

**Blended Worship**  
April 2, 2017 - 9:00 am

Prelude

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"I Stand Amazed"

**I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner condemned unclean**

**How marvelous, how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me**

**He took my sins and my sorrows; he made them his very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary and suffered and died alone**

**When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me**

"Across the Lands"

**You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice**

**You're the author of creation, you're the Lord of everyone  
And your cry of love rings out across the lands**

**Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross  
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea  
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free**

**With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way  
Now you stand before the Father, interceding for your own  
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home**

Prayer of Confession - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Choral Anthem: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Words of Assurance

"To My Precious Lord"

**To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil  
Kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil**

**Jesus, who for my sake walked the road to Calvary  
With each step has marked the imprint of his love for me**

**Jesus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross  
With his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heavy cost**

**When in clouds of glory you come back to earth again  
Jesus, with your love, embrace and claim me as your friend**

Greetings

"Dwell In Me O Blessed Spirit"

**Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit! How I need your help divine  
In the way of life eternal, keep, O keep this heart of mine**

**Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit, gracious Teacher, Friend divine  
For the kingdom work that calls me, O prepare this heart of mine**

**Grant to me your sacred presence; then my faith will never decline  
Comfort me and help me onward; fill with love this heart of mine**

Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

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and the coming-to-life of the new.**

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**All: It is to be genuinely sorry for sin,  
to hate it more and more,  
and to run away from it.**

Leader: What is the coming-to-life of the new self?

**All: It is wholehearted joy in God through Christ  
and a delight to do every kind of good that God wants us to.**

Leader: What do we do that is good?

**All: Good is that which arises out of true faith,  
conforms to God's law  
and is done for his glory**

Prayer

**"Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart"  
Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart  
Wean it from sin, through all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are  
And make me love you as I ought to love**

**Teach me to feel that you are always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sign  
Teach me the patience of unceasing prayer**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love  
One holy passion filling all my frame  
The fullness of the heaven-descended Dove  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame**

Message: "Why Do I Need A New Life?" - Gregg DeMey, Dir. of Worship  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:11

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "Change My Heart, O God" - arr. T. Doran  
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Just As I Am"

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou biddest me come to thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**

Sending and Blessing

Postlude: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - arr. P. Dickens

Organist - Mary Reitsma, Pianist - Dina Zeilstra, Violinist - Jakob Reitsma  
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff, Song Leader - Rachel Rieger

# Contemporary Worship

April 2, 2017 - 10:30 am

Prelude

Welcome - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

"Your Grace Is Enough"

**Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead me by still waters into mercy  
Where nothing can keep us apart  
So remember your people, remember your children  
Remember your promise O God**

**For your grace is enough, your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me**

**Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of heaven's victory  
And all your people sing along  
So remember your people, remember your children  
Remember your promise O God**

"Abide With Me"

**I have a home eternal home  
But for now I walk this broken world  
You walked it first, you know our pain  
But you show hope can rise again up from the grave**

**Abide with me, abide with me, don't let me fall and don't let go  
Walk with me and never leave, ever close God abide with me**

**There in the night Gethsemane  
Before the cross before the nails  
Overwhelmed alone you prayed  
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame**

**Oh love that will not ever let me go, love that will not ever let me go  
You never let me go, love that will not ever let me go**

**And up ahead eternity, we'll weep no more we'll sing for joy  
Abide with me**

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"All the People Said Amen"

**You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid you're not the only  
We are all the same, in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you've got to lean on but thank God it's all you need**

**And all the people said "amen", and all the people said "amen"  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends  
And all the people said "amen"**

**If you're rich or poor, well it doesn't matter  
Weak or strong, love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure at heart  
Blessed are the people longing for another start  
For this is the Kingdom, the kingdom of God**

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Slow Me Down"

**Slow me down, O Lord, slow me down  
Help my heart to hear your sound  
Speak into my life, Lord speak now  
Slow me down, O Lord, slow me down**

**Clear my mind, O Lord, clear my mind  
Bring me peace that I cannot find  
Take my worried thoughts, break my pride  
Clear my mind, O Lord, clear my mind**

**Wake my soul, O Lord, wake my soul  
With this mess I've made make me whole  
Of this life called mine, take control**

**Wake my soul, O Lord, wake my soul**

Prayer

“Holy Spirit”

**There’s nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing will compare, you’re our living hope, your presence  
I’ve tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, your presence, Lord**

**Holy Spirit, you are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord**

**Let us become more aware of your presence  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness  
(2X)**

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Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:11

Prayer of Response

Offertory: “Ever Be”

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“Free In You”

**You took these lies, replaced these scars  
With who I am, with who you are  
You bore the cross, you loosed the chains  
Made me your child, no longer a slave**

**I’m set free, Oh Lord (2X)  
I’m set free, I’m free in you**

**You led me out to draw me near  
Bound me to love and not to fear  
Through all the earth your freedom rings  
Released my soul and now I sing**

**You bind up the broken hearted  
And bring down the walls of darkness  
You have come to set the captives free  
(3X)**

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - David Hendricks, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson,  
Bethany Taylor, Tylyn Taylor, Matt Voss

## THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Why Do I Need a New Life? Complacency and apathy lead to spiritual death for Christ-followers. God is always creating life and bringing something new... On the one hand, this truth saves us! On the other hand, this truth causes us great discomfort. We tend to resist the Holy Spirit because we do not like to wander into the unknown. A reformed perspective is that we are "reformed and always reforming". God is always at work. We need new life breathed into our stagnant souls. This worship service will include a Gospel invitation to respond to Jesus' promise to "Make all things new!"

## NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Why Do I Need to Wave Palms? Expectations can be dangerous. When our expectations are not met, we get disappointed. If a movie wins an Academy Award and is highly recommended by friends, our expectations soar. The opportunity for disappointment is heightened. People expected a Messiah who would overthrow the Roman government and restore Israel to the glory days of King David. It was with that expectation the Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem on the last week of his life. As the week went on it was clear Jesus wouldn't be that kind of Messiah. People's disappointment led to his crucifixion. The crowd's expectations were too limited. He was a Messiah who would demonstrate that in order to live, you have to die; to receive, you had to give; to be exalted, you had to be humbled. You can read Psalm 118 and Matthew 21:1-11 to prepare for this Palm Sunday worship service.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Prayer Requests:** Please pray for healing and strength for Lois Arthur, Doris Baur, Henrietta Hall, Maria Ramos, Gloria Van Ry 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

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. One week left! Go online today at [elmhurstcrc.org/survey](http://elmhurstcrc.org/survey). 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.

Registration for **Little Lambs VBS '17 is full**. To join the waitlist contact Ashley Slinkman at [ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:ashley.slinkman@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!

**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 Jun 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](mailto: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!

**Youth Dinner in support of our students going to Colorado Challenge this summer** will take place on April 5 from 5:30-6:4 pm. No sign-up needed, but be sure to invite all your friends! Our menu will be roasted pig, pulled pork, fresh salad, baked beans, and mac and cheese. We will have gluten free options available and would love to have everyone come out to support our students heading to Colorado this summer!

**Mandatory Parent Meeting for Covenant Education Plan (CEP):** If you are interested in learning more about ECRC's Covenant Education Plan, which supports Christian education, or if you would like to participate in the CEP for 2017-18, please attend one of the mandatory meetings. One parent, but preferably both parents, should attend. Meetings will be held in the Upp Gathering Area immediately after both the first and second services on April 2 & 9, and at 7 pm on April 5. In addition, those who wish to use Cedarstone for income verification can come to the Java Stop from 6 to 7:30 pm on April 12, 19, or 23. If you have any questions please contact Mimi Stanton, Christian Education Committee Chair, at [mimistanton@comcast.net](mailto:mimistanton@comcast.net)

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!

**Single Mothers Support Group (SHE)** will meet next on April 9 from 12:15-2:30 pm. There will be a luncheon for mothers and their children at 12:15 pm, then free childcare is provided from 1:15-2:30 pm while the moms enjoy the speaker, Eve Senti, covering the topic "Is Your Life Out of Control?". A useful creative craft will be made, and single mothers can choose clothing for their children. Friends are welcome to attend, no registration is necessary. For more information visit [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org) or email [jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org).

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](mailto: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.

**PrimeTime Feeds the Hungry!** PrimeTime (a monthly gathering for people ages 55+) needs 25 volunteers to work at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. This program serves more than 71,000 people a week. Our volunteers will sort and pack food items for distribution to hungry families and individuals in our area. We will meet on April 12 at 8 am at Elmhurst CRC and drive to Geneva. After a three hour work shift we will enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. Cost for the day is your time and the price of your lunch. Register by contacting Bert or Celia DeJong at [dejong66@comcast.net](mailto:dejong66@comcast.net) or 630-530-2924.

**Sign up for our 2017 Congregational Directory photography sessions!** We need your help to make our 2017 Congregation 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](http://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.

## 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!

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 Schools is currently holding its seventh annual **Jog-a-thon fundraiser** to raise support for their families and students. If you have not received a form from a student and you would like to participate, please take one of the blank forms to the information center and return it to the Timothy Christian Schools Business Office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of Christian Education and TCS students.

**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.

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](http://www.ajs-us.org/celebration) or by calling 800-897-1135.

## ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 3/26/17)

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC

YTD anticipated contributions: \$605,000

YTD actual contributions: \$537,570

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 4-02-17

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:15 am CEP Meeting  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
11:45 am CEP Meeting  
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Maximum Velocity/The Edge  
6:00 pm Small Groups

### Monday, 4-03-17

### Tuesday, 4-04-17

### Wednesday, 4-05-17 (cont.)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group  
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity  
7:00 pm CEP Parent Meeting  
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group  
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

### Thursday, 4-06-17

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

### Friday, 4-07-17

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.

**Wednesday, 4-05-17**

9:00 am Little Lambs  
9:00 am Coffee Break  
12:30 pm Little Lambs  
12:30 pm Coffee Break  
5:00 pm Youth Fundraising Dinner  
6:00 pm Prayer Time  
6:15 pm Little Lambs  
6:15 pm Pathfinders/Cadets  
7:00 pm Coffee Break

**Saturday, 4-08-17**

8:30 am Prayer Group

**Sunday, 4-09-17**

9:00 am Blended Worship  
9:00 am Children's Worship  
10:00 am Coffee & Community  
10:15 am CEP Meeting  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
10:30 am Children's Worship  
11:45 am CEP Meeting  
12:30 pm SHE Meeting  
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](http://elmhurstcrc.org)

**Pastors:**

Rev. Peter Semeyn - Lead Pastor, Dir. of Outreach - 630.600.5029 [peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:peter.semeyn@elmhurstcrc.org)

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



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