

August 6, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship

Prelude: "Prelude In Classic Style" - G. Young
"To God Be the Glory" - A. Whitworth

Welcome - Marve Wolterstorff

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near
Join me in glad adoration**

**Praise to the Lord, who over all things is wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful
Has been sent by his gracious ordaining**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him**

The Lord's Prayer - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community
**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever, Amen**

"In Christ Alone"
**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground**

**Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are still, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless baby
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then, bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on m
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no human plan
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

"Total Praise"

**Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from you
Your peace you give me in time of the storm
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you**

Greetings

New Member Welcome

"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)**

Offertory: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - M. Burkhardt
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

Announcements

Message: "Fair Share" - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor
John 6:5-15

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Choir Anthem: "Come To the Water"

"Jesus Paid It All"

**I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thine all in all"**

**Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow**

**Lord, now indeed I find thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone**

**And when before the throne I stand in him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat**

Closing Prayer of Gratitude

"New Doxology"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

Blessing & Sending

Postlude: "Triumphant March" - G.F. Handel

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Gregg DeMey, Tim Lundeen, Kyle Olson
Choir Director - Marve Wolterstorff, Organist - Jake Groenewold, Pianist - Dina Zeilstra

THIS 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?!

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

After teaching his disciples how to pray with the words of "The Lord's Prayer", Jesus went out of his way to let them know that being persistent in prayer, and persistent in asking God questions, was a necessary part of the spiritual life. Kids are natural question askers. It all starts with "Why?". Jesus intends for us to stay in this childlike mindset: a mindset where curiosity abounds, where there is openness and revelry in new experiences, where we are sponges for all the potential good that God's world has to offer. You can read Luke 13:1-11 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We welcome the following New Members and their families into membership at ECRC: Renee DeJager and children, Andrew, Christa, and Michael; Carol & Robert Marselle; Judy & Keith McKenzie; Luzmary Nation and daughter, Victoria; Peter & Lisa Lopez and children, Peter, Ashley, and Kaitlyn; Tim & Jen Lundeen and children, Timothy and Lauren.

Congratulations to Pamela & Clark Roemmich, who welcomed a daughter, Clara Jean, on July 24.

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

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday while the staff attends the Global Leadership Summit.

Save the date for the ECRC Fest, taking place on August 20 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Join us for our church-wide end of summer celebration as we return to our two-worship Sunday rhythm, connect with those we've missed over the summer, and invite others to experience church community here. Music, food, games, bags tournaments, bounce houses, and more. There is something for all ages. It's sure to be a great time for all!

Mark your calendars - it's back! Our **two-service worship season** begins August 20 when we return to services at 9 and 10:30 am.

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 online 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 7/30/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,485,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,504,791

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, 8-07-17

Tuesday, 8-08-17

7:00 pm Christian Education Committee Mtg.

7:00 pm Missions Team Mtg.

Wednesday, 8-09-17

12:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry Lunch

6:00 pm Student Ministries Bible Study

6:00 pm Prayer Time

7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 8-10-17

church office closed

Friday, 8-11-17

church office closed

Saturday, 8-12-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 8-13-17

9:00 am Honduras Pre-Trip Mtg.

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 below.