sunday's Faith Formation class!



2025-2026 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Click [HERE](#) to access the Faith Formation program calendar. Print and post or add the dates to your electronic calendar so that you do not miss out on any of the exciting things we have planned!



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers **this Sunday**. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for use, even when not staffed by our volunteers.



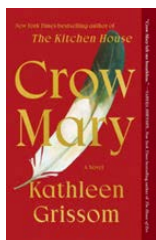
BUILD YOUR OWN WORSHIP BAG

Don't miss the new Worship Cart in the Narthex! Children 2 - 92 can build their own worship bag to bring into the Sanctuary. This does not take the place of Grace Space...this is just another option for creating an inclusive worship service!

After worship please bring activities back to the cart

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION

Fall registration for middle and high school is live! [Register here](#). We are looking forward to a year filled with excitement, friendship, laughter, fun, and so much more! The program year kicks off with an event at Activate Chicago (Oak Brook), listed below. Our regular weekly meetings start September 7 on Sunday nights 5-7:30 pm.

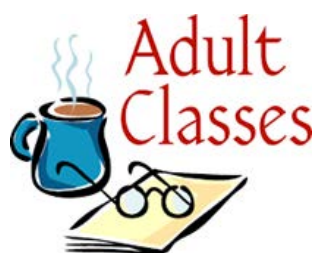


CIRCLE OF VOICES

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30am

Gathering Room

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, September 17th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. Our book is *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information contact Barb Coop.



SEPTEMBER ADULT EDUCATION: PRESBYTERIAN CULTURE

Sunday, Sept. 14 and 21; 10:45 am

Chapel or Zoom

The Adult Ed theme this Fall is Being Presbyterian. Sandy Zeles will start with two classes, on September 14 and 21. Her topic is Presbyterian Culture, focusing on theology, education, and social justice. Sandy serves on the Commission on Ministry of the Chicago Presbytery. A Downers Grove resident, she attends St. Luke Presbyterian Church where she is Clerk of Session. She loves teaching about Presbyterianism. Please join us.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (and all who are interested)

Tuesday, September 9

12:00 luncheon, followed by program

“Exploring Joy and Resilience”; Rev. Dr. Liz Hultford

Join us for a meaningful discussion and engaging activities centered on joy and resilience. Together, we'll explore the essence of resilience, uncover the key factors that help us lead resilient lives, and discover ways to support one another along our faith journeys. Special emphasis will be placed on the transformative power of joy and its profound influence on our spiritual growth.



THE CPC CONCERT SERIES AND KIDS' ACADEMY PRESENT JIM GILL

Free Concert

Sunday, September 14 at 3:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Jim Gill is a musician and author known for celebrating active play. In concert, Jim strums energizing rhythms on his banjo while everyone sings, claps and dances along to his silly and inspiring musical games. Each

concert is more than a show to watch – it is an opportunity for family play! Jim promises, in concert, to share a non-stop selection of sing-alongs, dance-alongs, finger plays and tongue twisters. More about Jim at <https://jimgill.com/>

No livestream, concert will be held in Fellowship Hall

Volunteer Sign Up



***NEW* SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET**

Looking for a way to share your gifts? Your help is needed and welcomed.

To support the CPC community on Sunday mornings, please sign up to usher, be liturgist, assist with AV, serve communion (ordained elders and deacons), host online worship, create worship slides, lead announcements, or provide lemonade and cookies after worship. Follow this **new** link for Sunday morning worship volunteers sign-up sheet. [Link to sign-up](#)

WHO TO CALL UNTIL THE INTERIM PASTOR ARRIVES

CPC is a community that takes seriously our call to all be pastors for one another. You'll see this on the back of our worship bulletin: **Ministers: All the Members**. That's right, all of us are committed to offering care and support for one another. We are here for you! So, while we are in a time of transition and discerning our Interim Pastor, here's who to call:

Pastoral Care / Prayer Requests:

Barb Coop, (630) 728-8018

Questions about meetings / committees / activities:

Shannon Nyhart, (630) 323-6522

Questions about Session / Church Decisions:

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