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All members of the congregation

The Worship of Our Lord

World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025
9:30 AM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

John Calvin believed deeply and passionately that the Lord's Supper is God's gift to us. It is primarily God who acts in the Lord's Supper. God is the giver; we receive that gift. With great passion Calvin agreed with Luther that we must seek our redemption in the body and blood of Christ and in his sacrificial death. We are to feed upon the Word, to be sure. But Calvin would say we must feed upon Christ too—on Jesus himself, who offers himself and all his benefits to us in the Supper—because it is only by being in and with Jesus that we can find redemption. That is why the Supper is so important to us, so central in our life. It draws us back to the center and heart of the gospel. It is, you see, a visible Word. That body and blood are not just once and for all offered on the cross as a past and finished thing, but that body and blood, that real Christ, continue to be the life-giving spirit among us. It is our present union with Christ that builds us up and strengthens us. - Dr. W. Robert Godfrey, *The Heidelberg*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Ty Skupien

WORDS OF WELCOME

Fred Veenbaas, Pat Garner and Kathy Florence

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Garner

Leader: In a world that remains divided and in conflict, God is inviting us, to make us one.

ALL: Today we gather around one table, in answer to God's will.

Leader: What do we find at the Table of our Lord?

ALL: God's love, which endures all things and connects all things.

Leader: Let us repent, and give thanks to God's power to bring salvation to all who believe.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Make us witnesses of Your love.

Leader: Let us worship together the true God, who makes us one.

ALL: Alleluia and Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Most merciful and loving God,
We come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings.
We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed—
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have turned away from Your guidance,
And sought our own paths instead of Yours.
Forgive us, O Lord, for the times we failed to act when we should have,
And for the times we acted when we should have refrained.
Cleanse us from our sins, renew our spirits,
And lead us to walk in Your ways,
So that we may delight in Your will and glorify Your name.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called to new life.

*SUNG RESPONSE #581

Glory Be To the Father

GLORIA PATRI

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE #561

Amen—*please sing twice*

AMEN (HARLING)

GROWING WITH GOD

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Following our time together, all children are invited to the Grace Space or return to their parents to worship together in this family of faith.

SUNG RESPONSE (please remain seated)

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Every child in every land, Jesus holds us in his hand.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Fred Veenbaas

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:13-15

Fred Veenbaas

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:23-26

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

United in Christ at this Table

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*HYMN #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Fred Veenbaas

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

J. Rutter

*Offering Response #606

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is good and right to give God thanks and praise.....the prayer continues.....

Pastor:.....We join with the voices of the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Pastor:For we are believers in the great mystery of faith:



THE LORD'S PRAYER (together, using "sins")

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, They will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

Words of Institution

*The Communion of the People

Ushers will encourage you to come forward to receive the Sacrament.
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.
If you wish to be served in the pew, including any present with mobility challenges,
we will be glad to serve you where you are seated.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Thank you for this heavenly food, strengthening us by your Spirit, uniting all peoples in Christ until we feast with him and all the saints in light. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #317

In Christ There Is No East or West

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today together honor God and remind you of God's presence in our midst.

Large print hymnals are available from the ushers.

Children of God ages 2-92 can build their own worship bag to bring into the Sanctuary. This does not take the place of Grace Space and provides another option for creating an inclusive worship service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Fred Veenbaas, Pat Garner, Kathy Florence, and Nancy Kahaian

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Chancel Choir
Robert Sacks, Church Musician
Christopher Cock, Director of Music Ministries

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Ty Skupien **Ushers:** Janice and Steve Bouchard **Online Worship Host:** Courteney Templeton
Communion Servers: Janice Bouchard, Joanna and Todd Petersen, Jason Salbego, Larry Schulz
AV: Pat Garner, Erich Kretchmer

WORSHIP NOTES

Financial Giving QR Code



Online Friendship Page QR Code



STAFF OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nancy C. Kahaian, *Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*

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THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARENDON HILLS

Sunday, October 5—World Communion Sunday

9:30am Worship—*Sanctuary*

10:30am NO Faith Formation—Children Remain in Worship

10:45am NO Adult Education

10:45am Reception to Welcome Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian—*Fellowship Hall*

5:00pm Middle School Youth—*LL Room 8*

5:00pm Cubes (High School Youth) - *Youth Lounge*

Monday, October 6

7:00pm Worship and Music—*Chapel/Hybrid*

7:00pm House and Grounds—*Gathering Room*

Tuesday, October 7

12:00pm PW Lunch and Program—*Fellowship Hall*

3:00pm Staff Meeting—*Chapel/Hybrid*

7:00pm Stephen Ministry—*Chapel/Hybrid*

Wednesday, October 8

8:30am Coffee with the Pastor—*Meet at Tierra Distillery Co. and Café in Clarendon Hills*

7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal—*Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 9

9:00am Read*Share*Prayer—*Chapel/Hybrid*

7:00pm Clarion Bells Rehearsal—*Sanctuary*

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11



WELCOME TO REVEREND DR. NANCY KAHAIAN

This morning we warmly welcome our new Interim Pastor/Head of Staff, the Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian. There will be a reception following worship in the Fellowship Hall downstairs and everyone is welcome. Rev. Dr. Kahaian brings to CPC over 30 years of leadership experience, having served as a Pastor and Head of Staff, Executive Presbyter, and Synod Executive. For the past 12 years, her ministry has focused primarily on interim pastoral roles where she has guided congregations through periods of transition with wisdom and care. We are glad to welcome her to CPC.

