

Blended Worship  
March 12, 2017 - 9:00 am

Prelude

Welcome

"O Praise the Lord For It Is Good"

O praise the Lord, for it is good to sing unto our God  
'Tis right and pleasant for God's saints to tell his praise abroad  
The Lord our God builds up the church, finds those who draw apart  
God binds their wounds and gently leads; he heals the broken heart

Our Lord is great: he calls by name and counts the stars of night  
God's wisdom is unsearchable, and wondrous is his might  
The Lord upholds the poor and meek but brings the wicked low  
Sing praise to God who sends the rain, whose care the cattle know

No human might, no earthly pride delights the Lord above  
In those who fear him God delights, in those who trust his love  
O Zion, praise the Lord your God, his wondrous love confess  
God is your glory and your strength, he will your children bless

"By Grace We Have Been Saved"

By grace we have been saved through faith and not by keeping law  
God's saints believed by what they heard and not by what they saw

Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus  
Oh, how I love Jesus, because he first loved me

God gave to earth a perfect love through Jesus on the cross  
While we were foes, Christ died for us. We gained by God's own loss

Set free, we now have peace with God. Salvation is secured  
How beautiful the feet of those who share the gospel word

Responsive Reading from Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive

to my cry for mercy.

All: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,

All: so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,

All: and in his word I put my hope.

Leader: I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,

All: more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

All: for with the Lord is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins.

“Like a River Glorious”

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace

Over all victorious in its bright increase

Perfect, yet still flowing fuller every day

Perfect, yet still growing deeper all the way

Trusting in the father, hearts are fully blest

Finding as he promised perfect peace and rest

Hidden in the hollow of his mighty hand

Never no harm can follow, in his strength we stand

We may trust him fully all for us to do

Those who trust him wholly find him wholly true

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Choir Anthem: “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”

Prayer - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship

Offertory: “Marvelous Grace”

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord

Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt

Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured

There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide

What can avail to wash it away

Look! There is flowing a crimson tide

Whiter than snow may you be today

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace  
Freely bestowed on all who believe  
You that are longing to see his face  
Will you this moment his grace receive

Message: "Why Do I Need Faith?" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor  
Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-5;13-17

Prayer of Response

The Lord's Supper

"Taste and See"

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord

"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"

"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim  
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name  
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do  
Yet you adopt us, saying, "child, it's Christ who makes you new"

We're clothed in Christ and we belong; now no one waits outside  
In him we find our common song; old ways no more divide  
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"  
He died for us, new life to give and new identify

Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy  
May we, your people, turn instead to lives of love and joy  
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere  
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share

Announcements

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff; Song Leaders - Don Slager, Rachel Slager;  
Organist - Jake Groenewold; Pianist - Gregg DeMey

## Contemporary Worship

March 12, 2017 - 10:30 am

Prelude: "Holy Spirit"

Welcome

"Grace on Top of Grace"

Lord how you've loved me I don't deserve grace on top of grace  
More than I've asked for, more than I'm worth, grace on top of grace

How sweet the sound once lost now found  
Heaven came down and grace rescued me

Hallelujah I am free from my sin and penalty  
At the cross you took my place with your grace on top of grace

How sweet the sound once lost now found  
Heaven came down and grace rescued me

With Your grace on top of grace (3X)

“Soul on Fire”

God I'm running for your heart, I'm running for your heart  
'Til I am a soul on fire  
Lord I'm longing for your ways, I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire

Lord restore the joy I had, I have wandered, bring me back  
In this darkness lead me through until all I see is you

Lord, let me burn for you again, let me return to you again  
And Lord let me burn for you again, and let me return to you again

Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: Is everyone saved through Jesus Christ just as everyone  
became lost through the sin of Eve and Adam?

All: No. Only those are saved by true faith who are grafted into Christ  
and accept all his blessings

Leader: And what is true faith?

All: True faith begins with the knowledge and conviction that everything  
God reveals in his Word is true

Leader: True faith grows into a deep-rooted assurance

All: An assurance created in me by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel

Leader: That by the grace of Jesus Christ, not only others, but I too

All: Have had my sins forgiven

Leader: That I've been given freedom and salvation

All: And that I too have been made forever right with God

Leader: Amen

All: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in Christ Jesus

“Jesus Paid It All”

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all”

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I whereby thy grace to claim  
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Prayer - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship

Offertory: "Give Me Jesus"

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Message: "Why Do I Need Faith?" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor  
Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-5; 13-17

Prayer of Response

The Lord's Supper

"We Are People On a Journey"

We are people on a journey following where the Master walks  
We are people on a journey in the shadow of the cross  
What compels, the face of Jesus; who protects, our faithful guide  
He who treats the road of service, Christ the Lord the crucified

