



Worship for the Lord's Day

16th Sunday After Pentecost

September 17, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

The Peace May be Exchanged (Rubrics)

Dan Locklai

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Shelley Jaycox

***Opening Words**

Robin Randall

One: We observe this day as the Lord's Day, giving thanks to God,

All: who gives justice to the oppressed, who forgives us and redeems us,

One: and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

All: Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

***Hymn 610** v 1-4

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Call to Confession

Robin

One: We are not here to pass judgment on each other; all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession.

Prayer of Confession

All: Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our siblings. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgemental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions.

Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others, that we may dwell in peace with Christ. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us.
Thanks be to God!**

*Sung Response 581

Glory be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Robin

One: As a sign of God's forgiveness and love for us, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

*Sung Response 472 v 1

Kum ba Yah

KUM BA YAH

Time with Youngest Children

Susan Tindall

Prayer for Inspiration

Robin

Scripture Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Scripture Reading

Psalms 103:1-13

One: Let my whole being bless the LORD! Let everything inside me bless his holy name!

**All: Let my whole being bless the LORD and never forget all his good deeds:
how God forgives all your sins, heals all your sickness,**

One: saves your life from the pit, crowns you with faithful love and compassion, and satisfies you with plenty of good things so that your youth is made fresh like an eagle's.

All: The LORD works righteousness; does justice for all who are oppressed.

One: God made his ways known to Moses; made his deeds known to the Israelites.

**All: The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
very patient, and full of faithful love.**

One: God won't always play the judge; he won't be angry forever.

**All: He doesn't deal with us according to our sin
or repay us according to our wrongdoing,**

One: because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him.

**All: As far as east is from west - that's how far God
has removed our sin from us.
Like a parent feels compassion for their children—
that's how the Lord feels compassion for those who honor him.**

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

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All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Learning to Forgive

***Hymn 445**

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI



QR Code for Giving

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Robin

Offertory

Blessed are the Peacemakers

Lloyd Larsen

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Robin

Church Tidings

Beth

Joys and Concerns

God's People Pray / The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

***Charge and Blessing**

Beth

***Postlude**

Fugue in G-major

Nicolaus Bruhns

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Doug James, Erin James

LITURGIST: Robin Randall

GUEST ORGANIST: Walter Whitehouse

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Linda Cirillo

AV: Liz Monson, Pat Garner

ACOLYTE: Shelley Jaycox

Next Sunday in Worship, September 24

17th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am

Psalm 145:1-8, Matthew 20:1-16

God's Generosity Adds Up



This week at CPC:

Sunday, September 17

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6
9:45 am — Middle School Bagel Bunch; Youth Lounge
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
5:00 pm — Cubes; Youth Lounge

Monday, September 18

6:30 pm — Finance; Zoom
7:00 pm — Concert Series Committee; Zoom

Tuesday, September 19

10:30 am — Staff Meeting; Chapel
4:00 pm — Chicago Presbytery; 6th Grace Church
7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom
7:00 pm — Kids' Academy Board; Chapel/ Zoom

Wednesday, September 20

9:30 am — Circle of Voices; Gathering Room
7:00 pm — Chancel Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary
7:00 pm — Stewardship Information Session; Chapel

Thursday, September 21

9:00 am — Thursday Morning Devo; Chapel / Zoom
7:00 pm — Clarion Bells Choir rehearsal; Sanctuary
7:00 pm — CE-A; Zoom

Friday, September 22

9:00 am- 4:00 pm — CPC Serves Jubilee Village; off site

Saturday, September 23

9:00 am- 4:00 pm — CPC Serves Jubilee Village; off site

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am — Worship

9:45 am — Faith Formation; LL Rm 6
9:45 am — Middle School Bagel Bunch; Youth Lounge
10:45 am — Adult Ed; Chapel / Hybrid
3:00 pm — Jim Gill Family Concert; Fellowship Hall
5:00pm — Cubes; UMC Hinsdale



NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed next on **October 1**. Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. 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.

COMING SOON: live stream of the worship service in the Nursery!



CPCkids

CPC KIDS ~ 3yrs thru 5th grade

Join us in Grace Space for the beginning of worship. After Time With Youngest Children everyone will go to rm. 6 for Faith Formation. Please pick up your child immediately following the worship service.

