



# CHRIST CHURCH

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

AN OPEN & AFFIRMING WISE CONGREGATION

### FATHER'S DAY



June 21, 2026

9:30 AM



*"Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you." -Psalm 86:2*

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Quiet meditation at the first note of the prelude.*

**PRELUDE**

\*\*\*\*\* **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** \*\*\*\*\*

**HYMN** *"The God of Abraham Praise"* (Red Hymnal 6)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
**All: we have already come.**  
One: Through days of joy and nights of fear,  
**All: we've traveled this far by faith.**  
One: Through life, through death,  
**All: Christ walks with us.**  
One: We are not alone.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**  
One: In this promise,  
**All: let's worship God together.**

\*\*\*\*\* **BELL** \*\*\*\*\*

**\*HYMN** *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* (music supplement pg. 9)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** (unison)

**Merciful God, hear our prayer. Hear the cries of our hearts and the needs of our souls. When we are cast aside or falling apart, hold us in your arms of love. Help us sing once again of your love and proclaim your strength and grace. Show us signs of your goodness, your presence, and your love, over and over again. Teach our hearts that we never walk alone. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

*TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**WAVING A SIGN OF PEACE** 🙌

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

**READINGS** (NRSVue)

Genesis 21:8-21  
Romans 6:1-11  
\*Matthew 10:24-39

**RESPONSE to scripture**(*twice*) *℣* Teach us, O Lord Your Lessons as in our daily life *℣*  
*℣* We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith *℣*  
*℣* Teach us to care for people for all - not just for some *℣*  
*℣* To love them as we find them or as they may become *℣*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

**All: We trust in the love of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and was raised for the life of the world. We rejoice in the Spirit, who breathes hope and peace into our hearts. We go into the world claiming new life, sharing Christ’s love, and living in the light of God’s mercy, justice, and joy. This is our faith. This is our hope. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” (Red Hymnal 186)

**PRAYER OF PETITION**

**THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT US** (*unison*). *please recite the version closest to your heart*

(*Our Father, Our Mother, Our Parent, etc.*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY** The ushers will bring the collection basket to you. Thank you for your continued support. *Other ways to give:* Text-to-Give (847) 750-3007 Online: <https://bit.ly/CCUCCGiving>



**HYMN** “For All the Children” (music supplement pg. 5)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (*After the benediction, you are invited to respond with these words.*)

**Guided by God, we go into the world. Led by Christ, we welcome the forgotten and the cast out. Strengthened by the Spirit, we share love, justice, and compassion. Amen and Amen.**

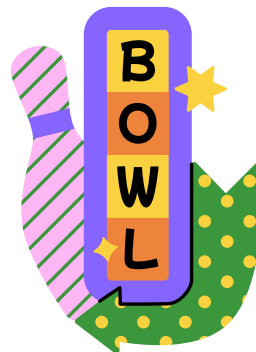
**\*\*\*\*\* Bell & Extinguishing of the Candles \*\*\*\*\***

**\*HYMN** “All Are Welcome” (music supplement pg. 13)

**POSTLUDE**

**FAITH FORWARD  
ADVENTURES  
BOWLING - JULY 19**

Join us for some after church fun at River Rand Bowl (11:30 am). Pizza will be provided. Please use the QR code to register and pick your pizza preference.



# PRIDE CHALK EVENT

SUNDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

BRING OUR STEPS TO LIFE  
TO CELEBRATE LGBTQ PRIDE!  
CHALK WILL BE PROVIDED.





# Interfaith Prayer Conversations on the Lawn



*Join us for a time of community connection and learning. Each week we will have folks from different religions as well as a different Christian tradition talk about the role of prayer in their faith. There will be opportunities to engage in different prayer practices and to learn about different faiths and cultures. In addition there will be activities for kids. All ages are encouraged to come and bring a lawn chair or blanket. If the weather is bad we will move our discussion into the church building.*



Thursdays in July  
at 7pm



COAC - Children of  
Abraham Coalition

Northwest Suburban  
Interfaith Forum

**First Church**  
Your neighborhood United Methodist Church  
668 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016



DES PLAINES  
CLERGY  
ALLIANCE



# Welcome

Guest Musician  
**Mick Archer**

Starting his training at THE AMERICAN CONSERVATORY at age 12, multi-instrumentalist and singer Mick Archer has been a full-time working musician and teacher since graduating U.of I./ Chicago in 1976. His career as taken place taken place all across the country, Hawaii, Canada, Europe, cruise ships, and 3 months as pianist in residence at THE WESTIN TOKYO. He's performed with two ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME groups THE DRIFTERS and THE PLATTERS, sang and played on several radio jingles, recorded 4 albums of original material, and most recently was the. choir accompanist at GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION. Currently he instructs children and adults in piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums and voice at LAKE VIEW CENTER(1177 W. Howard) for Des Plaines Park District.

