

August 27, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that is finished**

**I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom**

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there**

Responsive Prayer

Leader: Lord, this morning we thank you for the great and powerful name of Jesus

All: **We thank you for Jesus' Spirit, the Holy Spirit, who dwells within our midst**

Leader: We are overwhelmed that your greatness dwells within the smallness of our human hearts

All: **Your presence comforts us and gives us faith**

Leader: Your promise to remain with me forever gives me hope

All: **We praise you, God, for sharing all the blessings of Jesus' death and resurrection with us**

Leader: We pray in the good and strong name of our Lord Jesus

All: **Amen!**

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away

O let me from this day be wholly thine

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away

Nor let me ever stray from thee aside

Greetings - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

"I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give

I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all

All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at his feet I bow

Worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me Jesus, take me now

All to Jesus I surrender, make me Savior wholly thine

Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to thee

Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender, now I feel the sacred flame

O the joy of full salvation, glory, glory to his name

Prayer

"It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul

It is well with my soul

It is well, it is well with my soul

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul**

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

Message: "Spiritual Depth and Connection" - Dr. Sam Hamstra
Luke 6:12-19

Prayer of Response

Offertory: "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"
**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be**

**I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee**

**When my feeble life is over, time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely over, to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore**

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Pianist - Gregg DeMey, Organist - Judy Doot, Song Leader - Kara Molendyk

August 27, 2017 - 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Prelude: "Take My Life (Holiness)"

Welcome - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

"Grace On Top Of Grace"

"Your Great Name"

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"O Come To the Altar"

Greetings - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

Prayer

"Draw Me Close"

Message: "Spiritual Depth and Connection" - Dr. Sam Hamstra

Luke 6:12-19

Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory: "Called Me Higher"

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"I Will Follow"

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Angela Buikema, Kyle Olson,
Glenn Vanderveld, Dan Vlcek

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Sam Hamstra will lead us deeper into an understanding of the 3D life of faith that Jesus himself lived and modeled. This 3D-life oriented around living "up," "in" and "out" is also meant to be embraced by each of us personally as one of Jesus' disciples.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

As adults, we tend to have clear lines differentiating our work from our play. Children, however, have an incredible ability to turn household tasks into a game—or even a song. A creative kid can find a way to play at pretty much anything! Jesus himself, as a young boy, exhibited a precocious and playful spirit while doing some very grownup theological work at the temple. You can read Luke 2:41-52 and Hebrews 12:1-3 to prepare for this Labor Day weekend worship experience in which God will remind us to act like a kid.

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

This fall we are dedicating the **first Sunday services of every month as family services**. This is our way of saying intergenerational worship is important. Time for families to worship together is important. Children being a part of the body of Christ is important. There will be no 1st-5th grade children's worship these mornings. Instead the children are asked to stay in the service and be a part of it. We are going to brainstorm ways to get our children involved in what is going on in the worship center. Each service will end with communion as something the kids can participate in or observe. We are really looking forward to finding more ways to help our children know they are an important part of our church family!

PrimeTime has several openings for the Cubs game outing on Friday, Sept. 8. Bus leaves ECRC at 10:30, returns by 5:30 (approx.) \$79 fee includes luxury coach ride to Wrigley Field, Cubs ticket, and bus driver tip. Interested? Contact dejong66@comcast.net or call Bert or Celia DeJong at (630)530-2924.

We'll be hosting a **Men's Breakfast** on September 9 at 7 am in the Garden Room, with Dr. Kirk Baker as the speaker. Dr. Baker has been a professor at Moody Bible Institute for 18 years in the Applied Theology and Church Ministry department, and is the program head of Pastoral Studies. Over the last few years he has become a good friend of Paul Daly as their kids have played on the same baseball team. You may have bumped into Kirk, as both of his boys attend Timothy Christian. RSVP to Paul Daly at paul.daly@elmhurstcrc.org.

Parents, **have you registered your children for Little Lambs yet?** Little Lambs offers children ages 3 to 6 (and potty trained) a one-day-a-week, biblically-based preschool experience. Half-day kindergartners are welcome! We are eager to welcome the students back for another exciting year. It is easier for us to honor friend requests if you sign up soon. Group assignments will be mailed out shortly. You may pick up a registration form at the information desk or register at elmhurstcrc.org/littlelambs.

