

July 30, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship

Prelude: "How Great"

Welcome

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

"God You Reign"
You paint the night, you count the stars and you call them by name
The skies proclaim "God You reign"
Your glory shines, you teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings "God You reign"

God you reign, God you reign
Forever and ever, God you reign

You part the seas, you move the mountains with the words that you say
My song remains "God You reign"
You hold my life, you know my heart and you call me by name
I live to say "God You reign"

Hallelujah, Hallelu (4X)

Responsive Reading from Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord

All: **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation**

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

All: **And praise him with music and song**

Leader: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods

All: **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him**

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land

All: **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker**

Leader: For he is our God

All: **And we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care**

“For These Reasons”

For your endless love, for the life you gave

For second chance, for your priceless grace

For your healing hands, for the gift of peace

For the blessed hope, and for the faith to believe

For these reasons I praise you, for these reasons I worship you

For these reasons I live to tell of your love to all the world

Greetings

Missions Moment - Scott & Lisa Neumann

Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

“O Come To the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes,

Come today there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful, sing hallelujah Christ is risen

Bow down before him, for he is Lord of all, sing hallelujah Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown

Tell the world of the treasure you found

Message: “Wide Receivers” - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

Luke 18:15-17

Offertory: "Lord You Have My Heart"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine
For thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

Announcements

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Angela Buikema, Gregg DeMey,
Andy Pasek, Tylyn Taylor, Dan Vlcek

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Today we begin a new sermon series as we turn our attention to the back-to-school calendar. In keeping with the season, we'll be reminded to "Act Like a Kid." Jesus taught his disciples that receiving the kingdom of God meant receiving it as a child would. When we give our kids presents, they are generally not slowed down by suspicions, cynicism, or the rational part of their minds. Instead, they simply receive and enjoy. Jesus is looking for this kind of receptivity, especially since it turns out the amount of grace we can give can never exceed the amount of grace that we have first received.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Jesus doesn't need much to do his good work! When confronted with the impossible task of feeding a vast crowd that simply showed up to hear him, Jesus' disciples were at a loss - both creatively and financially - on what to do with the people. A small boy volunteered his little lunch: five loaves of bread and two fish, which in Jesus' hands become more than enough for the day. We are also asked to approach each day like this open handed little boy, to be willing to share small things that might be at our disposal. Who knows what might happen?! You can read John 6:5-15 to prepare for this worship service in which we will welcome new members to our congregation and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Missions Team welcomes Scott and Lisa Neumann to our services today. They are serving with Christian Reformed World Missions at LCC International University in Lithuania. Their mission field is not just Lithuania as many students come from throughout Eastern Europe and the Balkans. We encourage you to meet with them after the service and pray for their safe return back to Lithuania one week from now.

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/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.

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as of 7/23/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,449,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,470,969

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 7-30-17

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

Monday, 7-31-17

Tuesday, 8-01-17

Wednesday, 8-02-17

6:00 pm Student Ministries Bible Study
6:00 pm Prayer Time
7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 8-03-17

Friday, 8-04-17

church office closed

Saturday, 8-05-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 8-06-17

10:00 am Worship
10:00 am Children's Worship
11:00 am New Member Reception
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.