Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 28, 2022
9:30 am

Prelude

O Worship the King
arr. Phillip Keveren

Words of Welcome
Rev. Susan Tindall

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Opening Words

One: We come together today as God’s beloved children.
All: No matter how joyful, sad, assured or confused we may feel,
One: We unite as a people whom Jesus calls into community.
All: In doing so, this becomes a place where every one of us is welcome.
One: We gather to pray and give thanks with one another.
All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 320 v. 1-3
The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM
Call to Confession

One: The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in God’s mercy.

Prayer of Confession

All: Dear God, at times we feel frail and fragile. We admit that we are easily thrown off course by the distractions of everyday life. No matter how much you call us to hold fast to what is true and good, we stray. Help us to always see You as our center and acknowledge all the good You have created in this world. We will strive to set aside our fears, prejudices, and jealousies, knowing these only add to the world’s hurt. Help us to grow into Christ’s likeness that we may freely bear His truth and love in the world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Christ is boundless. Know that we are forgiven, today and all days. Thanks be to God!

*Sung Response 581  Glory Be to the Father

*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 69 refrain only  Here I Am, Lord

Prayer for Inspiration

Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 9-21 (New International Version)

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (New International Version)

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

All: Thanks be to God!
Sermon

The Joy of Strangers

Stan Cook

*Hymn 183

Come to Me, Oh Weary Traveler

AUSTIN

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation

Mark

Offertory

There is a Name I Love to Hear

arr Mary Ellen Kerrick

*Doxology words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Church Tidings

Susan

Joys and Concerns

God's People Pray / Lord's Prayer (using sins)

*Hymn 727 v. 1, 2, 5

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

*Charge and Blessing

Stan

Sung Benediction 541 v. 1

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Carol Tornquist

* Please rise in spirit or body

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Doug James, Erin James

LITURGIST: Mark Karasek

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Amy Hall

**GUEST PREACHER**

Stan Cook and his wife, Wendy, have been members of CPC for 20 years. He’s loved being involved in church life in many varied ways – serving as an Elder and Deacon, being a caravan leader, working on search committees, and even playing oboe! Stan enjoyed a 25-year career in consumer products marketing and advertising and also worked as the Executive Director of HCS Family Services’ food pantries during his “second act”. Stan’s a very proud father of Sarah, Grace and Will and Papa to his grandson, Wyatt. Stan looks forward to talking about the importance of strangers in our lives on Sunday.
Next Sunday in Worship
September 4
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Preacher Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile

Psalm 139
Jeremiah 18:1-11

Next Week Guest Preacher Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile
The Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile is a retired United Church of Christ pastor. In her ministry, she was on staff at the First United Church of Oak Park (PCUSA-UCC) for 24 years, leading worship and facilitating the spiritual formation of children, youth and adults as a staff member and associate pastor. Throughout her ministry, her particular focus was on how art and ritual impact Christian formation and deepen growth. Since leaving parish ministry, Marylen has been a spiritual director and companion, drawing on conversation, art, prayer, sound and silence as people explore their connection with the Holy. In addition, she is trained to accompany people who have experienced loss and grief.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP
The Nominating Committee is working on its task to identify members of the congregation to serve as elders (need 6) and deacons (need 8) for a 3-year term starting in 2023. We need your help in identifying those whom you feel we should consider for one of these ordained positions. We have created a card with a brief description of roles of elder and deacon, personal characteristics to consider, and lists of those currently in active service; those in the class of 2022 are completing their term this year. We ask that you take some time to think carefully about this and let us know, by using the card, talking to a member of the committee, or sending an email to pgarner923@hotmail.com. We also hope that if we ask you to serve that you give our request prayerful consideration. We look forward to hearing from you as we work to complete our task to bring a slate of candidates to the congregation for a vote in October. You can download the flyer from the website.

Linda Cirillo, Pat Garner (chair), Ann Jaltuch, Kit Olah, Jason Salbego, Bill Vickery, Barb Webster, Wendy Wilhelm
This week at CPC:

Sunday, August 28
9:30 am — Worship
12:00 - 3:00 pm — The Forge Youth Event; Lemont

Monday, August 29
7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Zoom

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31
7:00 pm — A&P; Zoom

Thursday, September 1
7:30 pm — The Amos Group; Zoom

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4
9:30 am — Worship

Monday, September 5
Church Office Closed
Kids’ Academy Closed

FALL KICKOFF 2022
Sunday, September 18
South Lawn or Fellowship Hall

Put this date on your calendar TODAY! You will not want to miss this special celebration at CPC as we kick off the program year together. Get ready for cake walks, lawn games and picnic food following the worship service on September 18th! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, would like to volunteer for the event or promise to bring a tasty dessert for the cake walk, please contact Pastor Susan!

