

July 9, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship

Prelude: "You Make Me Brave"

Welcome - Jonathan Hoekstra

"Your Love Never Fails"

Nothing can separate, even if I ran away

Your love never fails

I know I still make mistakes, but you have new mercies for me everyday

Your love never fails

You stay the same through the ages, your love never changes

There may be pain in the night but joy comes in the morning

And when the oceans rage I don't have to be afraid

Because I know that you love me, your love never fails

The wind is strong and the water's deep, but I'm not alone in these open seas

Cause your love never fails

The chasm is far too wide, I never thought I'd reach the other side

But your love never fails

You make all things work together for my good (x4)

"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**

Responsive Reading from the Book of Hebrews

Leader: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, who is Jesus the Son of God

All: **Let us hold firmly to the faith we profess**

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses

All: **We have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin**

Leader: Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence

All: **So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need**

Leader: During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect

All: **Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him**

"Holy Spirit"

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2:

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Chorus 2x:

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for to be overcome by Your presence,
Lord

Bridge 4x:

Let us become more aware of Your presence 4th time end on
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness

Verse 4:

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art

Greetings

Colorado Challenge Report - Andy Pasek, Student Ministries Coordinator

"All the Poor and Powerless"

**All the poor and powerless, and all the lost and lonely
All the thieves who come confess, and know that you are holy**

And know that you are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah, and we will cry out hallelujah

**All the hearts who are content, and all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left will know that you are holy**

**Shout it, go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses, that he is God**

Message: "Dog Years", Numbers 13-14

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor; Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Announcements

Offertory: "No Longer Slaves"

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Whom Shall I Fear"

**You hear me when I call, you are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear**

**I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side**

**My strength is in your name, for you alone can save
You will deliver me, yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear (2X)**

**And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful, you are faithful, you are faithful**

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Worship Team - Justin Bardolph, Kyle Olson, Andrew Pasek, Bethany Taylor, Tylyn Taylor

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Sociologists tell us that, for many folks, life is lived in roughly two halves often broken up with a significant "halftime" period where skills are retooled and attitudes adjusted. In the first half of their lives, Caleb and Joshua exhibited a wonderfully active, raw faith.

They were compelled by an inner vision, confident in their own strength, and confident in God's strength. They also had the benefit of living with the example of Moses who was already boldly tackling the second half of his own life.

NEXT 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 recommitment. You can read the Book of Joshua chapters 13-14 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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.

Please join us for **Kids Crossing Vacation Bible School!** At this fun creative arts VBS kids will learn that all people are special and that God has the same heart for everyone. Volunteers are ready to welcome and encourage your child and family. Cost is \$15, and all children entering kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome! This VBS will take place **July 17-20**, 2-5 pm at ECRC. For questions, contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org. To register visit elmhurstcrc.org/events.

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 invited and encouraged to attend the rehearsal in order to participate. This is open to not just choir members, but to everyone.

PrimeTime (a monthly gathering of those age 55+) opens its ministry year with a return visit to Wrigley Field to see the World Champion Chicago Cubs! Friday, September 8 the bus leaves Elmhurst CRC at 10:30 am for the 1:20 pm game. The \$79 fee covers the game ticket, luxury coach transportation, bus snacks and driver tip. Lunch will be on your own at the ballpark and we'll return home by supertime. We only have a few tickets left, so sign up at the table in the lobby or contact Bert or Celia DeJong at dejong66@comcast.net or (630)530-2924.

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)**. The CST is 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, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

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 at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

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. Please contact Michelle DeJong at michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org for more information.

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**. You can agree to volunteer as little as two hours a month in your own community. 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 amcclain@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.

Roseland Christian Ministries will wrap up a year-long celebration of 40 years in ministry with a meet and greet reception on August 10 at Trinity Christian College's Vermeer Fireside Room at 6:30 PM. Please RSVP by calling Roseland Christian Ministries at 773-264-5665 before July 31.

Registration is now open to complete in the **3rd Annual 'Cue For a Cause** on September 3 to benefit the **Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network (EWAN)**. Put your backyard bbq skills to a test and see if your ribs are the best in Elmhurst. New this year- make a chicken dish as well and compete for Grand Champion! Visit the EWAN website at ewanet.org to register.

The Elders of the Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs would like to invite you to their **Annual Combined Labor Day Worship Service** on Sunday evening, September 3, at 6 pm. Details, including guest speaker, will be made available at a later date.

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 7/02/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$

YTD actual contributions: \$

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 7-09-17

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Children's Worship

11:30 am Coffee & Community

Monday, 7-10-17

Tuesday, 7-11-17

Wednesday, 7-12-17

6:00 pm Prayer Time

7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 7-13-17

Friday, 7-14-17

church office closed

Saturday, 7-15-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

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

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

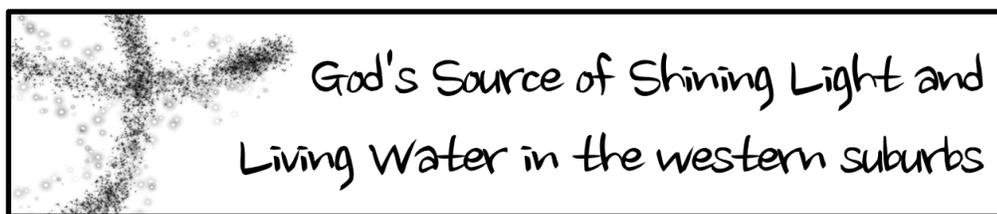
We love children, and want to help raise up children that love God and serve him.

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 below.