If you haven't registered your child(ren) yet please scan the QR code to complete the process.



CPC Youth

Middle School at 9:45am
High School at 5:00pm

We are so excited to be back! See below for information below for a preview of this week in youth ministry! Contact Pastor Susan for more information about ministry for students in grades 6-12!

Middle School: We will continue meeting at 9:45am in the Youth Lounge on the Lower Level. Following the Time with Children, students will be dismissed for brunch food, games and conversation!

High School: Cubes are ready to go and will be discussing acceptance and how we do that as people of faith. We will begin in the Youth Lounge on the lower level beginning at 5pm! Our time will include dinner so come hungry followed by Capture the Flag with the WF team!



CPC YOUTH
Connect • Explore • Serve



CHOIRS AT CPC

The Chancel Choir and the Clarion Bell Choir have resumed weekly rehearsals.

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Clarion Bell Choir - Thursdays, 7:00 pm, LL room 8

All are welcome!

For more information, contact [Christopher Cock](#).



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION!

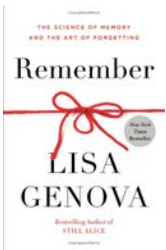
Exploring the Hymnal

TODAY 10:45, Chapel & Zoom

Our first two classes will delve into our hymnal, *Glory to God*. We'll explore the process that the compilers used to select the hymns. Then we'll do a deeper dive into the global selections, focusing on African Song and on Asian Song, the songs of the Pacific Rim. Our instructor is Dr. Lorraine Brugh, Senior Research Professor at Valparaiso University. She is a past president and charter member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. From 2021-2022, Dr. Brugh served as Artist in Residence at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is a member of the North Academy of Liturgy, the American Guild of Organists, and she currently resides in Peoria, Arizona.

Although she was not part of the *Glory to God* development team, Dr. Brugh has become very knowledgeable on the hymnal, with a particular interest in the Pacific Rim selections.

As always, the classes will be presented in a hybrid format – onsite in the chapel and offsite via Zoom. Dr. Brugh will join us remotely from Arizona.



CIRCLE OF VOICES

September 20

Gathering Room 9:30 am

Circle of Voices will meet on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:30am in the Gathering Room (Parlor) at CPC. Our book is *Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting* by **Lisa Genova**. 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.

NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

[Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24](#)

UPDATE on Discussion Groups: See No Stranger Summer Read

In addition to the three Zoom discussions in September, there are two in-person discussions scheduled for October. See the information and register at this [LINK](#). Please let me (Gregg) know which group you will attend.



NEW: Opportunity to help the Night Ministry

We have made arrangements to provide lunches to Night Ministry clients in the Austin neighborhood on Saturday, October 21. There are two ways you can help:

- 1) Assist in the packaging of bag lunches on Friday, October 20, at CPC. Please contact [Kris Veenbaas](#) for more details.
- 2) Join us in the church van on our trip to Chicago on Saturday, October 21. Gather at 11:45am in the church parking lot. We'll head to the site and hand out the lunches. We're also hoping to be able to chat briefly with clients as we do it. There will be a sign-up clipboard at church to let us know you're coming!

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to **Gregg Morton**.

MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. 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.

The suggested menu is:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice or Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Paper Products: Sandwich Bags, Plastic Wrap, Foil



THURSDAY MORNING DEVOTIONS

9:00 - 10:30 am

First Meeting: Thurs Sept 21

Chapel / Zoom

All are welcome to pop into the Thursday morning gathering of folks to share joys / concerns, pray together and engage in book discussion! Offered both in person and online, this is a great way to share in group study!! Can't be there in person? Join us online via zoom.

The fall book is *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven. Known as a modern classic of Native American life, it is now in its 22nd year as a bestselling book.

Contact Beth for the reading schedule and a copy of the book! beth.fd@chcpc.org



“OUR FUTURE IS NOW” INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, September 20

7:00 pm Chapel

As we reported in our recent Session Blast, our Elders had a thoughtful discussion about CPC's two-pastor staffing model in June. At CPC, we greatly value the caring spiritual leadership and ability to prioritize youth in our two-pastor model. Although our church's financial position is strong, we can no longer maintain two-pastor staffing without a significant revenue increase.

