

Worship

February 12, 2017 - 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Prelude

Choral Call to Welcome: "Witness"

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Lord Most High"

From the ends of the earth (echo)

From the depths of the sea (echo)

From the heights of the heavens (echo)

Your name be praised

From the hearts of the weak (echo)

From the shouts of the strong (echo)

From the lips of all people (echo)

This song we raise, Lord

Throughout the endless ages you will be crowned with praises

Lord Most High, be magnified

Exalted in every nation, sovereign of all creation

Lord Most High, be magnified

Scripture Reading from Acts 1:6-9 - Maddie Schaafsma

"Being Witnesses"

From Jerusalem: National School Project - Mark Hobson

Prayer - Doug Groters

"We Will Be Your Witnesses" (v 1, 4, 1)

We will be your witnesses

First here, then beyond

In the farthest of places we go

Our God in all mystery

Who determined all history

Wants his grace, love and mercy to show

In the farthest of places we go

**First here in Jerusalem
Jesus wept over us
And he entered with palms waving high
Then with bread as body broken
His betrayal was spoken
Washed feet turn away and deny
And he entered with palms waving high**

**We will be your witnesses
First here, then beyond
In the farthest of places we go
Our God in all mystery
Who determined all history
Wants his grace, love and mercy to show
In the farthest of places we go**

To Judea: Lampstand Ministries - Chris Langkamp/John Selph

Prayer - Cal Tameling

**"We Will Be Your Witnesses" (v 5, 1)
Then Judea, to Pilate's hands
And the crowd, screams his name
And the guilty's allowed to be free
Through the stations, death is imminent
Lovingkindness is evident
As he grants paradise to a thief
And the guilty's allowed to be free**

**We will be your witnesses
First here, then beyond
In the farthest of places we go
Our God in all mystery
Who determined all history
Wants his grace, love and mercy to show
In the farthest of places we go**

To Samaria: Angola Penitentiary - Bert DeJong

Prayer - Angela Buikema

**"We Will Be Your Witnesses" (v 6, 1)
Living water brought to Samaria
Saved as we're sent
Unexpected, the traveler is blessed
In redemption, vocation
Is not bound by location
And your calling will not let us rest
Unexpected, the traveler is blessed**

**We will be your witnesses
First here, then beyond
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Our God in all mystery
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“To the Ends of the Earth”

Prayer - Jack LaGrand

Announcements

Offertory

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

“We Will Be Your Witnesses” (v 2, 3, 1)

**God so loved the earth he sent
His one, only Son
And the Son sends us out in his name
We are struck by the audacity
And filled beyond capacity
With the glory and pow’r to proclaim
And the Son sends us out in his name**

**Why do we stand in disbelief
Staring up at the sky
Christ ascended but left us his word
The Holy Ghost has entered us
Its power helps to strengthen us
So our faith is reflected in works
Christ ascended but left us his word**

**Living water brought to Samaria
Saved as we’re sent
Unexpected, the traveler is blessed
In redemption, vocation
Is not bound by location
And your calling will not let us rest
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Sending & Blessing

Postlude

Musicians - Doug Bardolph, Kyle Olson, Nina Schroeder, Dan Vlcek
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

In the "Great Commission," Jesus instructed his disciples to take the good news of salvation from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria to the very ends of the earth! At ECRC we are trying to follow these marching orders by serving the world close to our home here in Elmhurst, in Greater Chicagoland, elsewhere in North America and to the ends of the earth. We'll hear stories from our members and missionaries about what God is doing in the world and how he is using our congregation as part of his plan to share good news. You can read Acts chapter 1:1-11 to prepare for this special "Missions Sunday" worship service.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

The Bible sets the tone for how we are to approach God in worship. In the Old Testament, the primary way of connecting with God is through acts of sacrifice. Sacrifices were made for two main reasons: #1) As offerings of thanks, and #2) As substitution for the guilt of sinful human beings. Now that Jesus has become the perfect, eternal sacrifice on our behalf, we no longer offer formal "sacrifices" as part of our worship together. However, we are still compelled to make offerings of thanks and we still need someone to sacrificially stand in place of our sins. While much has changed, the pattern remains the same. You can read Leviticus 1, 4:1-21 and Hebrews 13:11-16 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests: Please pray for healing and strength for Lois Arthur, Doris Baur, Henrietta Hall, Maria Ramos, Gloria Van Ryn, and Marilyn Ward.