We are people on a journey taking up the cross of Christ  
We are people on a journey moving on from death to life  
We release the sin that tangled, we relinquish all acclaim  
We receive the suffering Savior, he our glory wealth and fame

We are people on a journey to the table of the Lord  
We are people on a journey fed by water and the Word  
We remember, we remember, how you washed disciples' feet  
We remember on the last night gifts of wine and bread to eat

"I Will Follow"

When the sea is calm and all is right, when I feel your favor flood my life  
Even in the good, I'll follow you (2X)

When the boat is tossed upon the waves, when I wonder if you'll keep me safe  
Even in the storms, I'll follow you (2X)

I believe everything that you say you are  
I believe that I have seen your unchanging heart  
In the good things and in the hardest part  
I believe and I will follow you (2X)

When I see the wicked prospering, when I feel I have no voice to sing  
Even in the want, I'll follow you (2X)

When I find myself so far from home,

And you lead me somewhere I don't wanna go  
Even in my death, I'll follow you (2X)

When I come to end this race I've run,  
And I receive the prize that Christ has won  
I will be with you in Paradise (2X)

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Worship Team - Angela Buikema, Gregg DeMey, Tim Lundeen,  
Kyle Olson, Glenn Vanderveld

## THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Why do I need faith? In Genesis 12, Abraham was told by God to "Go!" with no specific plans or directions. There was much uncertainty, but Abraham still went. We are called to be people of faith, not certainty. We are called to "Go!" and "Do!" often without an endgame in mind or all the details in place. All of life is uncertain and requires faith. You can read Genesis 12:1-4, and Romans 4:1-5 and 5:13-17 to prepare for this worship service.

## NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Why do I need to follow Jesus? Following Jesus is demanding. It is difficult for us to understand God's purposes and plans. We deal with uncertainty, barriers, trials and difficulties. We wonder what God is up to and whether this is what we are supposed to be doing. We question whether God knows what he is doing. We are called to be Christ-followers, wherever that may lead us, and however unclear our destination may be. It is the only way we can continue to mature in our faith. You can read Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11 to prepare for this worship service. We'll enjoy the music of the Hope College Choir at both of worship services as well.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for Rev's Ministry Celebration, taking place on May 16 at 5:30 pm. More details to come.

The SLT, which has the responsibility for leading the search for a new Lead Pastor, has chosen the following people to serve on the Search Team: David Zielstra, Search Chair, SLT Chair; Ken Vos, SLT Member and Chair of Personnel Team; Rick Bulthuis, Elder Representative; Dawn Feenstra, At Large Member; Lisa Zylstra, At Large Member; Mac Wiener, At Large Member; Rob Petroelje, At Large Member.

Special Needs Coordinator Part-Time Job Opportunity: The Special Needs Coordinator will develop and lead the special needs ministry of our church with the goal of inclusion and discipleship. They will work to provide a nurturing and loving environment for

children with special needs and their families; a place where the love of Jesus is felt and relationships are built. The coordinator will seek to provide for the health and safety of all children as well as establish the trust of the parents. For more information go to [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org).

Dirty Jobs: Have a job you need done around the house? Yard work, painting, cleaning, or that pile of dirt moved from here to over there? Let the youth group do the work for you as you support them by donation as they head to Colorado Challenge this summer for a time of worship, fellowship, and renewal. Sign up at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events) or email [studentministries@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:studentministries@elmhurstcrc.org) and get your dirty job done today!

ECRC and guests, as the season changes and you prepare for spring, please consider donating gently used children's clothes to the Single Mothers Support Group. We are looking for spring and summer clothes of infants- size 16 teens. Please place the labeled bags according to size by the Living Tree in the lower level of the church. They will be distributed on April 9. Thank you for your generosity!

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](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events) or find a form at the Information Center. Contact Ashley Slinkman [ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org) if you have any questions.

Discover the artist within you on March 14 when an Art Teacher from Ontario, Canada will host a special PrimeTime event. Participants will be guided step by step in producing your very own artistic creation. Sign up for either the 1 pm or 7 pm session, each limited to 25 people. A \$30 contribution will cover the artist's fee as well as all materials. The event will take place here at ECRC. To sign up or for more information contact Bert or Celia DeJong at [dejong66@comcast.net](mailto:dejong66@comcast.net) or call (630)530-2924. Reservations cannot be guaranteed until we receive payment. Sign up today!

On March 19, at 9:30 am, Chaplain Arthur Killingsworth from Good News Jail and Prison Ministry will talk to us about ministry and visiting prisons in Cook County. If you attend our 9:00 service, please know that you are welcome to come as soon as you're able. Many of us are thinking about 'a little more' after our "Jazz Gospel Messiah" experience. You are all invited to hear more about this vital ministry that exists right in our backyard. So many of these men and women need to know that they are cared for. Perhaps this is for you!

