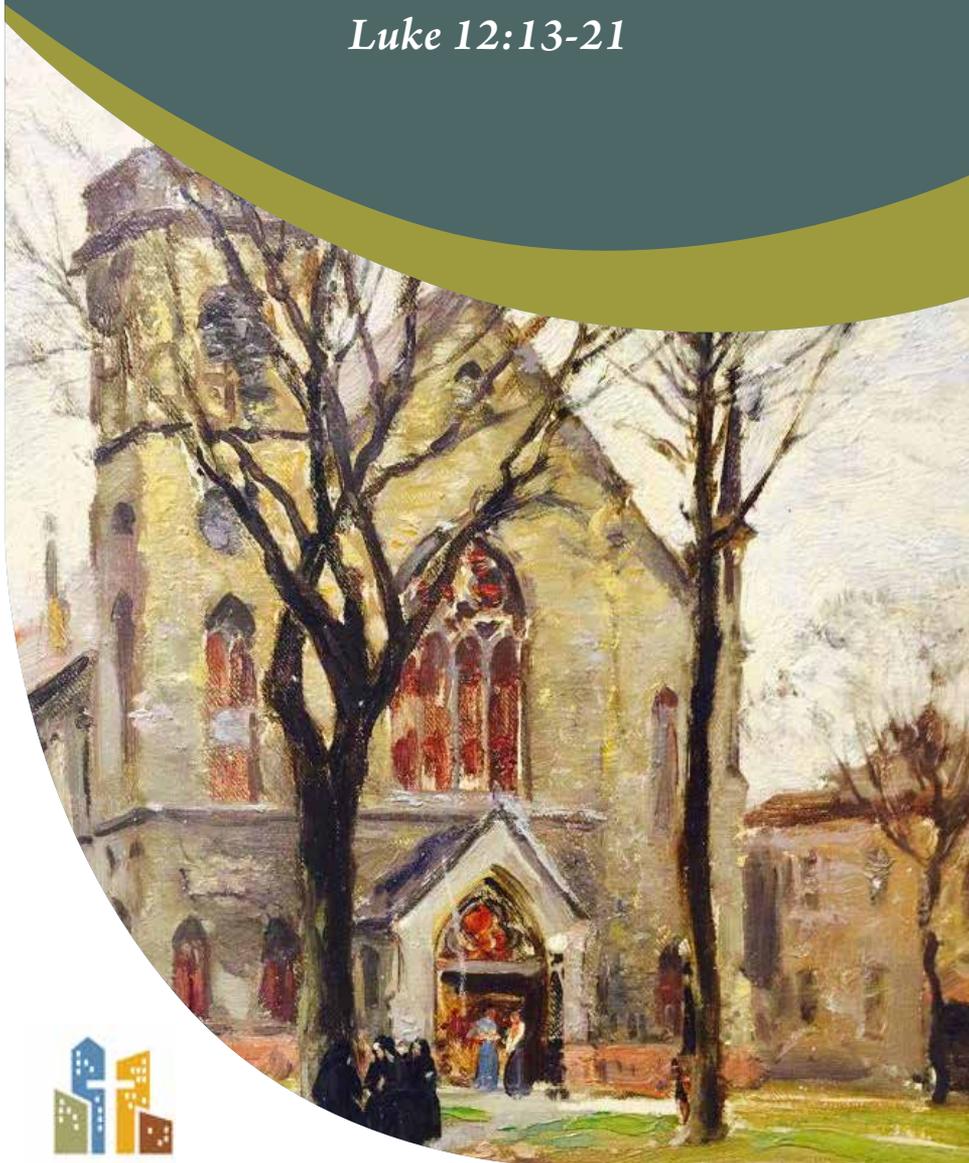


First (Park) Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

July 31, 2022

Luke 12:13-21



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 31, 2022

Gathering and Centering - 10:15am

Announcements - 10:25am

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30am

Gathering Music Phyllis Ann Miner, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Darryl Kistler

Prelude Phyllis Ann Miner, organ
Little Prelude in C
Johann Albrechtsberger (1736-1809)

+ Call to Worship Reading Responsively
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

One: We come here from the world whose siren song tells us that we do not have enough – we are not enough.

All: Yet, here we re-learn God’s wisdom and truth – that we have enough if we share; that security cannot be found in the marketplace; that we are always enough.

One: So, let us be centered and grounded once again in God.

All: And in our time of worship be grounded in God’s love. Growing toward a sense of God’s extravagant abundance, of God’s prodigious generosity, of God’s amazing grace.