Join us in praying for each other. To send your prayer requests or praises to be included in the email prayer chain, or to receive a daily email of these requests, email prayer@elmhurstcrc.org or call the church office at 630-600-5100. **If you would like your prayer request included in the weekly announcements in the worship folder please email Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the annual Congregational Meeting on February 7 the Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) 2017 budget was approved, and the following members were elected to three-year terms of office: **Rick Bulthuis** (elder), **Dave De Haan** (elder), **Jack Swierenga** (elder), **Dave Van Kampen** (elder), **Angela Buikema** (deacon), **Steve Corrigan** (deacon), **Doug Slinkman, Jr.** (deacon) and **Christopher Valdez** (deacon). Installation of the new elders and deacons will be Sunday, March 5.

Thank you to the outgoing elders: Al Heerema, Howard Hoff, Mac Wiener, and Herm Tammeling, Jr. **Thank you** to the outgoing deacons: Deb Boomsma, Ted Feenstra, Ron Tazelaar and Andy Staes. All Deacons, Elders and SLT members are listed online at elmhurstcrc.org/about.

The Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) is honored to have Jon Gager from Moody Radio at our meeting today at 12:15 pm. His topic is "Let Lessons of the Past Pave the Way to a Better Future." He is the author of the book "If I Could Do It Over Again". Books will be available for anyone to purchase on the day of the meeting. Come and enjoy a dinner with your children, with free childcare available from 1:15-2:30 pm.

With the beauty and simplicity of music, scripture and song, come and experience rest and healing in the **Healing Prayer Service**. You will also have an opportunity to receive individual prayer for physical, relational, emotional, and psychological healing. Please join us in the Garden Room on **February 16** from 7-7:45 pm.

Raising the Heart of a Champion: Tom and Cindi Zobrist, parents of 2017 Chicago Cubs World Series Champion and MVP, Ben Zobrist, share how they as a Christian couple raised Ben and his siblings to know, love, and serve Jesus. This event is for parents of children of all ages, and is taking place on **February 18, 6-8PM** at the Lindner Conference Center; cost is \$10 per person. Sunday, **February 12 is the last day to register**. Go online to elmhurstcrc.org/events. This event is sponsored by Grace Bible Church.

On February 19 (and the third Sunday of every month) you are welcome to bring donations of non-perishable food items, paper goods, and hygiene products in support of the **food pantry** at the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church. Please drop off items to the

area by the information center. The food pantry also accepts coupons, so if you're not going to use the coupon inserts from your Sunday paper then you can donate them. Thank you!

Game Night returns to **PrimeTime** on **February 23**. "Keep Calm and Bunco On" is the theme as we gather around Bunco tables and then move on to other games. So come and enjoy the company and friendly competition of friends new and old. If you don't know the game rules we can teach you! Sign up in the lobby or email Bert or Celia DeJong at dejong66@comcast.net.

Join us for the **Cadet Pancake Breakfast fundraiser** in the Garden Room on **February 25 from 7:30-9 am**. It is a great way to support the Cadets while enjoying breakfast and our church community.

If you sit in **Section 1A/1B** (Section by the Choir Loft) at the 9 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on February 26 from 10-11 am. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your Elders, Section Leaders, and congregants in your section!

If you sit in **Section 2A/2B** at the 10:30 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room on February 26 from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your Elders, Section Leaders, and congregants in your section! Come and help create community at ECRC!

Journey to the Center of the Church is a three-week class to help prepare you for membership at Elmhurst CRC. Classes will be held **Tuesday evenings, April 18, April 25, and May 2**, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at Elmhurst CRC is invited to attend these classes. Contact the church office to register. Childcare is available for infants to two years old. Please let us know by April 7 if you need childcare.

