

Worship
June 18, 2017 - 10:00 am

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful"

Welcome - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount-I'm fixed upon it-mount of God's unchanging love**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above**

Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

"This Is My Father's World"

**This is my Father's world and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought**

**This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise
The morning light, the lily white declare their maker's praise
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass, I hear him pass he speaks to me everywhere**

**This is my Father's world. Oh let me never forget
That though the wrong seems oh so strong, God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring**

God reigns, let the earth be glad

"God of Wonders"

Lor of all creation, of water, earth and sky

The heavens are your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light

When I stumble in the darkness I will call your name by night

Hallelujah to the Lord of the heaven and earth (3X)

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son

And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

Greetings - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

Prayer

"Good Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night

And you tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

You're a good, good Father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

And I've seen many searching for answers far and wide

But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide

Cause you know just what we need before we say a word

You are perfect in all of your ways, you are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways, to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable, I, I can hardly speak

Peace so unexplainable, I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still

As you call me deeper still, into love, love, love

Message: "God's Job Description: Father" - Pastor Bert DeJong

Selections from Matthew 5 & 6, John 14:9

Announcements

Offertory: "Be Thou My Vision"

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"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)

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Worship Team - Bethany DeHaan, Gregg DeMey, Erin Lanenga, Kyle Olson, Matt Voss

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

While our earthly parents and dads are far from perfect, God still chooses the word "Father" as one of the primary metaphors for how we are to approach him. Every healthy family needs a sturdy, loving person at its center, someone who takes responsibility for the care and welfare of those who are younger, weaker, and still growing in wisdom. This is what God the Father does for his family.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

We are in a season of leadership and pastoral transition at Elmhurst CRC. To help embrace our current reality and point us toward a hopeful future, we will spend the summer walking with a fascinating Old Testament character, "Caleb son of Jephunneh, the Kennizite." As a young man, Caleb was a solitary voice who argued that with raw faith in God's guidance, the Israelites could move into an incredible new future. You can read the book of Numbers chapters 12-14 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We extend our sympathy to Debbie & Don Slager and family, and Linda & David Speelman and family, as they mourn the loss of Debbie's sister and Don, Linda, and David's sister-in-law, **Cindy Speelman**, on June 11.

We extend our sympathy to Cindy & Scott Meyer, Barb & Mark Huizenga, Bernie Jr. & Lisa Huizenga, and Jason & Rebekah Huizenga, and their families, as they mourn the loss of Cindy, Mark, Bernie Jr., and Jason's father, **Bernie Huizenga**, who passed away on June 13.

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

Stay connected this summer with all the latest news, events, prayer requests and more! Explore your options at elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe.

Come play with us! Join us for a **Little Lambs & Friends park play date** this summer! Come Tuesday, June 21 to Wilder Park in Elmhurst from 9-11 am. Little Lambs staff members will be at the park to greet you, answer questions, and register new children for fall programs. Children ages 3-6 along with their parents, siblings and friends are invited to attend. Bring your friends!

The Missions Team thanks the congregation for the prayers for our missionaries. **Mike and Victoria Van Der Dyke** are rejoicing as Victoria has just been sworn in as a new US citizen and they will be present at our church on July 2. **Scott and Lisa (Rozema) Neumann** are returning to the US for the summer and they will be present at our church on July 30. Lisa made

profession of faith in our church thirty years ago in the 1980s. The Neumanns are looking for a used reliable six passenger vehicle that they could use from mid-June through the end of July as they visit supporting churches. If you are aware of that type of vehicle please contact Mike Boot or a member of the Missions Team for more details.

We will be having a **Choir Sunday on August 6**. In preparation there will be rehearsals on June 28 and August 2 at 7 pm. All are encouraged to make one or both of those in order to participate. This is open to not just choir members, but to everyone.

Please join us for **Summer Evening Coffee Break Bible Study!** The men & women's group will be studying "Waiting for God" in an 8-week study that began on Wednesday, June 7 from 7-8:30 pm. The women's group will be studying "Woman of God" in a 6-week study that began on Wednesday, June 14 from 7-8:30 pm. For more information or to register, please go to elmhurstcrc.org/coffeebreak or call the church office at 630-600-5100.

In 2000, the United Nations marked June 20 as **World Refugee Day**. Since then, the day has been an opportunity to recognize the blessings of refugees and to educate ourselves about the growing refugee crisis. In 2016, over 50 million children were uprooted from their home due to conflict, violence or forced migration seeking better opportunities. If you'd like to know more, and see how you can help, visit the CRC Office of Social Justice at justice.crcna.org.

SERVE

Meal providers are needed! We are in need of people to help provide meals to those in our congregation who are recovering from surgery, illness, or rehabilitation. If you are interested in providing a meal please email Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

Nursery help needed! The nursery is looking for volunteers for both the 9 and 10:30 am services, as well as summer help at the 10 am combined service. Students who are completing 4th grade all the way up to great-grandparents are needed! Please contact Michelle DeJong at michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org for more information.

COMMUNITY

Elim Christian Ministries and **Timothy Christian Schools** will be participating in the **Chicago Triathlon Super Sprint** on August 26 and YOU can join them! Register as an individual or recruit your own relay team and join Elim's team for Elim's Domestic HOPE Packs or the Timothy Christian Schools team in raising funds for renovations in the Timothy Christian elementary school building. For more information or to register to be on a relay Team for Elim Christian Ministries for the Chicago Triathlon Super Sprint contact Laura Schnyders at 708-293-6509 Ischnyders@elimcs.org. To donate to Elim Christian Ministries for Domestic HOPE Packs visit <https://www.crowdrise.com/ElimTRI2017>. For more information or to register to be on a Team for Timothy Christian Schools for the Chicago Triathlon Super Sprint go to timothychristian.com/tri. To donate to Timothy Christian Schools for the renovation of the elementary school building: <https://www.crowdrise.com/TimothyChristianTri>.

Timothy Christian is looking to fill a full time custodial position beginning in July 2017. This position will be 40 hours per week with some opportunity for overtime during the school year. This is an hourly position with full health insurance, pension, and other benefits. The hours typically will be 11 am – 7 pm during the school year and 7 am – 3 pm during the summer. Contact Jason van den Brink at 630.782.4221 for more information or to apply.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 6/11/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$50,750

YTD actual contributions: \$112,222

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 6-18-17

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Food Pantry Collection
10:00 am Children's Worship
11:30 am Coffee & Community

Monday, 6-19-17

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, 6-20-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
6:00 pm CEC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 6-21-17

6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:30 pm SLT Meeting
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity
7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 6-22-17

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
7:00 pm Missions Team Meeting

Friday, 6-23-17

Saturday, 6-24-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 6-25-17

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Children's Worship
11:30 am Coffee & Community

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

10:00 am Worship Service (May 28-August 13)

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

Pastor:

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship - 630.600.5030 gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org