

Worship

April 23, 2017 - 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Prelude

Welcome

“Jesus Messiah”

**He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

**His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing**

**All our hope is in you (2X)
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world**

“Hosanna”

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you; we long for you
‘Cause when we see you , we find strength to face the day
In your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away**

**Hosanna, hosanna, you are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, hosanna, come have your way among us
We welcome you here, Lord Jesus**

**Hear the sound of hearts returning to you
In your Kingdom broken lives are made new, you make us new
‘Cause when we see you , we find strength to face the day**

In your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: How does the resurrection of the body comfort you?

All: First, because my soul will be taken immediately after this life to be with Christ. Second, because my very flesh will be raised by the power of Christ and made like his glorious body

Leader: How does the reality of this "life everlasting" comfort you?

All: Through faith, I already experience the beginning of eternal joy in my heart

Leader: And after this life, we will have an ever greater blessing

All: No eye has seen, nor ear has heard

Leader: No human heart has ever imagined

All: The happiness and blessedness that we will have in the presence of God

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea

Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be

I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee

"My Friends May You Grow In Grace"

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen (2X)

Greetings - Gregg DeMey, Director of Worship

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful

Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name"

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me

When the world's "all as it should be"; blessed be your name

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Message: "Discipleship" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor

John 1:17-18; Romans 12:1-3

Prayer of Response

Elim Christian Services Video - Bob Stine

Offertory

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise

Let them flow in endless praise

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee

Swift and beautiful for thee

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee

Filled with messages from thee

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold

Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose

Every power as thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine

Take my heart--it is thine own; it shall be my royal throne

It shall be my royal throne

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee

Ever, only, all for thee

Announcements

Sending & Blessing

Postlude

*Special thanks to our guest Worship Leaders from Elim Christian Services.
Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson
Organist - Ticks Groenboom, Pianist - Marcy Taming*

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Rev's Reflections about "THE CHURCH" - The church is made up of disciples...people who have committed their lives to following Jesus. Therefore, the church is an organism, not merely an organization. We are referred to as the "Body of Christ", which means that the church is Jesus to the world. The world doesn't have a very good opinion of the church. The church is viewed as judgmental, critical and bigoted. Like the people of Israel, we are blessed so that we can be a blessing to others. At ECRC, God has called us to be his source of shining light and living water. We need to get out of the way so Christ can be seen and known. You can read Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:1-6; and Romans 12:3-9 to prepare for this worship service.

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.

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 today 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!

Who and what are your Elders and Section Leaders? Elders and Section Leaders help to create community and care for our congregation. Here is our list of Elders and Section Leader by section and Worship Service. Please take 5 minutes to introduce yourself! **9 am Service: Section 1** (by choir loft) Elder Doug Evenhouse, Section Leader Don Slager; **Section 2** Elder Rick Bulthuis; **Section 4** (Upper Deck) Elder Greg Wolterstorff and Section Leaders Jack and Shari Le Grand. **10:30 am Service: Section 1**(by choir loft) Elder Dave Van Kampen and Bob Venhousen; Section Leaders Judy Venhousen, Chris Valdez, and Bastian Knoppers; **Section 2** Elders Dave DeHaan, John Selph, and John Swierenga, Section Leaders Karen Selph, Cassie Swierenga, and Mac and Karen Wiener. **Section 3** Elders Tom Day and Dan Van Drunen; Section Leaders Al Heerema, Lori Helmus, Ron Tazelaar, and Kyle and Sheri VanderBrug. **Section 4** Elders Richard Kuhr and Bill Terpstra, Section Leaders Micki and Tony Chan, and Kevin and Shelly Smith.

Handbell Choir is open to new members! If you have experience playing handbells or are interested in learning, please contact Mary Reitsma at mary.reitsma@lz95.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!

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, 30, and 31 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. **Receive \$10 off any adult registration (age 15 and up) until 11:59 pm on May 1 by using this code: forthekids.**

Single Mother Support Group (SHE) invites you to attend the **May 7 meeting** at 12:15 pm. Everyone will be so blessed by the life stories of single mothers who survived poverty, loss of a business, and losing. It is a meeting of sharing and caring for each other. We will also be informed about Poised For Success. We have free childcare during our sharing time from 1:10- 2:30 p.m. Do enjoy a delicious luncheon! This will be our last meeting until Sept. 17. Bring your friends! For further information contact jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

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!

PrimeTime will wrap up our ministry year with a June 7 **outing to Lake Geneva**. Included are luxury coach transportation; a one hour boat tour of Geneva Bay; a rotisserie chicken or rotisserie pork dinner with salad, dessert, and beverage; and a tour of Black Point Mansion (Fodor's Travel says it is "one of the best 10 mansion tours in the United States"!) Cost of the day \$80. Sign up in the church lobby or contact Bert or Celia DeJong at dejong66@comcast.net or 630-530-2924.

SERVE

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).

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!

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.

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.

Ready to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus? Why not help the poor and orphans of Mexico? **Join us on an adult serve project this fall, September 10-16.** We're building a large Christian orphanage and have plenty of jobs to match all skill levels. For more information or to sign up contact Dave Van Kampen (630-932-7034 or david.vankampen@att.net) or Greg Lanenga (glanenga@hotmail.com).

COMMUNITY

For 19 years the **Association for a More Just Society** (AJS) has been praying, dreaming and working to bring hope to Honduras. 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.

Women's Auxiliary representing Saratoga Grove and Providence Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center will be hosting their annual **Spring Luncheon** on May 16 at 12:30 pm at Faith CRC (1070 S. Prospect Avenue, Elmhurst). It will be a fun afternoon with vocal entertainer George Holmes, who is also a Minister and gospel singer. You are sure to be uplifted and inspired! The "Men's Table" will be available, and a free will offering will be taken. Please RSVP by May 5th to your "Key Lady" or Sharon Rozendal at 630-782-1998.

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. 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.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 4/16/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$735,200

YTD actual contributions: \$705,757

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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.
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
6:00 pm CEP Registration

Wednesday, 4-26-17 (cont.)

6:15 pm GEMS
6:30 pm Student Ministries Planning Mtg
7:00 pm Coffee Break End of Year Event
7:00 pm Little Lambs Program
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

Thursday, 4-27-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity

7:00 pm The Edge

Monday, 4-24-17

9:30 am Bells Rehearsal
2:00 pm Directory Photo Sessions
7:00 pm Little Lambs Program

Tuesday, 4-25-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
9:00 am Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break Leaders Mtg.
2:00 pm Directory Photo Sessions
2:15 pm GriefShare Leaders Mtg.
6:30 pm New Member Class
7:00 pm Little Lambs Program

Wednesday, 4-26-17

9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break Brunch
12:30 pm Little Lambs
6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:00 pm Christian Ed Comm Mtg

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Little Lambs
10:00 am Wintrust Program for Seniors

Friday, 4-28-17

2:00 pm Directory Photo Sessions

Saturday, 4-29-17

8:30 am Prayer Group
10:00 am Directory Photo Sessions
4:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 pm AJS Dinner

Sunday, 4-30-17

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
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

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Associate Pastor, Dir. of Worship - 630.600.5030 gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org