SERVE

The **LINK (Love, Interact, Neighbor, Kneel) ministry** at ECRC is again searching for volunteer mentors beginning this Spring to work with a homeless client family that will be living in the apartment rented by our church in Addison. As a church family, we have been partnering with BRIDGE communities for the last eleven years to provide housing and mentorship to a homeless family in DuPage County. Please consider learning more about this outreach ministry that has been quietly thriving at our church. Mentorship to a homeless mother and her children is an opportunity to be God's shining light and living water right in the community in which we live. Contact Bob Boomsma (Bob.Boomsma@trnty.edu) or Rachel Rieger (rboere52@yahoo.com) with any questions or interest in this ministry.

Children's Worship Volunteers Needed: Would you like to be a part of this fun and meaningful ministry? For the 9 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 1st/2nd grade group and a once a month small group leader for the 3rd-5th grade group. For the 10:30 am service we are looking for a once a month small group leader for the 2nd/3rd grade boys group, as well as a one-on-one buddy for a preschool student with special needs. Please contact Kara Hackert kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org if you are interested. Thank you!

COMMUNITY

Roseland Christian Ministries Youth Partnership invites you to a fun-filled event to raise funds for our youth programs. Roseland offers a summer day camp for community children, completely free of charge. In addition to the youth camp, they offer after school activities six days a week during the school year. The fundraiser will be held on March 11 from 3-6 pm at loft space located at 1133 West Fulton Market in Chicago. We will be celebrating where we see God in the Roseland neighborhood. Refreshments and appetizers served. For more information and to purchase your tickets please go to roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com. Questions? Please contact Kelly Wilbraham at kwilbraham@me.com.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 2-12-17

9:00 am Blended Worship
9:00 am Children's Worship
10:00 am Coffee & Community
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
12:15 pm SHE
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
7:00 pm The Edge

Monday, 2-13-17

7:00 pm Elder Meeting

Tuesday, 2-14-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
9:00 am Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break Leader's Mtg.
2:15 pm GriefShare Leaders Mtg.

Wednesday, 2-15-17

9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study
12:30 pm Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break
6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:15 pm Little Lambs
6:15 pm Cadets/Pathfinders
6:30 Monthly SLT Meeting

Wednesday, 2-15-17 (continued)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Coffee Break Bible Study
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

Thursday, 2-16-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Healing Prayer Service

Friday, 2-17-17

Saturday, 2-18-17

Sunday, 2-19-17

9:00 am Blended Worship
9:00 am Children's Worship
9:00 am Food Pantry Collection
10:00 am Coffee & Community
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
6:00 pm Small Groups
7:00 pm The Edge

WELCOME

We're glad you're here.

NEW?

We would love to meet you.

Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket.

Join us for coffee in the lobby after the service.

Stop by the Information Center and let us know you're new.

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Blended Worship Service
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

CHILDREN

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old.
Children's Worship (10:00) meets for children 3 years old through 5th grade in the lower level

RESOURCES

Assisted listening devices are available from an usher or sound booth at the rear of sanctuary
Large print bulletins are available in the Worship Center inside the doors

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer partners are available after each service to pray with in the west rear of the Worship Center

GROW AND SERVE

ADULT MINISTRIES:

Find opportunities to grow and serve in
Small Groups , Coffee Break Community Bible Study, Men's Fraternity, MOPS, SHE, Prime Time (55+) and more.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Grow together, enjoy relationships, be encouraged and empowered with our student ministry programs;
Maximum Velocity (6-8th grade) and The EDGE (9th-12 grade)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

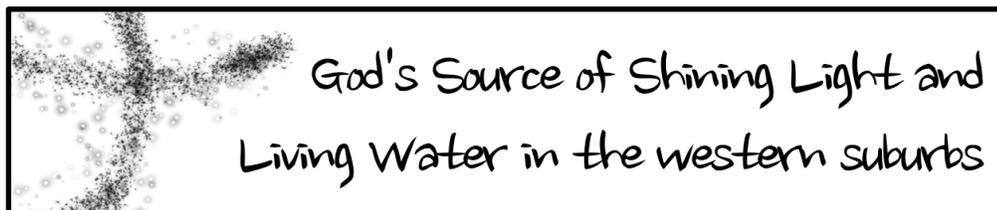
We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.
From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

More growing and serving opportunities online at elmhurstcrc.org

Pastors:

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Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org



Complete announcements are at elmhurstcrc.org/This Week or scan the QR code below.