The Hope College Chapel Choir, comprised of students from a wide-variety of academic disciplines, is dedicated to the performances of the finest choral literature. Brad Richmond conducts this 40-voice ensemble. Join us for an evening of beautiful music on March 19 at 6 pm. This free event is open to all.

The Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) is honored to have Carrington Cunningham 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](http://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](mailto:janeloe@aol.com).

All men are invited to join us on March 23 from 7-9 pm for an evening of board games and fun time together. Feel free to bring your favorite game along with a snack to share. Event will be held upstairs at the church. Contact Mark Van Zelt at [mvanzeelt2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mvanzeelt2004@yahoo.com) for more information.

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.

Sign up for our 2017 Congregational Directory photography sessions! We need your help to make our 2017 Congregational Directory complete. We will be providing opportunities for individuals and families to have their photos taken on April 24, 25, 28, May 1, 2, 4, and 5, from 2-9 pm, and on April 29 and May 6 from 10 am-4 pm here at ECRC. You will be able to sign up for your

appointment time in person each Sunday between 8:30am and 12 noon from March 12 to April 23. During the week and on Saturdays you may sign up electronically at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events)

## SERVE

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](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org) if you are interested. Thank you!

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](mailto: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](mailto:lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org).

## COMMUNITY

Join the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra today at 3 pm for "We've Got Rhythm", an afternoon of high energy music in a program of animated Latin melodies that will please all ages. Members of the Elmhurst Dance Theatre of the DuPage Dance Academy will bring George Gershwin's "Cuban Overture" to life. Prior to the family-friendly concert (1:45-2:45 pm), an instrument "petting zoo" will provide children with a hands-on opportunity to try the different instruments. There will be other activities for children as well. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.elmhurstsymphony.org](http://www.elmhurstsymphony.org).

You're invited to join Partners Worldwide on March 23 at 7 pm for a screening of the award-winning documentary, "Poverty, Inc." at the Faith Christian Reformed Church in Elmhurst. "Poverty Inc." explores the hidden side of doing good. Are our well-intentioned efforts catalyzing development, or propagating a poverty system with no out? Free childcare is provided. More info at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

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](http://www.cwscs.org) or call 773-542-0663.

## SURVEY

### ELMHURST CRC's Congregational Online Stewardship Survey

Please join us in completing the online ECRC Stewardship Survey. The information gained from the survey will help our church continue to grow its members to view all the resources with which God blesses us—our finances, our time & our abilities—in a way that honors Him and grows His Kingdom. Additionally, many survey participants have found this experience to be of great personal value. It's a time to reflect on the spiritual relationship between the gifts God has provided and our management of those resources. Go online to [elmhurstcrc.org/survey](http://elmhurstcrc.org/survey) and click on the survey link to begin.

#### How long will the survey take to complete?

Please set aside approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey. The survey cannot be saved and re-opened; however, if you are interrupted while completing the survey, it will not time out so you will be able to return and complete it.

#### Who should take the survey?

We are asking all congregants 18 years and older to take the survey. That may mean there are one, two or even three or more persons taking the survey in a household.

## Is my survey data confidential?

Yes. No one from church sees the survey responses. All information is confidential and will be released to the church from the professional data processing center in an aggregated form only.

## Why should I share such personal information?

### Isn't this information just between me and God?

The information you share remains between you and God; your responses are not linked to your name. Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure and creation is a spiritual issue. As a body of believers, our priority is the spiritual health of our members. Stewardship affects every aspect of our lives. The church is the place to encourage and help equip Christians in their daily walk. Each person's participation will help provide an accurate profile of the attitudes and practices of our congregation as it relates to stewardship. This survey will not only provide a factual profile of our members as a whole, but will help our church better focus on the strengths and challenges that the survey provides.

## Other Questions?

We hope this information will encourage you now to complete the online survey. If you have other questions that you feel need answering in order to participate in the survey, contact the Ten Talents Team representative, Kathy Jelinek at [kjelinek@att.net](mailto:kjelinek@att.net).

**Thank you** in advance for your valuable input. ~ The Ten Talents Team in conjunction with the Barnabas Foundation 

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 3-12-17

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  
3:00 pm ESO Family Concert  
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity  
7:00 pm The Edge

Monday, 3-13-17

Tuesday, 3-14-17

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, 3-15-17

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 pm SLT  
7:00 pm CEP Meeting  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, 3-15-17 (continued)

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

Thursday, 3-16-17

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

Friday, 3-17-17

Saturday, 3-18-17  
8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 3-19-17

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
9:00 am Food Pantry Collection  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:00 am CEP Meeting  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
12:15 pm SHE  
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity  
6:00 pm Hope College Concert  
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](http://elmhurstcrc.org)

### **Pastors:**

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Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 [gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)