

Worship

February 26, 2017 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Prelude: "Built on the Rock, the Church Shall Stand"
"Come Holy Spirit"

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Ride the Chariot" - Men of Spirito!

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee**

**When my feeble life is over, time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely over to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore**

"How Great Thou Art"

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
They power throughout the universe displayed**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee
How great thou art, how great thou art
(2X)**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart**

**Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art"**

Responsive Reading

Leader: God is great. But the Scriptures ask of us, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you"

All: **This is what the Lord says,**

"I will put my laws in your heart and write them on your minds"

Leader: God has made a new covenant with us. He promises to give us a heart of flesh instead of a heart of stone

All: **For we are the temple of the living God**

Leader: As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them"

All: **He says, "I will be their God and they will be my people."**

Leader: Let us bless the name of the Lord together

All: **We offer him our thanks and bring him our cries for help. Amen!**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name**

**Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name**

**Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name**

Greetings

"Be Thou My Vision" - Men of Spirito!

Prayer

"Lord I Need You"

**Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
Without you I fall apart, you're the One that guides my heart**

**Lord, I need you, oh, I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need you**

**Where sin runs deep your grace is more, where grace is found is here you are
And where you are, Lord, I am free, Holiness is Christ in me**

**Teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus, you're my hope and stay (2X)**

Message: "Sacred Space" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship
I Kings 8:27-30, Hebrews 10:19-21

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "Jubilate Deo" - Men of Spirito!

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

My friends, may you grow in grace

And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior

My friends, may you grow in grace

And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, Amen (2X)

Postlude

Men of Spirito! Conductor - Phil Riegle, Accompanist - Ruth Rottschafer
Musicians - Doug Bardolph, Gregg DeMey, Ticks Groenboom, Kyle Olson, Dan Vlcek

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

The Bible set the tone for how we are to approach God in worship. After rescuing his people from slavery in Egypt, God gave very specific instructions for the construction of a Tabernacle, or portable tent of worship, to be the physical center of worship in the life of his people. Later, in the promised land, God gave instructions for the construction of a temple. God is very concerned that his people keep their vision and hearts focused on who and what matters most. Now that Jesus has come as God in the flesh, he has made his dwelling place portable once again. At the moment of Jesus' death, the curtain to the Holy of Holies was torn in two and the presence of God loosed to the ends of the earth. We, the church, are now God's living temple and are equipped to carry his presence into every corner of creation.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

The season of Lent calls us to self-examination, spiritual reflection and introspection. We are on a journey that leads us to Easter, but along the way we are asked to reflect on what it means to be a faithful follower of Jesus. Frederick Buechner suggests that, "During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another, what it means to be themselves." To pursue God's grace and our identity in Christ, we'll be asking a series of probing spiritual questions: For example, "Why Do I Need Forgiveness?" You can read Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 to prepare for this worship service. We will also ordain and install our newly elected Elders and Deacons at both worship services.

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

Ashes ▫ Meditation ▫ Music. You are invited to mark the first day of Lent by attending one of four special 15-minute Ash Wednesday events on March 1 at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:30 pm, or 6:30 pm. Each mini-service will include music, a time for quiet prayer, and will conclude with the imposition of ashes. The "imposition of ashes" is an ancient Christian tradition in which worshipers are marked on the forehead with ashes in the sign of the cross. This action has multiple layers of meaning: (1) Ashes

are a symbol of our repentance, of our desire to turn back to God; (2) Ashes demonstrate our solidarity with Jesus, and with his journey to the cross and through the grave; (3) The sign of the cross in ashes is Christ's own signature on us that we belong to him.

Join us for the **Elmhurst St. Patrick Day's Parade** this **Saturday, March 4 at 12 pm!** We'll march as an ECRC and Little Lambs community. We will hand out candy, pass out info about ECRC and Little Lambs, and spend time together. Dress in green or come as you are; strollers and wagons are welcome. We have a few lambs outfits for the kids to wear too! We will be notified of our line up location on Monday and will send you an email with those specifics. We will need you to arrive about 11:45 am. Parking on the side streets is very limited, so plan accordingly. Sign up online at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

Registration for **Little Lambs VBS '17** is now open. Join **us June 6-8** from 9am-11am to learn about the Ultimate Superhero: Jesus! Potty-trained children ages 3 to those entering Kindergarten welcome. Register *online at: elmhurstcrc.org/events* or find a form at the Information Center. Contact Ashley Slinkman ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org if you have any questions.

