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The Worship of Our Lord

19th Sunday After Pentecost
October 19, 2025
9:30 AM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The great crisis among us is the crisis of “the common good,” the sense of community solidarity that binds all in a common destiny—haves and have-nots, the rich and the poor. We face a crisis about the common good because there are powerful forces at work among us to resist the common good, to violate community solidarity, and to deny a common destiny. Mature people, at their best, are people who are committed to the common good that reaches beyond private interest, transcends sectarian commitments, and offers human solidarity. In the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, the Exodus narrative is the account of the journey now required of the faithful to move from a culture of anxiety to a practice of neighborliness.

Walter Brueggemann, *Journey to the Common Good*

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Emily Jaycox

WORDS OF WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Life of the Community Presbyterian Church including announcements and an invitation to sign the Friendship Pad in the pew. We are glad to welcome all as we gather to give God thanks and praise in our gift of worship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Newkirk

Leader: We are met in the presence of God

ALL: And we do not meet alone.

Leader: With the angels in the highest heaven

ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With Abraham and Sarah

ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: With the saints of every age

ALL: We gather to worship the Lord.

Leader: We embark on our journey of faith

ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: God makes of us a great people

ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica

ALL: God's Holy name be praised.

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

ALL: And we do not journey alone. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most holy and merciful Father,

we confess to you and to one another,

that we have sinned against you

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our

whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved you

by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.

Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;

And free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,

for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. 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.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*SUNG RESPONSE #581

Glory Be To the Father

GLORIA PATRI

GROWING WITH GOD/TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Following our time together, all children are invited to go downstairs to LL6 with our volunteers to continue their Faith Formation.

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

Doug Newkirk

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Help Comes From The Lord
The Chancel Choir

Wes Cameron

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 12-18a

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Following Where God Leads

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*HYMN #313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Invitation to Offering

Moment for Stewardship

Offertory

Festive Trumpet Tune

*Offering Response #606

Doxology

Paula Cyphers

David German

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (in unison, 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

*HYMN #697

Take My Life

HENDON

Please sing stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6 only

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy

Jack C. Goode

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.

Doug Newkirk and Nancy Kahaian

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m.

The Chancel Choir

Barry Riskedal, Guest Organist

Christopher Cock, Director of Music Ministries

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Emily Jaycox **Ushers:** Doug and Erin James
AV: Paul Abraham and Liz Monson

Online Worship Host: Courteney Templeton

WORSHIP NOTES

Online Friendship Pad QR Code



Financial Giving QR Code



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THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARENDON HILLS

Sunday, October 19

9:30am Worship — *Sanctuary*
9:45am Faith Formation — *LL Room 6*
10:30am Pumpkin Fest — *Fellowship Hall*
10:45am Adult Education — *Chapel / Hybrid*
3:00pm Concert Series with Chicago Brass Quintet and Organist - *Sanctuary*
5:00pm Middle School Youth — *LL Room 8*
5:00pm Cubes (High School Youth) — *Youth Lounge*

Monday, October 20

6:30pm Finance Committee — *Zoom*
7:00pm CE-C Committee — *Zoom*
7:00pm Communications Committee — *Zoom*
7:00pm Concert Series Committee — *Zoom*

Tuesday, October 21

10:00am PW Coordinating Team — *Gathering Room*
10:30am Staff Meeting — *Chapel/Hybrid*

Wednesday, October 22

8:30am Coffee with the Pastor — *Yia Yia's Cafe in Hinsdale*
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal — *Sanctuary*

Thursday, October 23

9:00am Read*Share*Pray — *Chapel/Hybrid*
7:00pm Clarion Bells Rehearsal — *Sanctuary*



SOCKTOBER: 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 sill 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 as we show love for our neighbor!

PUMPKIN FEST

TODAY, October 19 after worship, we host Pumpkin Fest downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Children, families, adults, friends, members, neighbors are all invited to participate in all the pumpkin fun!

FREE CONCERT ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 AT CPC

At 3:00pm, TODAY, 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.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Presbyterian Polity 1: This Sunday we continue our study of Presbyterianism. Our focus for the next three weeks will be polity—how the Presbyterian Church is organized, how we make decisions, and why we do things the way we do. Rev. Kenneth Hockenberry, Stated Clerk of Presbytery, will be our teacher. Ken also teaches at McCormick Seminary. This topic is his specialty, and we are fortunate to be able to bring him to CPC. Contact Gregg Morton for more info.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

“Give Today Grow Tomorrow” is the theme of the CPC Stewardship Season. Your giving is a manifestation of your faith. As we work on our faith today, we grow our faith in the future. So, it’s never too early in life to give and all gifts are welcome. Stewardship Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, November 9 during 9:30am worship. Please remember to prayerfully consider the pledge you make for 2026 and give thanks to God for the blessings that fill our lives. If you have any questions about the “Give Now, Grow Tomorrow” Stewardship Campaign, we invite you to reach out anyone on your Stewardship Committee: Warren Ali - Chair, Stan Cook, Justin Crouse, Michael Fenstermacher, and Ardes Poisson

SAVE THE DATE: CPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER IN NOVEMBER

The Deacons are excited to announce the CPC Progressive Dinner on Saturday November 8! This will be a wonderful family event for adults and youth in 6th-12th grades! We will meet at the home of Derek

and Becky Rush (116 S. Prospect Ave. CH) from 5:00-6:00pm and then separate into smaller dinner groups of 6-8 people for the main dish and dessert. We are in need volunteers to host dinner at your home for 6 to 8 people. All food will be provided! We just need a table set! Proceeds from the ticket sales will go into the Deacon Dinner Fund which provides meals to our vulnerable neighbors during the holidays! You can sign up during registration via Realm. Event cost is \$25 per person. Enjoy delicious food and great company while raising money for a worthy cause! Questions? Contact Julie Trowbridge at (630) 927-0796 or Jkshelden@aol.com. For registration help on Realm, please contact Blake Harmet.

QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER



THE INTERIM PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF HAS ARRIVED

Stop by and meet the new Interim Pastor, Nancy Kahaian as she begins her third week of service! Please feel welcome to call her at the church office, or email her at nancy.kahaian@chcpc.org, or stop by the office.

For the coming weeks, you're also invited to **"Coffee with the Pastor"** at 8:30am on Wednesdays. This week we are in Hinsdale at YiaYia's Café on Wednesday, October 22 at 8:30am. 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.

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.

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 "love our neighbor."

WELCOME TO GUESTS AND VISITORS TO CPC

We hope that all guests and visitors experience a warm welcome to CPC. 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.

SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has issued a call for a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2 immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving a report from the Nominating Committee. Please plan to be present for this important meeting to elect church officers.

