



Worship for the Lord's Day 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 2024
9:30 am

Prelude

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Arthur Feng

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Opening Words

One: If you are hungry,

All: there is room at God's table.

One: If you are weary,

All: there is a seat saved for you.

One: If you dream of belonging, then we will practice belonging here.

All: From north, south, east, and west, God invites us home.

Let us worship our nourishing God.

*Hymn 853 v 1, 3

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

Call to Confession

Doug Newkirk

One: Family of faith, no matter what your week has looked like, no matter what you carry with you into this space, Jesus is always going to invite you to the Table. That's the amazing thing about God's love—it does not keep score, and it knows no end. So join me in the prayer of confession, not because you have to, but because you can. Join me in the prayer of confession, trusting that with these words God is already inviting you into deeper faith. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves, to live like we belong to one another. And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.

Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us.

Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.

Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too.

Our gaze has been too narrow.

Open our hearts. Expand our understanding. Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world. Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Family of faith, it has been a week. A week of unexpected news, a week of heartache and a week to proclaim again and again our assurance in God's love. I don't know all that you have experienced this past week, month or year, but I do know this: there is a seat at God's table saved for you.

And that is the case

even if you overlooked your neighbor,

even if you doubted God's love for you,

even if you chose scarcity over abundance, or fear over joy.

God has a seat saved for you.

Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

All: We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

*Sung Response 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Doug

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 300, v 1

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Growing with God

Beth

Following Growing with God, all children are invited to return to Grace Space or sit in the pews with their families.

*Sung Response 300, v 2

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Prayer for Inspiration

Doug

Scripture Litany

Acts 2:42-47

One: ⁴² The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

All: ⁴³ A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles.

One: ⁴⁴ All the believers were united and shared everything.

All: ⁴⁵ They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them.

One: ⁴⁶ Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity.

All: ⁴⁷ They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Beth

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All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Gathering at God's Table

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Minute for Stewardship

Stan Cook

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Doug

Offertory

The Welcoming Table

arr. Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Doug



QRCode for Giving

*Hymn 530

One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Holy Communion

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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.

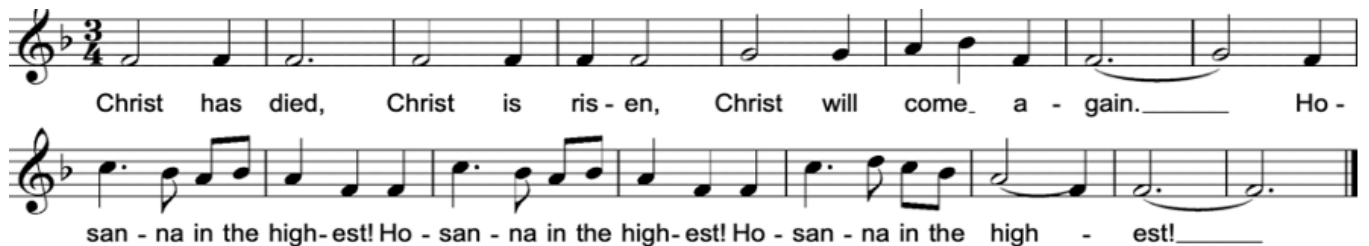
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

One: (prayer continues)...we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you:



One: (prayer continues)...In remembrance of all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Lord's Prayer (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.

The Breaking of the Bread

*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.

Prayer Following Communion

Holy God, everytime we come to this Table, we look for you. We come looking for welcome, looking for reasons to hope. And just as you promised, you have met us here. What a gift! We may never be the same. So as we prepare to leave this place, may we go with the memories of this holy meal clinging to us. May we remember what it felt like to be welcomed to your Table, and may we welcome others with that same warmth. May we remember what it felt like to have a meal where all were fed, and may we work for a world where none are hungry. May we remember what it felt like to draw closer to you, and may we continually seek you out with all that we do. Feeding God, week after week we look for you. Week after week, you meet us here. We thank you. May we never be the same. Amen.

*Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

Toccata Accidental

Diego Xarava

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

ACOLYTE: Arthur Feng

LITURGIST: Doug Newkirk

COMMUNION SERVERS: John Boxell, Jason Salbego, Janice Bourchard, Larry Schulz, Sam Dammers

COMMUNION BREAD MADE BY: Kris Veenbaas

GUEST ORGANIST / PIANIST: Barry Riskedal

USHERS: Andrew Petersen, Todd Petersen

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Courteney Templeton

AV: Pat Garner, Erich Kretchmer

Next Sunday in Worship, Oct 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Just One Thing

Amos, 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31



HELLO!
My name is

Visitor

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 in learning more about us, reach out to Ingrid Ellithorpe, Community Connector, to chat by email ingridellithorpe@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 630.452.2625.

