

July 16, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship

Prelude

Welcome - Anna Wick, Coffee Break Co-Director

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God
He whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose
With salvation's walls surrounded thou may'st smile at all thy foes**

**See the streams of living waters springing from eternal love
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage
Grace which like the Lord the Giver never fails from age to age**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near
Thus they march the pillar leading light by night and shade by day
Daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray**

“The Solid Rock”

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand
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**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil**

**His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay**

Sacrament of Baptism

“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

**Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me is the current of His love**

Leading onward leading homeward to my glorious rest above

**Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus spread his praise from shore to shore
How he loves us, ever loves us, changes never nevermore
Watches over all his loved ones, whom he died to call his own
Ever for them interceding at his heavenly Father's throne**

**Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every, love the best
Vast the ocean of his blessing, sweet the haven of his rest
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, very heaven of heavens to me
And it lifts me up to glory, evermore his face to see**

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Prayer

"Speak, O Lord"

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power than can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on your promises
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory**

Message: "Dog House" - Bert DeJong, Congregational Care Associate
Joshua 23:1-3, 9-10; Joshua 24:21, 29-31

Announcements

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 will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart--it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne**

It shall be thy 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**

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Organist - Ticks Groenboom, Pianist - Anne Olson, Song Leader - Kathy Feringa

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Joshua the son of Nun gave one of the greatest pep talks/retirement speeches ever as his season of leadership came to a close. Joshua recounted all the awesome things God had done during his own lifetime and laid a choice before the people: "Either follow God or don't! But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Given all the kindness that God has done in the life of Elmhurst CRC over the last half century, it's a good time for us to make a similar spiritual re-commitment.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Rather than retiring, Caleb recommitted to his original mission. At age 85, he asked to be given the privilege of taking on one final challenge. Though advanced in years, Caleb exhibited a fresh faith. He refused to simply settle down but parlayed his assets of wisdom, experience and strength into even greater service for God. You can read Joshua 14:6-15 to prepare for this worship service which marks the conclusion of our "Dog Days" of summer series.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Today we celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** as **Zachary Hunter Ross, son of Debra & Mike Ross**, and **Mina Li West, daughter of Amy & Ryan West**, are baptized.

Congratulations to **Aaron Snoeyink & Amber Scheidt**, who were married on July 8.

Please pray for Russ & Judy Erffmeyer and family as they mourn the death of Russ's brother, Harold, on July 9.

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

Come play with us! Join us for another **Little Lambs & Friends park play date** this summer! Come **Tuesday, August 1** to Butterfield 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. Look for the lime green shirts!

We will be having a **Choir Sunday on August 6**. In preparation, there will be a rehearsal on August 2 at 7 pm. All are encouraged to attend this rehearsal in order to participate. This is open to all who like to sing!

Join us for GEMS (1st-8th grade girls)! We are going to have a great year as we explore this year's theme: In His Steps. GEMS meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:15-7:45 pm. The counselor training meeting is September 10, and opening night with all of the girls is September 13. Register at <http://elmhurstcrc.org/ministries/children/gems>. If you are interested in becoming a parent helper in the classroom, at special events, a craft helper, or are interested in being a counselor, GEMS would love to have you! For questions or to volunteer contact Chris Kocol at gems@elmhurstcrc.org.

Please join us for our **New Member Class, Journey to the Center of Church**, on **October 3, 10, and 17** from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Upper Level Gathering Room. Anyone interested in knowing more about Christianity, the Reformed Faith, and membership at ECRC is invited to attend these classes. Childcare is provided for children under 3 years old. Please let us know if you need childcare by September 26. For more information contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

SERVE

We are looking for volunteers to **join our Community Service Team (CST)**, a team of people committed to showing the love of Christ to our neighbors both locally and globally through acts of service. If you are interested in joining the CST or have questions please contact Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

COMMUNITY

Looking for a meaningful volunteer experience? Please consider volunteering for hospice. They have **office admin volunteer positions available and friendly visitor positions available at Providence Hospice**. They would love to welcome you to their team of people who care for patients at this precious time of their life. To find out more about this opportunity contact Annette McClain at 708.546.8473 or amclain@provlife.com.

Elim Christian Ministries and **Timothy Christian Schools** will be participating in the **Chicago Triathlon Super Sprint** on August 26 and YOU can join them! 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 lschnyders@elimcs.org. 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.

Save the date for Providence Life Services Torchlight: November 3 at Union League Club of Chicago. More details will follow, or call 708-342-8108.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as of 7/09/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,341,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,381,403

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 7-16-17

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Children's Worship

10:00 am Food Pantry Collection

11:30 am Coffee & Community

Monday, 7-17-17

1:00 pm Kids Crossing VBS

Tuesday, 7-18-17

1:00 pm Kids Crossing VBS

Wednesday, 7-19-17

1:00 pm Kids Crossing VBS

6:00 pm Student Ministries Bible Study

6:00 pm Prayer Time

7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 7-20-17

1:00 pm Kids Crossing VBS

Friday, 7-21-17

church office closed

Saturday, 7-22-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 7-23-17

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

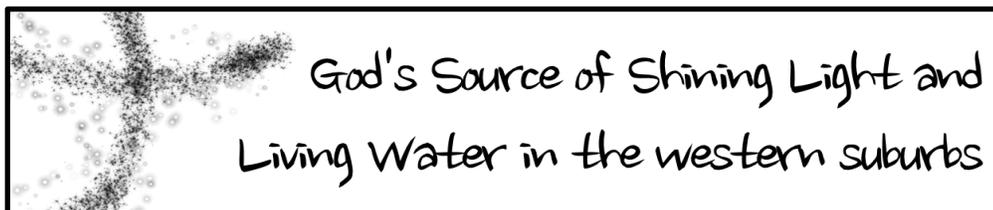
We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.

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

Pastors:

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



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