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The Worship of Our Lord

18th Sunday After Pentecost
October 12, 2025
9:30 AM

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

By following the lead of the whole of Psalm 50, the interpreter can offer specific direction to the call to covenant faithfulness. God's people, whether in ancient Israel or in the church today, are called to attend to the substance and meaning of their religious activities and proclamation, and not merely the forms of them. They are called to give offerings as an act of thanksgiving, rather than of grudging surrender of what they imagine to be their own. They are called to be disciplined and led by the words of the covenant, not merely to recite them. The message of Psalm 50 is that in seeking to follow these calls, the people give honor to God.

- D. Matthew Stith, *Theology Matters*

PRELUDE Praeludium Josef Seger

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Jack Baron

WORDS OF WELCOME Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*CALL TO WORSHIP Michele Vickery

Leader: Come, listen to the One,

ALL: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting

Leader: Come, see the One,

ALL: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice the honors the One

ALL: who shows the salvation of God.

Leader: Come, faithful ones,

ALL: Alleluia and Amen!

*HYMN #370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Almighty God, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and
the things we try to conceal from others.**

**We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused,
that make it difficult for others to forgive us,
the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong,
the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves.**

Forgive us, God.

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ in our families,
our community, our congregation and into our world.**

Restore us in the name our Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 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

Michele Vickery

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place
The Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Our Duties from Worship

Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian

*HYMN #694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Dr. Nancy Kahaian

Invitation to Offering

Moment for Stewardship

Offertory

Choral Prelude on 'Caswall'

*Offering Response #606

Doxology

Fox and Gabriel Ali

Peter Huford

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, Thy 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 #13

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFORD

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Recessional on 'To God be the Glory'

D. Wagner

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.

Michele Vickery 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: Jack Baron **Ushers:** Doug and Erin James

Online Worship Host: Brendan Cock

AV: Paul Abraham and Liz Monson

WORSHIP NOTES

Online Friendship Pad QR Code



Financial Giving QR Code



STAFF OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nancy C. Kahaian, *Interim Pastor/Head of Staff*
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Alyssa Woody, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Christopher Cock, *Director of Music Ministries*
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THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARENDON HILLS

Sunday, October 12—18th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am Worship—*Sanctuary*
10:30am NO Faith Formation—Children Remain in Worship
10:45am Adult Education—*Chapel/Hybrid*
5:00pm Middle School Youth—*LL Room 8*
5:00pm Cubes (High School Youth) - *Youth Lounge*

Monday, October 13

7:00pm Session —*Chapel/Hybrid*

Tuesday, October 14

11:00am Staff Meeting—*Chapel/Hybrid followed by Staff Lunch*
7:00pm Kids' Academy Board Meeting - *Chapel/Hybrid*

Wednesday, October 15

8:30am Coffee with the Pastor—*Meet at Egg Harbor Café, 5128 Mochel Drive in Downers Grove*
9:30am Circle of Voices—*Gathering Room*
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal—*Sanctuary*
7:00pm CE-Y—*Chapel/Hybrid*

Thursday, October 16

9:00am Read*Share*Prayer—*Chapel/Hybrid*
7:00pm Clarion Bells Rehearsal—*Sanctuary*
7:00pm Endowment—*via ZOOM*
7:00pm Mission, Education and Outreach—*Chapel/Hybrid*

Friday, October 17

4:00pm Kids' Academy Event—*South Lawn*



Community
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Clarendon Hills

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 and we show love for our neighbor!

ADULT EDUCATION – INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ AND COLUMBUS DAYS

This Sunday, October 12 we pause our study of Presbyterianism for a seasonal topic: Why is Indigenous People’s Day so important, and is there something the matter with Columbus Day? Using videos to prompt our discussion and learning, Robin Randall and Linda Cirillo will lead us through these issues. We encourage you to be part of this. Join us in the chapel or on Zoom at *approximately* 10:45.

CIRCLE OF VOICES – BOOK GROUP

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, October 15th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room at CPC. We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. The book is available at the Clarendon Hills Library. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not finished or read the book. Traditionally we enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Coop.

PUMPKIN FEST

Next Sunday, 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 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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

“Give Today Grow Tomorrow” is the theme of the CPC Stewardship Season. Please look for more information in the following weeks as we look forward to celebrating Stewardship Sunday in worship on Sunday, November 9 at 9:30am.

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.”

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.

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.

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!

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 we are in Downers Grove at the Egg Harbor Café on Wednesday, October 8 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.

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 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.

