



Sunday, May 17, 2020



Walk with God • Connect as Family • Love People in Jesus' Name

WELCOME GUESTS!

Thank you for joining us today. Even though we can't yet meet you in person, we'd love to get to know you and help you get connected to our community. If this is your first time with us, if you are looking to take your next step of connection, or you are simply wanting to find out how to participate virtually please [click here to fill out our Connect form](#) and a staff member will be in touch!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Small Group Leader Training - Monday, May 18, 8-9 p.m.

Could you help lead a group during this time of isolation? Unsure you'll be able to jump in, but interested in learning more? Join us for virtual Small Group Leader Training on Monday, May 18 from 8-9 p.m. via Zoom to learn more and be equipped to care for those in need of community in this time. [Click here to register!](#)

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, May 31, 11:30 a.m.

We hope you join us on Sunday, May 31 for our virtual congregational meeting. This will be a chance to hear more about what is happening in our ministries, and hear from our Wellness Team and Trustees. More details coming soon!

Join Us for Virtual Sunday Morning Prayer in May - Sundays from 9-9:55 a.m.

As we continue in this season of focused prayer and fasting, you are invited to join us each Sunday in May at our virtual South Park Prayer Room. We will gather from 9-9:55 a.m, just prior to Sunday Worship. Interested in joining? Please email info@southparkchurch.org

Cans of Care Wednesdays

Our local food pantry, Maine Township Food Pantry, is in dire need of food items. Park Ridge Community Church is organizing a food drive to help provide for this need and we are invited to join in! On every Wednesday (for one month as of now), you can drop off items to specific families in the Park Ridge area who have agreed to deliver to the Food Pantry. [Click here](#) for details on how to participate!

Women's THRIVE Summer Series - Thursdays, June 25 - Aug 6, 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. or 7-9 p.m.

We hope you join us for the Women's THRIVE Summer Series: Pierced & Embraced, exploring how Jesus uniquely pursued women in the Gospels, and how He still does today – often tenderly, sometimes painfully, but always powerfully. Kelli Worrall (author of “Pierced & Embraced”) will cast fresh light on the love of Christ as she examines 7 life-changing encounters women had with Christ. Cost is \$15 which includes the study guide. [Click here to register!](#)

Whether this study will meet virtually through a Zoom meeting or live in person will be determined closer to the start date. The availability of childcare is also yet to be determined.

Sunday Live Stream now streaming to YouTube

Our Sunday live stream is now streaming directly to our [YouTube Channel](#)! Easily access the YouTube app on any smart TV or smart phone, and add your thoughts and comments with your church family during the service!

Caring for Each Other

If you or someone in our church family are experiencing hardship and have a need or would like to receive prayer, please reach out to Jesse at jesse@southparkchurch.org or give him a call at 847-825-5507 and press 1 to leave a message. If you would like to help with needs as they arrive or donate to the Care Fund [please fill out this form](#).

WEEKLY GIVING

Week ending May 3, 2020

YTD 2020	\$	607,380
YTD Prior Year	\$	633,949
YTD Shortfall	\$	(26,569)
YTD % change		-4.2%

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that in this season, God would be working in each of us, teaching us more about himself, and transforming us by the renewing of our minds.

Pray that in a place and time where division is the norm, that the Church would be united as sons and daughters of the King of Kings.

Continue to pray for:

Greg Schimmel - As he continues undergoing tests for the tumor on his lung before beginning treatments. Pray for healing and for the strength and comfort that comes from walking through this with Christ at his side.

Paul Barthel - On the long road to recovery from the effects of his stroke in December.

Kay Stecher - Ongoing health complications including congestive heart failure and CLL cancer.

Gregg Talley's mother Lela - For comfort through her health conditions though she is not able to take pain meds. Also for Gregg to continue maintaining Lela's quality of life high enough to keep her at home.

Rich Schreiber - Continuing recovery and rehab. The pandemic is delaying helpful procedures he should be having.

Paul Barthel - On the long road to recovery from the effects of his stroke in December

PRAYING FOR OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS

International: Charles and Mary Kay with Pioneers, Marseille

Our teams in Marseille gather daily on Zoom to pray for the people groups we are reaching, the Comorian people, the Basque people, the Marseille Northern districts and the many ethnic groups there, and the North African countries of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. It's been a great blessing to us here to seek the Lord together and engage with each other online in prayer. Please pray with us as we continue to minister online. Even as we can experience lockdown fatigue, we have seen this online connection as a way to bless and encourage so many friends and families with a listening ear and speaking God's Word into their lives. Please pray for the believers to continue to meet by phone and online to encourage each other one in the Lord!

Local: World Relief Chicago

Praise God that hundreds of volunteers and churches are providing care and friendship to their immigrant and refugee friends by meeting over video chats, checking in over the phone, and sending cards through the mail. Please pray that we are able to assist families who experience job loss and struggle to pay their rent, and for clients with family members and friends still living abroad and are very concerned that COVID-19 will devastate their communities. Pray that the pandemic will not be used as a reason to restrict legal immigration processes that reunite families and allow people to obtain their citizenship. And please pray for our staff as we continue to serve immigrants and refugees across the region without being able to meet with many of our clients and one another as usual.

SERMON NOTES

On Mission - John 14:1-14

John 14:1-14, NIV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father,

living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Jesus sends ordinary people on mission in his name.

DIGGING DEEPER

Read John 14:1-14, then discuss the following:

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does it tell you about people in general?
3. What is it saying to you?
4. What are you going to do about it?
5. Who are you going to share it with?