FALL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR PRESCHOOL—5TH GRADE

You can speak with Kristin Duy, Director of Child and Family Ministries to get your kids, 3yrs-5th grade, all set for Sunday Faith Formation.

2025-2026 CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

The calendar can be accessed through the church's website at www.chcpc.org, or you may email Kristin Duy at kduy@chcpc.org for additional information or to ask questions. You are welcome to 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 to encourage children in their journey with God.

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed by our volunteers on Sunday, October 5. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open for us, even when not staffed by our volunteers. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our ushers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Fall registration is still open for middle and high school youth! We are looking forward to a year filled with excitement, friendship, laughter, fun, and so much more! For additional information, please contact our current Director of Youth Ministries, Alyssa Woody at alyssa.woody@chcpc.org.

CE-C COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT

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 sock drive will be benefiting Metropolitan Family Services which runs the only Domestic Violence shelter in DuPage County. During the drive, boxes will be set up in the Narthex for sock donations. Our collection continues through October 19 and we show love for our neighbor!

STUDY CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY WITH GREAT THINKERS OVER THE CENTURIES

The Read*Share*Pray group is studying *Spiritual Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups about the Twelve Spiritual Disciplines* on Thursday from 9:00-10:30am in the chapel or via ZOOM. Topics include Worship, Prayer, Confession, and Service. Each session is self-contained; participants are welcome as schedules permit. For more details, please contact Gregg Morton.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

We encourage everyone to attend the reception for our new Interim Pastor/Head of Staff after worship this Sunday, October 5.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

All (women, men, members, guests) are invited to Presbyterian Women's Luncheon and Program on October 7. Following lunch and fellowship, hear Dr. Irma Olmedo as she encourages us to keep active, even with the pitfalls brought by age and the changes retirement brings. We'll discover a variety of meaning ways to stay active, engaged, and fulfilled throughout our lives. Dr. Irma Olmedo is Associate Professor Emerita at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Her work spans language, immigration, and education, with a special focus on children's bilingual development.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with non-perishable grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for the bag is: cereal and pancake mix; macaroni and cheese; peanut butter and jello; beans; rice; canned tuna or chicken; salad dressing; paper products. Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations that help us fulfill our mission to "love our neighbor."

FREE CONCERT ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 AT CPC

At 3:00pm on Sunday, October 19 there will be a free concert of the Chicago Brass Quintet and Organist David Jonies with music from Renaissance to Contemporary. In-person attendance in the CPC Sanctuary is encouraged and the free concert will also be available remotely via livestream.

SAVE THE DATE: CPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER IN NOVEMBER

Please save the date of Saturday, November 8 for a fun night of fellowship, drinks and eats. This is an event where all youth (6th-12th) and adults of the church are welcome to meet, greet, make a friend, enjoy and evening. Details to follow!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION NEEDS A TECH HELPER

The Mission, Education & Outreach Committee is seeking to expand our short list of tech support people for the Sunday morning adult education hour. The role involves using ZOOM to enable remote attendance and to provide a recording of the lessons. Gregg Morton can teach you how to make things work. Adult Ed class run 10:45-11:45am. Contact Gregg Morton with any questions.

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS TO CPC

We hope that all guests and visitors experience a warm welcome to CPCCH. Please know that we are

glad to meet you and if you'd like to learn more about the congregation, you're welcome to reach out to any member of the staff, the Elders or Deacons, or Erin James, Community Connector at email erinjames1@comcast.net or phone at 630.649.0151.

THE INTERIM PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF HAS ARRIVED

For the past few months, there's been a list of helpful church leaders willing to assist related to a variety of needs. Now that the Interim Pastor/Head of Staff/Teaching Elder/Moderator has arrived, she will be learning from others about a variety of needs and roles, and also assuming her role as Interim Pastor. Please feel welcome to call her at the church office, or email her at nancy.kahaian@chcpc.org, or show up at the office too.

For the coming weeks, you're also invited to "Coffee with the Pastor" at 8:30am on Wednesdays. This week at Tierra Distillery and Café in Clarendon Hills or next week at a location TBD. Locations will include the surrounding towns, villages, and neighborhoods where you find CPC members and friends. There will be some additional adventures to note in the weeks to come, so stay tuned to the weekly e-newsletter and your Sunday bulletin.

PRAYER LIST for CPC

The Prayer List is being updated for the month of October. Please be certain to have secured the permission of the persons appearing on this prayer list. Please email all prayer requests to barb.coop@chcpc.org. Names and requests will be listed for two weeks in the bulletin and in "Prayers of the People" circulated on Tuesday, unless additional time is requested by contacting Barb. Thank you.