

Worship

March 19, 2017 - 9:00 & 10:30 am

Prelude: "Ballade" - A. Perilhou

Welcome

"O Worship the King"

**O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing his power and his love
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilion in splendor and girded with praise**

**O tell of his might; O sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes the air, it shines in the light
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plains
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail
In thee do we trust, nor find you to fail
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend**

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

"Veni Sanctus Spiritus" - Hope College Chapel Choir

Sacrament of Baptism

"Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Lord Have Mercy"

"Pater Noster (Our Father)" - Heinrich Schutz

Message: "Why Do I Need To Be a Follower?" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor
Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11

Announcements

Offertory: "The Last Words of David"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Be Thou My Vision"

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Thanks to the Hope College Chapel Choir!
Dr. Brad Richmond, Director

Musicians - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Ashton Byrum,
Gina Byrum, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Why Do I Need Corrected Vision? Our vision is distorted by self-interest and personal desires. Human perspective is vastly limited compared to God's perspective. We make judgments on an entirely different criteria. Jesus opens the eyes of the blind and allows us to begin to see with his eyes. New vision leads us to our live our lives in a completely new direction. You can read I Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-41 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** as **Zac Andrew Diepstra**, son of Amy & Nathan Diepstra (9:00 am); **Emmett Ying Chan**, son of Micki & Tony Chan (10:30 am); and **Weston Paul Vanderveld**, son of Katie & Peter Vanderveld (10:30 am), are baptized.

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

We ask you to join us in completing the **online congregational survey**. The survey is designed to gain insight into our congregations' current thinking as it relates to "living generously" in all areas of our lives. Please allow 10-plus minutes to complete your survey. All responses are confidential and not tracked to individual responders. 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. **Go online today at elmhurstcrc.org/survey**. You'll also be able to take the survey in the lobby after each service this week. Thank you for your participation!

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for **Rev's Ministry Celebration, taking place on Tuesday, 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.

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 or email studentministries@elmhurstcrc.org and get your dirty job done today!

SpringHill Host Homes: We have 340 children registered for SpringHill day camp this summer. With this increased number of campers we are receiving **20 more counselors**. That means we have 60+ counselors that we need to house for the week of June 12-16. If you are able or interested in hosting a couple of wonderful college age students please contact Kara Hackert (kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org). You provide them with breakfast and three dinners. They are at church from 7:45 am-5:15 pm. We serve them lunch and they go out together as a staff a couple of nights. It is a fun and meaningful way to support this great ministry. Thank you!

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!

Today 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 a.m. 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. Did you know that some inmates in Illinois don't have salt and pepper for their food because of the Illinois money crisis? So many of these men and women need to know that they are cared for. Perhaps this is for you!

The **Single Mothers Support Group (SHE)** is honored to have Carrington Cunningham as our featured speaker today. 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.

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 **tonight at 6 pm at ECRC**. This free event is open to all.

Attention parents of college students: We will collect donations for the **spring exam boxes until April 16** and will be packing the boxes on April 19 at 6 pm. Volunteers to help packing would be welcomed. If you didn't sign your child up for a box in the fall, the binder will be available at the information desk for you to do so. Please be sure to include their full mailing address. Questions? Contact Kathy Feringa at 630-728-3368 or kathy.feringa@alloyacorp.org.

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, 5, and 30 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**. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo from your session.

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.

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 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 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.

COMMUNITY

Timothy Christian High School has an opening for the **boys varsity basketball coaching position**. If interested, please contact Athletic Director, Jack LeGrand (legrand@timothychristian.com) to obtain an application. Applications are due by March 24, 2017.

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.

Timothy Christian Open House - You are invited to the final open house of the year **on April 11 at 7 pm**. All families with children entering PreK-12th grade are invited to visit the school, meet the staff, and get your questions answered. Spots are filling up fast! Please contact Dan Quist, Director of Admissions at 630-782-4043 with any questions.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join them at their Spring Banquet, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness: 40 Years of God's Faithfulness at Roseland Christian Ministries" on April 20. For more information or to make reservations to attend, please contact Kisha Pleasant at 773-264-5665.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
12:15 pm SHE
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
6:00 pm Hope College Concert
6:00 pm Small Groups
7:00 pm The Edge

Monday, 3-20-17

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, 3-21-17

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

Wednesday, 3-22-17

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

Wednesday, 3-22-17 (continued)

6:15 pm Little Lambs
6:15 pm GEMS
6:30 pm Student Ministries Planning Mtg.
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, 3-23-17

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, 3-24-17

Saturday, 3-25-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 3-26-17

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
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
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



Complete announcements are at [elmhurstcrc.org/This Week](http://elmhurstcrc.org/ThisWeek) or scan the QR code below.