SpringHill day camp registration is underway, and available spots are filling up fast. **Camp is June 12-16** from 9 am-4 pm. Register online at www.springhillcamps.com.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Cadet Pancake Breakfast fundraiser!**

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 today from 10-11 am. 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!

If you sit in **Section 2A/2B** (Center Section) at the 10:30 am service, you are invited to a Coffee and Cookie Reception in the Garden Room today 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!

The **Single Mothers Support Group (SHE)** is honored to have Carrington Cunnington as our featured speaker on March 19. Her topic is "What You Need to Know About Raising Kids in a Digital Age." She is a mother of triplets, and founder of Parent Coaching Institute. Her website is www.carringtoncunnington.com. Come and enjoy a luncheon with your children at 12:15 pm. Child care is provided for infants-age 12 after lunch, from 1:15-2:30 pm. For more information contact janeloe@aol.com.

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

Female ECRC Member is looking to rent a room in a non-smoking Elmhurst area home starting April 1. Needs a bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen access, hypoallergenic dogs are okay. Please contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org for more information.

Please help us to create a warm and friendly community here at ECRC by joining the **Hospitality Team!** We are in need of Greeters and Ushers at the 9 am service. Interested in serving? Contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

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@elmhurstcr.org if you are interested. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY – COMING MARCH 12

On March 12, the entire congregation will receive a link to an important congregational survey. This survey should take less than 10 minutes and is completely confidential. Its purpose? To help the newly-formed Ten Talents Team gain insight into our congregation's current thinking as it relates to *"living generously"* in all areas of our lives. The survey does not signal the start of a capital campaign, budget exercise or recruitment effort. Rather, the survey results will provide a "snapshot" of our current mindset and actions in sharing our time, talent and treasures and together find our collective starting point. In the end, The Ten Talents Team hopes to put our new learning into ACTION. We are sincerely excited to see where God might lead us in our ministries, programs and education. **Watch for it – coming March 12!**

COMMUNITY

The **Timothy Christian School's Clothing and Toy/Equipment Resale** is taking place on March 11 from 8 am-noon. Items will be half price from 11 am-noon. Details can be found at www.timothychristian.com/resale.

The **Timothy Christian High School Concert Chorale, Jazz Band, and String Ensemble** will be performing in a **combined concert with Men of A Chord** on March 11 at 7 pm. The concert is in the high school auditorium, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to the music department boosters.

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.

Celebrate how students are thriving at **Chicago West Side Christian School's Annual Scholarship Benefit** on March 16 from 6 – 9 pm. The event will be held at the school (1240 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago). Experience inspiring stories, CWSCS' outstanding choir, and wonderful fellowship as you learn how you can help CWSCS students thrive! RSVP at www.cwscs.org or call 773-542-0663.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 2-26-17

9:00 am Blended Worship
9:00 am Children's Worship
10:00 am Coffee & Community
10:00 am Section 1A/1B Reception
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
11:30 am Section 2A/2B Reception
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
7:00 pm The Edge

Wednesday, 3-01-17 (continued)

6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:15 pm Little Lambs
6:15 pm Cadets/Pathfinders
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
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, 3-02-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity

Monday, 2-27-17

7:00 pm New Member Elders Mtg.

Tuesday, 2-28-17

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.

7:00 pm Cadet Council Meeting

Wednesday, 3-01-17

6:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship

8:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship

9:00 am Little Lambs

9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study

12:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

12:30 pm Little Lambs

12:30 pm Coffee Break

9:00 am Little Lambs

9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Men's Board Game Night

Friday, 3-03-17**Saturday, 3-04-17**

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 3-05-17

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

5:30 pm Maximum Velocity

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.

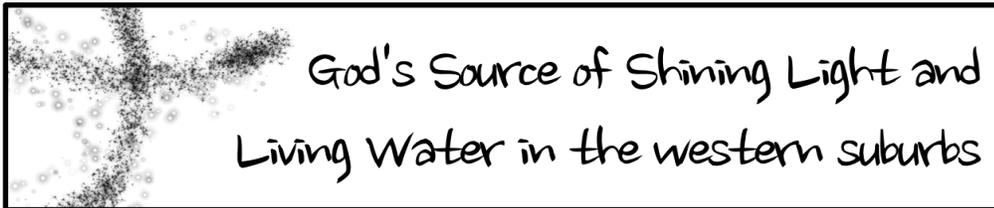
From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

More growing and serving opportunities online at elmhurstcrc.org

Pastors:

Rev. Peter Semeyn - Lead Pastor, Dir. of Outreach - 630.600.5029 peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org

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



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