GOOD NEWS FOR FAITH FORMATION!
Online Registration is now open for Kids and Youth Ministries

CPC has moved registration online for students ages 3 through 12th grade! Our church database, Realm, has the ability to populate information as well as take any payments for events and program fees. We are excited about this move and look forward to seeing those registrations come in. We will still need hard copies of the media/medical release form and health forms annually. If you have registered at CPC at any point over the last few years, your information is already in Realm. If you are new to CPC programs or have questions about Realm, please contact Stephanie Rens-Domiano to get started!

News of THE AMOS GROUP
Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

Webinar opportunity on Sunday, 8/28
We recommend a webinar called “Heeding King’s Call” that will be available via Zoom on Sunday, August 28, from 6pm – 7:30pm CDT. The event honors the 59th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr’s March on Washington. Here is the link for more information. Registration is required, and the registration link will be available on the information page.

Summer Read Discussion Groups are scheduled
Many of us at CPC are reading a book this summer by Heather McGhee, The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together. Several discussion groups have been scheduled in the area, all of them one-session meetings in September. If you would like to attend, please contact Gregg Morton for the information. If you still need a book, check in the church office. And if you would like to reimburse us, the cost is $14.

Please send your ideas and your comments to Gregg Morton.
Pastor Beth and daughter Katy spent last week in the living community of Iona. Iona is a tiny island located in the Inner Hebrides, 1.5 miles wide by 3 miles long off the coast of the Isle of Mull. Beth reports that "The natural beauty of this thin place, Iona Island and the Iona Abby calls deep to my soul. Today was the Island Pilgrimage with singing, education, poetry, scripture at points all around the Island”.

As residential guests Beth and Katy shared in a common life of work and worship, experienced the beauty, history and living community of Iona and anticipated finding inspiration and faith in action for justice and peace. They also discovered how this ancient thin place is enlivened by the music, liturgy, prayer and words of the Wild Goose liturgy.

A midweek boat trip to the remote Isle of Staffa was an extraordinary experience. They saw caves and volcanic formations that created the island. It looked something like “a cross between a honeycomb and sci fi building blocks". Many dolphins, seals and birds on the journey...but no puffins, they've already moved on for the season.

What is a thin place? What was the Island Pilgrimage? Visit Pastor Beth's Pilgrimage page to find out more about their experience in Iona.

You can follow Pastor Beth's pilgrimage on our Facebook page and Instagram site, or on our website at hcpc.org/pastor-beths-sabbatical.
CIRCLE OF VOICES RESUMES SEPTEMBER 21

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, September 21st at 9:30am in the Gathering Room (Parlor) at CPC. Our book is Still Life: A Novel by Louise Penny. 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.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION FOR AUG

Hunger Doesn’t Take a Summer Vacation

Food Pantries are in desperate need during the summer months! Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu for August is:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Fruit Cups or Applesauce

- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Mac and Cheese
- Rice
- Soup

Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC any time in July or August. Thank you for your generous donations in July!

Announcing the 2022-2023 Concert Series!

Sunday, November 6, featuring the Wayne Messmer Quartet with special guest artist, Angel Spiccia.

Wayne Messmer is the voice most often associated with the National Anthem, having performed for all of Chicago’s professional and college teams.

Sunday, January 29, CHAI Collaborative Ensemble

CHAI Collaborative Ensemble is a Chicago-based collective dedicated to honoring history, advocating for new works, and engaging with communities through performances of mixed vocal and instrumental chamber music.

Sunday, March 5, The Wind Ensemble, Quarantet

The wind ensemble, Quarantet, features flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn musicians affiliated locally with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera Orchestra, the Grant Park Orchestra and more.

To become a sponsor or more details on the concert series, visit chcpc.org/concert-series

You can download the flyer HERE.
Calling all Singers and Bell Enthusiasts!
CPC Choirs are resuming for the season!

Chancel Choir:
Rehearsals resume on Wednesday 9/7, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Chancel.

Clarion Bells:
Rehearsals resume on Thursdays 9/8, 7:00-8:00 pm in Rooms LL6-LL8.

New participants are always welcome to both groups. Contact pat.garner@chcpc.org for more information.