At the June meeting, Session unanimously voted to: 1) set a 2024 Stewardship goal of \$572,000 (+\$75,000 or +15% vs. this year), and 2) assuming success, maintain our two-pastor staff model. Going forward, our Associate Pastor would lead the Youth Ministries that have always been such an important priority at CPC.

[Watch this video](#) to hear more from church leaders:

If you'd like to learn more, we invite you to attend an **"Our Future is Now" Information Session on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in the CPC Chapel** hosted by Kathy Adelman and Ingrid Ellithorpe, both Elders and members of our Stewardship Committee. This Information Session will be a great opportunity: 1) to learn more about and discuss the important decisions facing our CPC community, and 2) answer your questions.

To help us ensure that we have sufficient chairs (and treats), we ask that you **RSVP to attend by registering [HERE](#) or contacting the church office (630-323-6522 or office@chcpc.org).**

**“For I know that plans I have for you, declares the Lord...
plans to give you hope and a future.”**

Jeremiah 29:11

You're Invited to COVENANT CONVERSATION

Beyond Words:

From Mere Welcome to True Belonging

Fourth Presbyterian Church – 126 E. Chestnut St, Chicago

Saturday, September 30

10:00 am-4:00 pm



As Christians who believe that God's love truly extends to all people, how can we show true hospitality to everyone who walks through our church doors, especially members of the LGBTQIA+ community? We've said we're welcoming, but how can we show this welcome beyond the walls of our churches and offer God's love to the broader community?

At Covenant Conversation: Chicago, we'll worship, learn, and converse together about how we can live into a "new day" in the church and renew our commitments to witnessing to God's love for the whole world.

This event is sponsored by the Presbytery of Chicago, Fourth Presbyterian Church, and the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, with support from additional congregations in the presbytery.

The \$20 registration fee includes lunch and parking.

Ride with Pastor Beth in the church van. For information contact [Pastor Beth](#).

<https://covnetpres.org/event/covenant-conversation-chicago/>



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PRESENTATION - THE ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE

Tues, October 3, Fellowship Hall 12:30

Dessert and Fellowship

This month we present landscape architect Amanda Arnold, who designed our beautiful new landscaping around the church. Amanda has a degree in landscape architecture and owns her own landscape architecture business. Her presentation will concentrate on carefully chosen native plantings and how you can work with your own landscape to transition from non-native to native plantings.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



During the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year CPC Kids will be partnering with CPC Youth to help our neighbors in need. The first opportunity will be participating in Socktober!

Each night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets. This October, 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. October is also Domestic Violence Awareness month which makes your donation full of meaning and connection to one of our CPC mission partners!

Sock donations can be placed in the boxes in the Narthex or main office throughout the month of October

Save the Date!

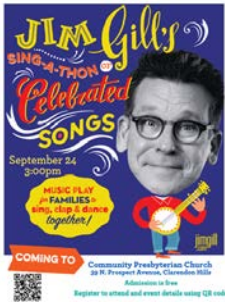
DEACON PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday 11/4

5:00pm

On Saturday, November 4, the Deacons are planning a progressive dinner to raise funds for the Thanksgiving dinner! We hope you will make time to join us for a large gathering to start at the home of Stan and Wendy Cook followed by small group dinner party hosted by various people in the congregation. Tickets will be sold at a later time. Looking forward to seeing you on November 4!





ANNOUNCING JIM GILL'S SING-A-THON OF CELEBRATED SONGS

Sunday Sept 24

3:00 PM

The CPC Concert Series Committee and CPC Kid's Academy are hosting this family event on Sunday September 24 at 3:00 pm. Anyone who has ever attended one of Jim Gill's concerts knows that rather than performing for the children, parents, and grandparents, he leads them to sing a play together. The program will be in Fellowship Hall; you are encouraged to bring a blanket, since you will be sitting on the floor when you are not up dancing. Admission is free; however, due to the expected popularity of this event you are encouraged to pre-register at chcpc.org/concert-series to ensure that your family is included in our limit of 200 people.



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