

Easter Worship

April 16, 2017 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Prelude: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" - arr. D. Wagner

"Fantasia for Easter Morning" - arr. Courtney and Whitworth

"Christ Is Alive! All Christians Sing" - arr. Linker and McFadden

"He Is Not Here"

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Lo In the Grave"

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Responsive Reading - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

"He Is Lord"

Greetings

Prayer

"Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)"

Message: "Don't Keep This To Yourself" - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "Chain Breaker"

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Were You There"

"New Doxology"

Announcements

Musicians - Doug Bardolph, Angela Buikema, Gregg DeMey,
Jake Groenewold, Tim Lundeen, Kyle Olson, Mary Reitsma, Dan Vlcek

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Good news cannot be contained. Engagements, successful treatments, newborn babies, new jobs and successful competitions are all celebrated. The resurrection of Jesus benefits us personally, but it is not meant to be kept personal. Faith in Jesus is not a private matter. We are not encouraged to share. We are commanded to share (Acts 10:42). The women who first discovered the empty tomb were told to go and share the good news. How can we help but share it?

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Rev's final thoughts about... "DISCIPLESHIP" The call of Jesus, "follow me" sounds innocent enough. We want to follow Jesus...to a point. The call is demanding. It ultimately requires that we surrender everything to God's leading. Following Jesus requires a complete transformation that is difficult, painful and counter-cultural. Being a disciple of Jesus requires us to be "all in". It is a lifelong journey. You can read John 1:17-18; Romans 12:1-3 to prepare for this worship service. We'll welcome the ELIM Christian Services worship team to both of our 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

Rev's Ministry Celebration: Rev is retiring from full-time ministry after 43 years. Please join us for Rev's Ministry Celebration **on Tuesday, May 16 at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church.** A reception will start at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00 pm, and a Broken Halos concert and tribute at 7:30 pm. Please RSVP your attendance by May 5 at elmhurstcrc.org/RevsCelebration or call the church office at 630-600-5100. Rev's Last Worship Service as Lead Pastor will be Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

Rev Memories: We encourage you to share your memories and thoughts of Rev with photos, videos and messages/letters. Please email memories to celebration@elmhurstcrc.org or mail printed copies of photos and letters/cards to Rev's Ministry Celebration--Memories, 149 West Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

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!

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.

If you sit in **Section 1 (section by the Choir Loft) at the 10:30 am service** you are invited to a **Coffee and Cookie Reception** in the Garden Room on April 23 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!

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. Sign up online at elmhurstcrc.org/events. You will also 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. Each family photographed will receive a free 8x10 photo from your session.

World Vision Global 6K for Water: 6K is the average distance people in the developing world walk for their daily water. Walk, run, or push a stroller with us in the World Vision Global 6K for water, taking place at Christ Church of Oak Brook at 9 am on May 6. Our 1st-5th grade children's worship children have been sponsoring Harriet in Uganda for the past three years with our offerings. We have been able to provide Harriet with food and education and her village with a latrine and a hand-washing station. Now we would like to take the next step by joining others around the globe in walking to raise money for clean water in other villages. We want to walk so that children can have the clean water they need to be healthy. Your registration fee (\$50 for adults, \$25 for children age 15 and under) provides lasting water to a child in Africa and on race day you will walk/run with that child's picture on your race bib! You will also be mailed a global 6K t shirt to wear the day of the event. Register today at elmhurstcrc.org/events..

Save the date: The **youth group is having a trivia night** on May 24. It's going to be an awesome night of great fun that you are not going to want to miss!

MISSIONS

2017 ECRC Work Team for Honduras: Have you ever wanted to go on a mission work team? Right now, we are putting together a team of women and men to work at the Youth for Christ camp in Honduras. Needed skills include a willingness to serve, willingness to work, some heavy construction, painting, electrical work, and odds & ends of building a camp. There will also be a chance to help with a kids day camp, Bible lessons, crafts, and outdoor things such as a zip-line, climbing wall, disc golf and other areas to assist the local YFC staff. Housing will be at a local hotel with great food and a one day tour of the Mayan ruins of Copan. Dates are August 19-26. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about participating in this trip, please contact Dan Barak at 630-530-4791 for further details.

SERVE

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!

Want to be a part of camp this summer? Check out the summer camps table in the lobby to find out fun and meaningful ways you can volunteer to help with our preschool VBS (June 6-8) and SpringHill day camp (June 12-16).

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!

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

Humboldt Community Christian School invites you to join them at their **Annual Fund-Raising Auction** to be held here at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church on April 21 at 7 pm. Our own Lead Pastor, Rev. Peter Semeyn, will serve as auctioneer. This event is open to all - no reservation needed. For more information, or to make a donation, call the school office at 773-279-6330.

For 19 years the **Association for a More Just Society (AJS)** has been praying, dreaming and working to bring hope to Honduras. Join AJS co-founder and president Carlos Hernandez and AJS co-founders, Kurt Ver Beek and Jo Ann Van Engen to hear them talk about the brave Honduras who are building hope and cultivating justice in their communities and throughout the nation. Come to the Celebration of Justice Dinner on April 29 at 6:30 pm here at ECRC. Please RSVP online at www.ajs-us.org/celebration or by calling 800-897-1135.

The **Men of A-Chord** is pleased to announce their annual "Night of Song" concert taking place on May 6 at 7 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Avenue, South Holland). The concert this year will include the Heritage Singing Men of Jenison, MI. Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise to our great God. A free will offering will be taken. For information please visit www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A- Chord.

The **JUSTICE Conference** is June 9 & 10 at Willow Creek. The theme for 2017 is "Love Thy Neighbor," challenging us to ask who our neighbors are and how to show love to all God's children. The line up includes Hillsong United, Trip Lee, Christena Cleveland, Ann Voskamp, Joel Houston, and many others. More information and registration at www.thejusticeconference.com. Register by May 5 with code: ELMHURST20 to get \$20 off the ticket price. There are a few volunteer positions still available as well. If you are interested, please contact Angela Buikema at angela@thejusticeconference.com for more information.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 4-16-17

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

Monday, 4-17-17

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, 4-18-17

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

Wednesday, 4-19-17

Wednesday, 4-19-17 (cont.)

7:00 pm Coffee Break
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
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Thursday, 4-20-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break

Friday, 4-21 Friday Service

Saturday, 4-22-17

8:30 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Senior Spring Lunch
4:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break
12:30 pm Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break
5:30 pm CEP Income Verification Mtg.
6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:15 pm Little Lambs
6:15 pm Cadets
6:15 pm Pathfinders
6:30 pm Monthly SLT Meeting
6:00 pm CEP Registration

Sunday, 4-23-17

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
11:30 am Section 1 Reception
5:30 pm CEP Income Verification Mtg.
6:00 pm CEP Registration

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.

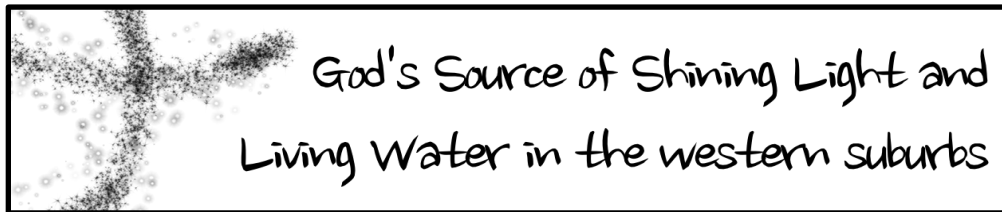
From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

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



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