Join us at **Coffee Break Bible Study!** Coffee Break will be starting our fall semester on September 13/14 with Discover Acts: The Gentile Connection. Whether you have a lot or a little Bible study experience, Coffee Break is a good place for you to learn more about God's word and find a comfortable and supportive place to connect with others. Join us on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Childcare is available. Learn more and register at elmhurstcrc.org/coffeebreak, or email Anna Wick & Sharon Nutter at coffee.break@elmhurstcrc.org.

Our next **ECRC Community Supper** will be held on September 13 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Garden Room. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a delicious supper. Menu items to be announced at a later date. Please RSVP at dinners@elmhurstcrc.org.

Single Mothers Support Group (SHE) has its kick off event on **September 17 from 12:15-2:30 pm** in the Garden Room. Mothers and their children are invited to a luncheon, and at 1:00 pm the children will be dismissed to age-appropriate activities. Mothers will enjoy a mini spa, and will be able to choose from among the following: shoulder massage, pedicure, manicure, hair stylist, and eye and lip gloss. Come and bring your friends! No registration is required. For further information contact Jane Loerop at jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

Save the Date: The Christian Education Committee is hosting a **Celebration of Christian Education** event on October 8 at 4 pm in Timothy Christian's new middle school building. Come see the new building and learn more about the value of Christian education. More information to follow.

Please join us for our **New Member Class, Journey to the Center of Church**, on October 10, 17, and 24 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.

The **nursery is looking to fill paid positions** for Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday mornings starting in September. Please contact Michelle DeJong for more information. michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

NURSERY: The nursery is looking for volunteers to serve at both the 9 & 10:30 services. From 5th grade all the way up to your golden years, we would love your help! Contact Michelle DeJong at michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org for more information.

LITTLE LAMBS: Little Lambs (Preschool/K ministry) begins the week of September 12, 13, 14 and we need your help to bring the good news of Jesus' love to the community! We still need one Bible teacher to come twice monthly and really appreciate if that is a church member. However, we would love to have more church members walk alongside the many volunteers from the community in the other curriculum areas as well. We still need volunteers to come twice a month in the following positions: one pianist and two music assistants, one Creative Learning teacher, 14 craft helpers, and 6 free play helpers! Prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry. Contact Lynda Clousing at 630-600-5049 or email littlelambs@elmhurstcrc.org for more information. Please pray for this ministry!

GEMS: (for girls 1st-8th grade) needs additional volunteers as: a 2nd grade co-counselor, 2nd grade assistant helper, 6th grade co-counselor, 7th/8th grade counselor, as well as craft and games helpers throughout the year. Contact Chris Kocol or Nancy Van Hout at gems@elmhurstcrc.org if you are available to serve.

CADETS: (for boys 4th-8th grade) is seeking counselors. If you would like to learn more about this role or volunteer, please Contact Doug Slinkman at cadets@elmhurstcrc.org.

PATHFINDERS: (for boys 1st-3rd grade) is in need of four men to serve as 1st grade co-leader, two 2nd grade co-leaders, and one 3rd grade co-leader. The leadership team provides materials and holds regular leaders meetings to review club nights in advance, making it as easy as possible for you to serve! Contact Leslie Wolterstorff or Jessica Valdez at pathfinders@elmhurstcrc.org for more information or to volunteer.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (Pre/K): There are several opportunities to serve during Pre/K Children's Worship at both services: Classroom Teachers (3 yr olds, 4 yr olds, or 5/6 yr olds), Classroom Helpers, and Large Group Leaders are needed. Serve monthly, every other month, or less. Contact Ashley Slinkman at ashley.slinkman@elmhurstcrc.org to volunteer or learn more.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (1st-5th grade): 1st-5th Children's Worship needs you! (1st Service: 1st/2nd Grade Group and 3rd/5th Grade Group; 2nd Service: 1st Grade Group, 2nd/3rd Grade Boys Group, 4th/5th Grade Group), once a month One-on-One Buddy for a 2nd grade boy, once a month Large Group Worship/Activity Leaders, once a month Large Group Story Teller for 9 am service. Contact Kara Hackert at kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org to serve in any of these roles.