+ Hymn of Praise - No. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*
Tune: BEECH SPRING

+ Opening Prayer Rev. Darryl Kistler

+ The Chimes

The Chimes give us an opportunity to center ourselves as we stand in silence and prepare our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to receive the message God has for us.

Anthem

The Summer Singers

God Be in My Head

Robert G. Farrell

*God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at my end and at my departing.*

Prayers of the People and Our Savior's Prayer

Rev. Darryl Kistler

concluding, the congregation prays in unison:

...Our Father/Mother/God, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

The Summer Singers

Take My Life and Let It Be

Tune: HENDON

Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Gyl Hondorp, liturgist

One: The Word of God for the People of God...

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Glory be to the Father (Creator),
and to the Son (Christ) and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, amen.***

The Sermon

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Meditation

Phyllis Ann Miner, organ
God Will Take Care of You
Arr. James Southbridge

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Offertory Music

Carrie Ledet, mezzo-soprano
O God of Mercy
Simon Lole

*O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Your sight,
To live our life to You.*

*In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Whatever it be, is ours to share;
May we, where help is needed, there
Give help as unto You.*

*And may Your Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love,
Until You greet in heaven above
All those who give to You.*

+ Doxology - No. 606

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(continued...)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him (God) all creatures here below;
Praise him (God) above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
(Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost). Amen.*

+ Prayer of Dedication

Reading in Unison
Rev. Dr. Patrick Coyle

Loving God, as we are able, we have offered our gifts in response and in gratitude of your love and grace. Your love and grace are the greatest of gifts, a treasure without price, ours without asking, buoying us up every day. May what we give of ourselves – our time, talent, and treasure – be blessed this day to flow through this community and out into the world to be of help in building your realm of peace and goodwill for all. Amen.

+ Hymn - No. 847

Our Hope, Our Life
Tune: O WALY WALY

+ Our Common Commission

Rev. Darryl Kistler

Let us now go forth into the world in peace; being of good courage; holding fast to that which is good; rendering to no one evil for evil; strengthening the faint hearted; supporting the weak; helping the afflicted; honoring all people; loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*The service of worship concludes with Our Common Commission.
If you are leaving the Sanctuary during the Postlude,
please be respectful of the musician and those who are listening.*

Postlude

Phyllis Ann Miner organ
Postlude in Classical Style
Gordon Young

Thank you for joining us this morning!

We'd like to know that you were here, answer any questions you have, and support you in prayer. Please fill out the card in your bulletin and place it in the plate during the offering.

Our virtual services are all available to watch on our website:
www.parkchurchgr.org.

Church news is delivered weekly in an emailed newsletter,
The Congregationalist.
Let the office know if you would like to be added to the list.

Pastor Darryl's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
The afternoons and evenings are reserved for
pastoral care and attending meetings.

Friday and Saturday: Off

Sunday following worship Darryl is available
for pastoral care and visits.

cell phone number: **619-371-7854 (temporary)**
email: **dkistler@parkchurchgr.org**

The Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers on the Altar are
given by the Park Church Women.

*If you would like to mark an occasion by dedicating Altar flowers,
please contact Marcia Streeter (mabit1@gmail.com).*

Joys and Concerns

Please pray for those managing illness and treatment including Gloria Eckert, Dave Haebich, Evelyn Huyser, Sydney Mott, Doris Robey, Richard Rowe, Bill Smith, and Emma Youngquist.

Marcia Hammtree's son Gary Waldron has been admitted to the hospital with heart issues. Please keep Marcia and Gary in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep Scott Hutchings, his wife Lori Henry-Hutchings and their families in your prayers. Scott suffered a complex medical event recently. While he continues to make progress toward healing, the road is long. He remains in ICU at Meijer Heart Center. Please send your cards to 1417 Pine NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504.

Tom and Mary Hollen's granddaughter, Ellie Mott (Sydney Mott's sister), had surgery on a brain tumor. Although she is home, they will need to meet with the neuro-oncology on Monday to decide the best treatment.

Keep in your prayers those who struggle with COVID. New variants and long-term health issues are still a concern for many including Jan & Wayne Edwards and Bob Lake & Pat Hesling.

Please remember those serving in the military including: Joe Birkhold, Jesse Campbell, Kit Grant, Andy MacGregor, Stefan Pawelka, and Matthew Quick.

Dog Days of Summer Walk
August 14 at 5:30pm

Meet your Park Church friends at
P.J. Hoffmaster State Park (6585 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon)
on August 14th for a summertime stroll.

We will meet up at the “Walk-a Mile Trail” at 5:30 for a hike.

Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash.

Bring your own water, snacks, etc.

We plan on watching the sunset afterward!