# IN MEMORY / HONOR

Remembering our dads - Emil Butenschoen & Walter Hudson and our grandpas on Father's Day from Bud & Elaine Hudson



## May we continue special prayers for...

Dawn Mashek  
Sue Prunty  
John Prellberg  
Kelly Roberts  
Hope & Bruce Tschappat  
Helen Harney  
Julie Radman

Marilyn McCown  
Ariana Subera  
Rev. Marcia Urban  
Charles Epperly  
Alice Barnhart  
Jan Storm

Documented &  
Undocumented  
Immigrants  
Our Country  
Ukraine, Lebanon,  
Palestinian, and Israeli  
citizens

## Homebound

Marion Meseth  
Marilyn Hoover  
Dorothy Zemke  
Kathie Groll  
Cathy Chappell  
Jack Storm

## Special prayers for:

Those living with mental illness, illness, without a home or food, our church community, service people, veterans, our nation, and our leaders.

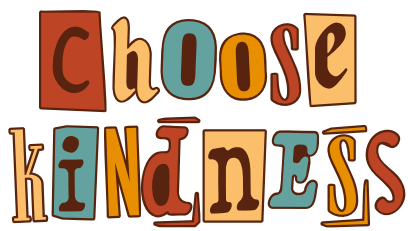


# Happy Birthday!

# happy anniversary

## Thanks to everyone scheduled to help with worship:

Pastor..... Rev. Gilbert Martinez  
Liturgist/Lector.....  
Music Director..... Karen Wilberg  
Council Greeter..... Mandy O'Donnell  
Ushers..... Donna Boyko, Jan Storm, Julie Radman,  
Carolyn Amick



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 58±**  
*Our attendance is calculated using our LIVE Facebook viewers and those in person.*


**MEN'S LUNCH:** Held on the second Monday of every month at 11:45 am, at Sunrise Grill.

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST:** Held the second Tuesday of every month at 9:00 am, at Sunrise Grill.

**SELF-HELP CLOSET & PANTRY:** They are in dire need of the following items: ketchup, mustard, mayo, pasta sauce (plain), flour, sugar, instant coffee, breakfast cereal (chocolate), new or like-new clean bed linens and towels, men's, women's, children's underwear (all sizes), body wash, shampoo, dish soap, laundry detergent, and paper towels. Please bring clean, dry plastic grocery bags.

**COMMUNITY BACKPACK PROJECT:** If you would like to bring items for The Community Backpack Project, these are the suggested items (please no glass jars): single serve breakfast cereal, instant oatmeal packets, pancake mix, canned red beans, one-pound bags of rice, pasta and pasta sauce, canned soup, canned pasta, stew or chili, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, pudding cups, fruit snacks, individually-wrapped snacks and chips. Please place them in the blue bins. Speak to Cathy for more information!

**COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP: Looking for a way to get involved? Sign-up for coffee hour in the office.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Sign-up sheet is available in the office. 

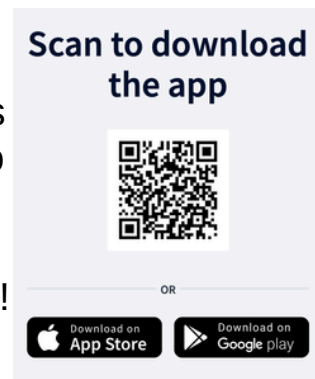
**TRIVIA CONTEST @ TRINITY LUTHERAN:** Form a group of 2-6 to compete in trivia on **July 18<sup>th</sup>** ! \$20 per participant, and refreshments served. Sign up on the Trinity website, or using the QR code.

[trinitydesplaines.org/trivia-night](https://trinitydesplaines.org/trivia-night)



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**RELIABLE HELP FOR ALL YOUR HOME REPAIR AND UPKEEP NEEDS!** Services include general repairs, minor electrical & plumbing, painting, flooring, furniture assembly, power washing, landscaping, and home & window cleaning. **Call Emanuel at (224) 392-9069 - Please only call regarding such services.**





**Christ Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**1492 Henry Avenue - Des Plaines, IL 60016**  
**847-297-4230**



**Tuesday - Thursday**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**Website:** [christchurchuccdesplaines.org](http://christchurchuccdesplaines.org)  
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**Tommie Jordan, Custodian**  
**Emanuel Alvarez, Maintenance Technician**  
**Rita S. Barth, Faith Forward Adventures Lead Teacher**  
**Grace Pastor, Faith Forward Adventures Teacher**

**Lay Ministry: All Members**

Judy Rosedale, *Council President*; Laura Hallberg, *Council Vice-President*  
Council greeters are available to listen to your questions, concerns  
& positive feedback about worship and all areas of church life.

**Art Sketch of Church Front by Nancy Boeckenhauer 1990.**