

## Worship

March 5, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended

Prelude: "Medley On the Cross" - arr. Patricia Sanders  
"It Is Well With My Soul" - arr. M.L. Thompson

Choral Introit: "Since By Man Came By Death"

Welcome

"Jesus Set His Face"

**Jesus set his face. Jesus set his face like flint  
Jesus set his face up to Jerusalem, up to Jerusalem**

**Coming down from heaven above, coming down to earth from glory  
Coming down from heaven above, coming down to grief and worry**

**Walking down the lonely path, footsteps fall with premonition  
Walking down the lonely path, full of purpose, hope and vision**

**Rising up to Calvary's hill, up the mount of shame and glory  
Rising up Golgotha hill, up to claim the final victory**

"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 treads 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 tangles. 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 wash disciples' feet  
We remember on the last night gifts of wine and bread to eat**

Prayer for a New Season - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

**"My Song of Love Unknown"**

**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be  
Oh, who am I that for my sake, oh, whom am I that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die**

**He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow  
But they refused, and none the longed-for Christ would know  
This is my friend, my friend indeed, this is my friend, my friend indeed  
Who at my need, his life did spend**

**With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away  
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay  
Yet willingly, he bears the shame, yet willingly, he bears the shame  
That through his name all might be free**

**Here might I stay and sing of him my soul adores  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like yours  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise, this is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days would gladly spend**

Greetings

Installation of Elders and Deacons

**"Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"**

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**Throughout these Lenten days and nights we turn to walk the inward way  
Where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope till Easter day**

**And though the road is hard and steep, the Spirit ever calls us on  
Through Calvary's dying, dark and deep, until we see the coming down**

**So let us choose the path of one who wore, for us, the crown of thorn  
And slept in death, that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn**

**Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing and shout hosannas! Raise the strain  
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings, on Easter day will live again**

Message: "Why Do I Need Forgiveness?" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor  
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19

Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory: "There Is a Redeemer" - arr. Lloyd Larson  
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Pass Me Not"

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior; hear my humble cry  
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by**

**Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry  
While on others thou are calling, do not pass me by**

**Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief  
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief**

**Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace**

**Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me  
Whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee**

Sending and Blessing

Postlude: "Lamb of God" - arr. Peggy Bettcher

Bells Director - Mary Reitsma, Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff  
Song Leaders - Kathy Feringa, Gregg DeMey  
Organist - Mary Reitsma, Pianist - Dina Zeilstra

## **Contemporary Worship**

**March 5, 2017 - 10:30 am**

Prelude: "Sons and Daughters"

Welcome

"Precious Lord"

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Take my hand, lead me home. Lead me home**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near  
When my life, when my life, almost gone  
Take my hand, lead me home. Lead me home**

**When the darkness appears and the night grows long  
And the day is past, past and gone  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, precious Lord, lead me home**

**Clap those hands a little bit louder (3X)  
Oh see what the Lord has done (3X)**

"Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"

**Come ye sinners poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power**

**Come ye thirsty, come and welcome God's free bounty glorify**

**True belief and true repentance, and every grace that brings you nigh**

**I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms**

Prayer for a New Season - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

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Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory: “Ever Be”  
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“Free In You”

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - David Hendricks, James Vlcek, Kyle Olson,  
Bethany Taylor, Tylyn Taylor, Gregg DeMey

## **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.

Today we install the following newly elected elders and deacons 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).

## **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](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

The **church office will be closed on Monday, March 6**, while the staff attends an off-site retreat.

**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.

**Special Needs Coordinator 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.

Everyone is invited to join in the **March 7 Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meeting**, from 9-11 am in the Garden Room. We are hosting our 3rd annual **wellness meeting** and we would love to have more people (not just MOPS members) come and join in the fun. We will do a 10-minute light yoga session to start the day, so dress in comfy clothes. Then we will spend the rest of the morning meeting new friends, catching up with old ones, and learning about all types of wellness products and ways to keep our bodies and minds stress free and vibrant. The event is free and we hope to see you there!

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).

**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.

Save the date 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 beginning on March 12 before and after each worship service.

## 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](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).

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](mailto:Bob.Boomsma@trnty.edu)) or Rachel Rieger ([rboere52@yahoo.com](mailto:rboere52@yahoo.com)) with any questions or interest in this ministry.

## 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](http://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](http://roselandyouthpartnership.yapsody.com). Questions? Please contact Kelly Wilbraham at [kwilbraham@me.com](mailto:kwilbraham@me.com).

Join the **Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra** on **March 12 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.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### 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  
 6:00 pm Small Groups  
 7:00 pm The Edge

### Monday, 3-06-17

\*\*\*Church Office Closed for Retreat\*\*\*

### Tuesday, 3-07-17

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, 3-08-17

9:00 am Little Lambs  
 9:00 am Coffee Break Bible Study  
 12:30 pm Little Lambs  
 12:30 pm Coffee Break

### Wednesday, 3-08-17 (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, 3-09-17

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 Deaconess Meeting

### Friday, 3-10-17

### Saturday, 3-11-17

8:30 am Prayer Group  
 4:00 pm LEAP Family Party  
 7:00 pm ESO Concert

### 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

6:00 pm Prayer Time  
6:15 pm Little Lambs  
6:15 pm GEMS  
6:30 pm Student Ministries Planning Mtg.

10:30 am Children's Worship  
3:00 pm ESO Family Concert  
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](http://elmhurstcrc.org)

#### **Pastors:**

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