This week at CPC:

Sunday, October 6

World Communion Sunday

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — No Faith Formation - children remain in worship

5:00 pm — Cubes - HS & MS; Lower Level

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm — Worship & Music: Chapel/Hybrid

7:00 pm — House & Grounds; Gathering Room

Tuesday, October 8

1:30 pm — Staff meeting; Chapel/Hybrid

Wednesday, October 9

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

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

7:00 pm — Clarion Bell Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary

7:00 pm — Assoc Pastor Search Committee

7:30 pm — Mission, Education, Outreach; chapel

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — No Faith Formation - children remain in worship

11:30 am — Youth Event; GoApe! High Ropes Adventure

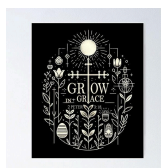
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-CHILDREN



CEC 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 socks will be benefiting Metropolitan Family Services which runs the only Domestic Violence shelter in DuPage County.

Sock donations can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex



GRACE SPACE - A SPACE FOR ALL CHILDREN

All children 3 yrs - 10 yrs are invited to participate in the worship service in a space designed just for them. There are coloring & activity pages, books, puzzles, fidget items, streamers and more for the children to use while worshiping right up front!



NURSERY CARE

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

Livestream of the service is on each week!



FALL FEST

Sunday, October 20

10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship service for some pumpkin fun! All ages are welcome to join in the fun.

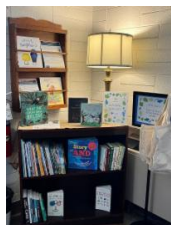


GO APE HIGH ROPES ADVENTURE

October 13th, 11:30 am

CPC Youth are heading to Go Ape! On Sunday, October 13th, ziplining in the treetops for 2 hours beginning at 11:30. Please eat lunch before you arrive. Make sure to wear closed-toe shoes and bring gloves!

We will reach out with waivers for those who signed up. Questions? Contact [Courteney Templeton](#).



LENDING LIBRARY IS OPEN

Are you looking for good books for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or yourself?

Visit the Lending Library in the Narthex and check out a book!

There will be children's books, parenting books and general interest books. Simply complete the form for each book you take and enjoy for up to 2 weeks!

Check back often and watch our little library grow!



ADULT EDUCATION SERIES: MISSION PARTNERS COME TO CPC

Today
10:45
Chapel & Zoom

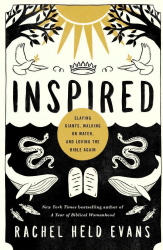
We continue our five-session mission partner series this Sunday with **Bridge Communities** (DuPage County, Glen Ellyn).



Bridge Communities helps people transition between being unhoused and having a home – a tremendous need in our world. Our speaker will be Jen Bystry, Director of Community Engagement. In addition to telling us about Bridge's programs, we have asked Jen to tell us how we, as a church and as individuals, can volunteer.

Please join us to learn what we can do to help make a difference for their clients.

We will meet in the chapel and on Zoom at 10:45 this Sunday. [Zoom link](#)



READ * SHARE * PRAY

Thursdays
9:00 - 10:30 am
Chapel / Zoom

All are invited to join this energetic group in weekly meetings to discuss a common book reading, share in prayers and grow in faith. We will be blessed to learn with you and hear your voice!

Our first book this year is *inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Books are available in the church office along with a reading schedule. If you wish, you may donate \$11 to cover the cost of the book.

FALL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday November 9

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Come prepare the grounds for the winter season by cleaning up leaves and other fall cleanup projects! The House and Grounds Committee will be ready but you can always bring your favorite rake or work gloves. Many hands make light work so come through for a little while or the whole time.



CPC PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, November 16

Save the date for a fun night of fellowship, drinks and eats. Adults and Youth (6th-12th grade).

More details to follow.

CPC CONCERT SERIES UPDATE -POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Josie Falbo Jazz Quintet concert scheduled for this afternoon has been postponed. We are hoping to reschedule this concert in the near future.





2025 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Watch for your bright green Stewardship Packet in the mail. In the 2025 **“Our Future Is Now”** campaign, our family of faith is uniting to pledge \$608,000 (+4% more than last year) to live out the mission that God calls us to. Please prayerfully consider how you’ll support CPC with your 2025 pledge. Please make your pledge on or before November 10, 2024.



Thank you from your Stewardship Committee,

Kathy Adelman, Stan Cook (Chair), Wendy Cook, Justin Crouse, Ingrid Ellithorpe, Beth Freese Dammers (Staff), Pat Garner and Stephanie Rens-Domiano (Staff)



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