TRANSPORTATION TEAM: We are in need of volunteers to provide transportation periodically to some of our elderly congregants to some of their doctor appointments. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care and Community, at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

HOSPITALITY: We are in need of Greeters, Ushers, Information Center Hosts, and Refreshment Hosts at both the 9 & 10:30 am services. Interested in serving? Contact Lisa Capozzoli at lisa.capozzoli@elmhurstcrc.org.

SHE (SINGLE MOMS MINISTRY): The SHE ministry needs fun-loving mature male high school students to help supervise the activities of boys ages 7-12 in the youth room once a month from 1-2:30 pm. We also need women to help with food that is brought in, and to assist with clean up once a month. Please contact Jane Loerop at jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org.

COMMUNITY

On August 29 some **ECRC members will be pairing up with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry** to go back to the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center for their Adopt-a-Pod program. We will meet at ECRC at 3 pm and carpool to the center. Dinner with the kids is at 4:30 pm and we will return to Elmhurst by 7:30 pm. If interested, please contact Jim McMillen at 630-520-8668.

The Elders of the Christian Reformed Church of Western Springs would like to invite you to their **Annual Shared Labor Day Worship Service** on September 3 at 6 pm. Reverend Gerry Erffmeyer will be leading the service. Refreshments will be served after the service.

On September 3 we will kick off the **Diaper Derby for families served by CareNet Pregnancy Services**. As a church we will be collecting diapers, wipes, and Walmart gift cards. Please bring in supplies by October 1 and leave them in the collection bins near the nursery. Supplies benefit CareNet's baby bank programs, providing material goods, parenting classes, and spiritual support to new parents in need.

Please join us to serve at the joy-filled **Elim Dutch Fest** on Saturday, September 23. We need volunteers to serve at the coffee and dessert table from 10 am to 4 pm. Contact Debbie Lanenga at lanengadebbie@gmail.com to sign up. Volunteers needed for: Food Court Booth, Face Painting, Train ride helpers, Children's Game area, Kitchen Help (Afternoon Clean-up, and Take Down – 4-6 pm) . Please contact Renita Van Solkema at renita.vansolkema@gmail.com if you are interested and would like more information. (A Community Service Team Partner)

ELMHURST MINISTRIES FUND FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 8/20/17)

...in support of the ministries and vision of ECRC
YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,665,000
YTD actual contributions: \$1,648,654
Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

Ministry Programs Fall 2017 Kick Off Dates:

Aug 27: Student Ministries (Middle & High School Kick off Events)
Sep 6: Pathfinders – for boys 1st-3rd grade
Sep 6: Cadets – for boys 4th-8th grade
Sep 9: Men's Breakfast Event
Sep 10: Maximum Velocity - for students grades 6-8 (5:30-7 p.m.)
Sep 10: The Edge - for students grades 9-12 (7-8:30 p.m.- small groups following)
Sep 12, 13 & 14: Little Lambs – for children ages 3-6
Sep 12, 13 & 14: Men's Fraternity - for all all men
Sep 13 & 14: Coffee Break Community Bible Study
Sep 13: GEMS & Junior GEMS – for girls 1st-8th grade
Sep 13: GriefShare - a grief support group
Sep 17: SHE - Single Mother Support Group
Sep 17: Small Groups Bible Studies
Sep 19: MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers

Register today! More info about these and other impactful programs
is available at elmhurstcrc.org.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8-27-17

9:00 am Blended Worship
9:00 am Children's Worship
10:00 am Coffee & Community
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
11:30 am Coffee & Community
5:30 pm Student Ministries Kick Off Party

Thursday, 8-31-17

Friday, 9-01-17

Saturday, 9-02-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 9-03-17

9:00 am Blended Worship

Monday, 8-28-17

9:00 am Children's Worship

10:00 am Coffee & Community

Tuesday, 8-29-17

10:30 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 am Children's Worship

Wednesday, 8-30-17

11:30 am Coffee & Community

6:00 pm Prayer Time

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