The Walk-a-Mile trail is a 1.5 mile loop that climbs through sassafras trees and along dune ridges. The pathway will bring you through dune, mixed woods and moss-covered pathways along the edge of a ravine. Enjoy breathtaking views of Lake Michigan as you climb the sandy slopes of the dunes and finish your hike on the beach.

Email Lynda O’Malley (clmjomalley@icloud.com)
if you have any questions.

There will not be a rain date for this event.

Mychal’s Prayer by Rev. Salvatore Sapienza
Thursday, August 25 at 7:00pm

A “must add” to your summer reading list, this short well-written book is one that you will refer to many times to hold on to Father Mychal’s wisdom. We will be having Sal Sapienza himself lead us through a presentation of Father Mychal Judge’s life and his work with him. August 25th at 7:00pm in the Small Dining Room.

More copies of the book have arrived. Let Terrie know on Sunday
(or by email) if you still need a copy. (\$10.00)
Email thunter@parkchurchgr.org with any questions.

Summer Book Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00pm
at the McDonald home (7326 Schoolhouse Road, Ada)

Low-Key, Low-Commitment Summer Book Club:

Gina VanderHeiden and Megan Cottrell of the Board of Deacon's IDEA committee are hosting a summer book club to get folks talking and connecting around interesting and meaningful topics. We are reading three different books, one for each summer month, and getting together to discuss each one. Read them all or just pick just one - we'd love to have you when it works for you!

August's Book: **Opposite of Hate** by Sally Kohn. This book is available from most local bookstores, Amazon, or public library. The Park Church copies have sold out. If you have questions contact Megan at megan.m.cottrell@gmail.com.

Please let the office know if you are planning to attend.

Park Church to Host 45 ArtPrize Entries This Year!

Plan now to enjoy paintings, photos, sculptures, quilts, and more
during ArtPrize 2022, September 15 through October 2
– right here at Park!

This year, our halls (and a parking space or two) will fill with art
chosen to please your senses, placing Park among top venues
showing the most entries.

And in the coming weeks, we will be asking for volunteers to help host
the visitors, the art, the artists, and the fun! Watch the bulletin and the
Congregationalist for opportunities to sign up.

From the Board Leadership ~ Bylaws Revision Committee

The church leadership is seeking volunteers interested in serving on an Ad Hoc committee tasked with revising the 2014 Park Church bylaws.

The committee will begin the work in September and meet twice a month for 5 months. The revisions will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Budget meeting in January.

The committee will be selected from those who express interest and will include representatives from the Trustees and the Deacons.

Contact Dennis Baker, moderator (616)295-0904 or Ellen Bristol, senior deacon (616)581-6474 to find out more.

Serving With You Today

Ushers: Paul Davison, Cindy Dexter, Susan Sochanek, Harlan Wilson

Greeters: Janet and Mike Mitchell

Sound: Sam Johnson

Video: Kevin Arnett

Flower Care: Pam Nichols

Grounds Crew: Paul Davison

Summer Childcare: Caitlin Watson, Heidi Hertel

Park Church Calendar

Thurs. August 4

6:00pm - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

6:30pm - Board of Deacons/Subcommittee Meetings
(Please note this is a date change.)

Sun. August 7 - Sanctuary Worship - Communion Sunday

Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister

Tues. August 9 at 7:00pm - Board of Trustees meeting

Thurs. August 11 at 6:00pm - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

Sun. August 14 - Sanctuary Worship

Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister

Dog Days of Summer social event offsite after worship

Thurs. August 18 at 6:00pm - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

Sun. August 21 - Sanctuary Worship

Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister

Wed. August 24 at 4:30pm - Mobile Food Pantry

Thurs. August 25

6:00pm - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

7:00pm - Book discussion: **Mychal's Prayer**
hosted by author Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

Sun. August 28 - Sanctuary Worship

Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister

Tues. August 30 at 7:00pm - Summer Book Club offsite

Thurs. Sept. 1 at 6:00pm - free chair yoga in Spindler Dining Room

Sun. Sept. 4 - Sanctuary Worship - Communion Sunday

Rev. Darryl Kistler, Senior Minister



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion

As Jesus demonstrated by his life and teachings, we fully value and welcome all people into the life of Park Church, regardless of beliefs or doubts, age, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical, mental, or emotional ability, or economic status. In fact, we value and celebrate the rich diversity of all God's creation.

Our Vision

To build a community of relentless compassion
and courageous hope where all are seen and known, and
the God of extravagant love is revealed.

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OFFICE HOURS

Summer Hours: Monday - Friday from 9:00 - 3:00

The wifi password is *parkchurchguest*.