

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

Prelude: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"/"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Welcome

Choral Introit: "Hosanna"

Scripture Reading from Matthew 21:6-9

Leader: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

**All: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**Hosanna, loud hosanna the little children sang
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best**

**From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd
The victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice**

"We Will Glorify"

**We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am**

**God Almighty reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne
We will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone**

**Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I Am**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring**

**You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son
Now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present**

**As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring
For you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King**

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Choir Anthem: “Hosanna, Hosanna”

Prayer - Caryn Rivadeneira

“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, who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die**

**Sometimes they crowd his way and his sweet praises sing
Resounding all the day, hosannas to their King
Then, “Crucify!” is all their breath, then, “Crucify!” is all their breath
And for his death they thirst and cry**

**With angry shouts they have my dear Lord done away
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they stay
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 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**

Message: “Why Do I Need to Wave Palms?” - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of Response

Offertory: “Jesus Is Lord”

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Jesus Is Lord"

**Jesus is the Lord! Behold the King of Kings
Exalted high, the name above all names I sing his praise
The Lamb upon the throne who reigns in glory power and majesty**

**This is my God. Behold his hands and side
The wounds of love that healed my brokenness. What God is this?
What kind of sacrifice would give so much to gain a loveless soul**

**For me, to live is Xst, to die is gain
For Christ has died that I might gain his life
He is my all, my joy my righteousness, my hope of glory when he comes**

**Yes, suddenly, my God shall come again
And every knee shall bow before his name
And he shall reign forever on the throne
And in his glory there I shall proclaim
"Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!"**

**"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen**

Sending and Blessing

Postlude: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Organist - Judy Doot, Pianist - Gregg DeMey,
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff, Song Leaders - Maria Vos, Mary Ziegler

Blended Worship April 9, 2017 - 10:30 am

Prelude: "Hosanna"

Welcome

**"Prepare Ye the Way"
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way of the Lord (2X)
Hosanna, you reign on high, you reign on high, you reign on high
Almighty God, your love is like no other**

**"Hosanna"
Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you, we turn 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
And 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, we turn 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
And in your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away**

Scripture Reading from Matthew 21:6-9 - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care

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**All: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

**"Jesus Paid It All"
I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all"**

**Jesus paid it all all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone**

**And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat**

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt, and raised this life up from the dead

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Prayer - Caryn Rivadeneira

**"Great Are You Lord"
You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken, and great are you Lord**

**It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you only**

**And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you Lord**

Message: "Why Do I Need to Wave Palms?" - Peter Semeyn, Lead Pastor
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "The Wonderful Cross"
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"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, all our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world**

Announcements

Sending and Blessing

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Gregg DeMey,
Erin Lanenga, Kyle Olson, Marcy Tameling, Glenn Vanderveld

THIS 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.

NEXT 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? You are encouraged to read Acts 10: 34-43 and Matthew 28:1-10 in preparation for our joyful Easter celebration.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP - Currently we are engaged in a congregational survey that will provide direction for our spiritual formation as a congregation. **Our goal is to have 60% of our congregation take the survey.** Currently **40% have done so.** All adults over the age of 18 are eligible to take the survey, which means that multiple individuals from every family can take the survey. You can access the survey at: elmhurstcrc.org/survey. Thank you for your participation.

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.

2017 ECRC Work Team for Honduras: Have you ever wanted to go on a mission work team? We are putting together a team of women and men to work at the Youth for Christ camp in Honduras. Skills needed 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 an opportunity to assist 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.

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!

Mandatory Parent Meeting for Covenant Education Plan (CEP): LAST MEETING SUNDAY: 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 Upper Gathering Area **immediately after both the first and second services on April 9.** 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

Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) will meet today 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?".

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.

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 or 630-530-2924.

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.

Save the date: The **ECRC 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!

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

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their presentation of The Seven Last Words of Christ. The concert will be held today at 2 pm at First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland (16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL).

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.

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.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 4/02/17)

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

Weekend anticipated contributions: \$43,400

Weekend actual contributions: \$52,754

YTD anticipated contributions: \$648,400

YTD actual contributions: \$590,424

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, 4-10-17

Wednesday, 4-12-17 (cont.)

6:15 pm Little Lambs
6:15 pm GEMS
7:00 pm Coffee Break
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
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Thursday, 4-13-17

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

7:00 pm Elder Meeting

9:00 am Coffee Break

Tuesday, 4-11-17

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.

Friday, 4-14-17

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, 4-15-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

4:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, 4-12-17

9:00 am Little Lambs

9:00 am Coffee Break

12:30 pm Little Lambs

12:30 pm Coffee Break

6:00 pm CEP Registration

6:00 pm Prayer Time

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

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

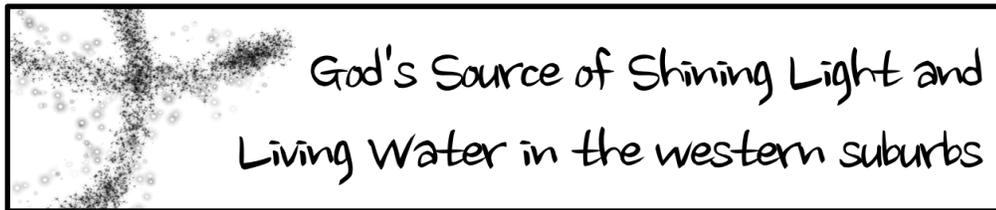
We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.
From Nursery (0-3 years old), Little Lambs (3-6 years old), Pathfinders and Cadets (1st-8th grade boys), to GEMS (1st-8th grade girls), and much more.

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.