



Worship for the Lord's Day 7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023

9:30 am

Prelude

God Will Take Care of You

arr. Phillip Keveren

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Opening Word**

Derek Rush

One: The very word of God is a light to our feet,

All: a lamp to our path.

One: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

All: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

One: We gather this day,

All: to worship God!

***Hymn 388**

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

Sing in English, then in the Shona language, a Bantu language in Zimbabwe

Call to Confession

Derek

One: In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

All: Faithful God, when we allow our anxiety and attachment to wealth to take over, your word then falls on hardened ground. We allow the distractions of this world to crowd out your place in our lives; we get tangled in the weeds. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness. Hear now, our silent prayers of confession... *a time of silent prayer. And together we pray.* **Make of our hearts and souls fertile ground ready to receive and nourish your word in our lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace

One: Siblings in Christ, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

All: Through Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*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 175 v 1

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

Time with Youngest Children

Kristin Duy

Prayer for Inspiration

Derek

Scripture Litany

Isaiah 55:10-13

One: Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater,

All: **so is my word that comes from my mouth;
it does not return to me empty.
Instead, it does what I want,
and accomplishes what I intend.**

One: Yes, you will go out with celebration, and you will be brought back in peace. Even the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you; all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

**All: In place of the thorn the cypress will grow;
In place of the nettle the myrtle will grow.
This will attest to the LORD's stature,
an enduring reminder that won't be removed.**

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Beth

Sermon

Seeds & Soil

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

***Hymn 171**

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

SEACHRIST

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Derek

One: We have been given life,

All: so let us live our lives in gratitude.

One: We have been given salvation,

All: so let us live our lives in peace.

One: We have been given abundance,

All: so let us live our lives in gratitude.

One: Let us give to the morning offering.



QR Code for Giving

Offertory

Bless His Holy Name

Mark Shepherd

Summer Choir

***Doxology** words 607, tune 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Prayer of Dedication**

Derek

Announcements

Beth

Joys & Concerns

God's People Pray

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.**

***Hymn 539**

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

***Charge and Blessing**

***Postlude**

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Carol Tornquist

** Please rise in spirit or body*

All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Sam Dammers

ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Gary Coop

LITURGIST: Derek Rush

AV: Robert Monson, Sam Dammers

Next Sunday in Worship, July 23
8th Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 am

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Search Me, Know Me



Household Prayer: Morning

God of goodness and growth,
let your love be made real in me this day.
Soften the hardened places of my heart
and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety.
Make me fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, I am grateful that you are steadfast
in forgiving my failures and transgressions,
that I may sojourn in the temple of your rest
and awaken again to serve your world. Amen.

This week at CPC:

Sunday, July 16
9:30 am — Worship
10:30 am — W & M and Communications; Zoom

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18
7:00 pm — Stephen Ministers; Zoom

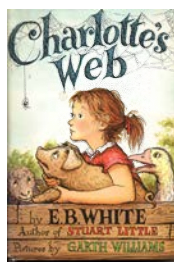
Wednesday, July 19

Thursday, July 20

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

Sunday, July 23
9:30 am — Worship



SOME PIG. HUMBLE. RADIANT.

These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spider web tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's

life when he was born the runt of his litter. E. B. White's Newbery Honor Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death that has been enjoyed by generations. Whether you are 3 or 93 this book is perfect summer reading...so join us and read Charlotte's Web and enjoy some fun activities along the way! Books available each Sunday in the narthex and in the church office. To cap off this fun summer reading adventure we will have a Charlotte's Web movie viewing party in September!

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed one Sunday each month (**Next on August 6**). 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.

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

SUMMER SUNDAYS

August 6

All kids 3 yrs - 5th grade are invited to participate in worship service during the summer. Sign up to be an Acolyte, Greeter, Usher or Liturgist by clicking [HERE](#)



WORSHIP BAGS



Each Sunday worship bags will be available for families to use so that children of all ages are able to

participate in worship. A variety of activities related to each week's service will be included along with books and fidget busters! Bags will be available for pick up in the Narthex.



MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu is:

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



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.



COMPASSION CAMP; VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Changing the World with Loving Kindness

August 14 - 18

9am - 11:30 ~ Snack Included

4yrs - 5th grade

Cost: \$60 for the first child/ \$30 for each additional child

*reach out to Kristin Duy if you would like scholarship information

Through Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs, children will explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how they can have compassion for the living earth. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, and kinship, kids will consider how to become participants in the work of God's creation.

A typical morning will include: Gathering and Music, Bible Story, Crafts & Activities, Movement & Games & Compassion in Action.

Simply scan the QR code to register your child.



PLEASE SUPPORT PRESBYTERY OFFERING (aka per capita)

Give by July 16

As Presbyterians, we are part of a connectional church. We unite to support one another, share resources, and carry out God's mission in our local communities, our nation and the world. The Chicago Presbytery leads this work.

CPC makes an annual contribution to the Chicago Presbytery based on a per capita formula (\$36.50 per member this year).

This year, CPC's contribution to our Presbytery will total

\$16,000 and we hope to raise the entire amount through this offering. The suggested gift to the fund is \$150 per family. Please make your donation:

- By scanning the QR code
- Online at <https://onrealm.org/cpc/give/PresbyOffering>
- By check to the church office by July 16





NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

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

The Social Justice Summer Read is back!

Last summer, many of us read Heather McGhee's, *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. We did this in partnership with several other churches and social justice groups in the area. The initiative is sponsored by CommUNITY Diversity in LaGrange and the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale.

The book for 2023 is [See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love](#), by Valarie Kaur. You can see more about the book on this [flyer](#).

We hope that many of you will join us in reading and discussing this book. We all read on our own schedules and then have the discussion in September. Please let [Gregg Morton](#) know if you are reading with us.

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to [Gregg Morton](#).



SAVE THE DATE
Worship on the Lawn
Sunday August 27
9:30 am

The Worship & Music Committee is thrilled to offer Worship on the Lawn with a gospel theme this year! Special guest musician is Shantée Lewis who will lead and teach us gospel music including some of our favorites as well as new inspired music. Bring your lawn chair to sit in the shade under the tent on the south lawn. The music will be amazing, the worship inspired and the beverages iced!!

Please note worship will not be livestreamed on this Sunday. Please let us know if you'd like a ride to church!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINE AND DONATE **Country House, Clarendon Hills**

TODAY is your final chance to participate in the Deacon Dine and Donate fundraiser! 15% of your food and gift certificate purchases will be donated to the Deacon Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Over the past 3 years, we have fed over 200 families during the holiday season. Head on over to Country House, located at 241 55th Street, share your flier available in the narthex, and eat amazing food while supporting an amazing cause! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Online Hosts Needed for Worship

We need people to be an online host for the Sunday worship service. This involves having a device like a laptop or tablet (aka iPad).

Your main responsibility is to use the chat room to welcome people who are worshipping online and make them feel a part of the worshipping community. We will even give you the wording that you need for the various parts of the service. You can do this from anywhere that you have an internet connection: at home, in a hotel or even in the sanctuary.

Training available upon request.

This is a wonderful way to get to know the people who are worshipping online and to be a needed volunteer for CPC.
Contact: Barb Coop @bac1734@gmail.com



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