

September 10, 2017 - 9:00 am Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome - Jack Lanenga, Executive Director of Operations

"Amid the Thronging Worshipers"

**Amid the thronging worshipers the Lord, our God, I bless
Before his people gathered here his name will I confess
Come, praise him, all who fear the Lord, the children of his grace
With reverence sound his glories forth and bow before his face**

**The burden of the sorrowful, the Lord will not despise
He has not turned from those who mourn, he listens to their cries
His goodness makes me join the throng where saints his praise proclaim
And there will I fulfill my vows with those who fear his name**

**He feeds with good the humble soul and satisfied the meek
And they shall live and praise the Lord who for his mercy seek
The ends of all the earth will hear, the nations seek the Lord
They worship him, the King of kings, in earth and heaven adored**

"God, We Sing Your Glorious Praises"

**God, we sing your glorious praises as we tell your awesome deeds
You have fashioned all creation, and you meet each creature's needs
We rejoice in how your people tasted your great faithfulness
Graced through every generation, we your mighty acts profess**

**Lord, we offer you our worship as we celebrate your grace
Which you shower on your people gathered here and every place
Blessed by water, Word, and table, we, your church, now pledge to share
Grace through every generation in our witness, work, and prayer**

Responsive Reading from Psalm 133 - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

Leader: Join me in a reading from Psalm 133. We'll begin the reading together.

**All: How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!**

Leader: It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,

Like anointing oil running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of the mountains
were falling on God's chosen city.

**All: For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.**

"O Praise God's Name Together"

**O praise God's name together, you servants of the Lord
O Lord, for all your favor to us, you are adored
Within your holy temple, before your sacred throne
The chosen heirs of Jacob proclaim you God alone**

**False gods may rise before us, their vanity display
But as the hands that made them, they too shall fade away
Your name, O God Almighty, endures for endless days
And newborn generations unite to sing your praise**

"Psalm 134: Come, All You Servants of the Lord"

**Come, all your servants of the Lord, who work and pray by night, by day
Come, bless the Lord within this place; with lifted hands your homage pay**

**The Lord now bless from heaven above and shine on you with radiant face
The Lord who heaven and earth has made illumine you with peace and grace**

Greetings

Prayer - Caryn Rivadeneira, Worship Coordinator

"Lord, We Hear Your Word With Gladness"

**Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken, we rejoice
Words of love and life and freedom--help us make their truth our choice
Now in holy celebration for your word we worship you
Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew**

**May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own**

Message: "Reaching Out" - Dr. Sam Hamstra
Luke 6:12-19

Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory

The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

**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**

**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**

**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

Organist - Jake Groenewold

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"Let It Rise"

**Let the glory of the Lord rise among us (2X)
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (2X)
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise, let it rise**

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Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (2X)
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise
Oh, let it rise**

"This We Know"

**You are who you say you are
You'll do what you say you'll do
You'll be who you've always been to us
Jesus**

**Our hope is in you alone
Our strength in your mighty name
Our peace in the darkest day remains
Jesus**

**This we know, we will see the enemy run
This we know, we will see the victory come
We hold on to every promise you ever made
Jesus you are unfailing**

**Our guide through the wilderness
Our joy in the heaviness
Our way when it seems there is no way
Jesus**

**We trust you, we trust you
Your ways are higher than our own (4x)**

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down on the collar of his robe.

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were falling on God's chosen city.

All: **For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.**

"Bound For Glory"

**This world is not my home, I'm here but for a moment
It's all I've ever known but this world is not my home**

**The fight is not my own, these burdens aren't my future
The empty tomb has shown I am bound for glory**

**I am free because I'm bound, I am bound for heaven's gate
Where my feet will stand on holy ground I am bound for glory**

**The saving work is done, death is not my ending
My God has overcome. I am bound for glory**

**And all my pain hurt and shame, gone when Jesus calls my name
Endless joy, endless praise, all when Jesus calls my name (2x)**

**Where my feet will stand on holy ground
I am bound for glory**

Greetings

"Great Are You Lord"

**You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken
And great are you Lord**

It's your breath in our lungs

**So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only**

**And all the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are you Lord**

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Message: "Reaching Out" - Dr. Sam Hamstra
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Prayer of Response

Announcements

Offertory: "Follow You"
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"I Will Follow"

**When the sea is calm and all is right
When I feel your favor flood my life
Even in the good, I'll follow you
Even in the good, I'll follow you
When the boat is tossed upon the waves,
When I wonder if you'll keep me safe
Even in the storms, I'll follow you
Even in the storms, I'll follow you**

**I believe everything that you say you are
I believe that I have seen your unchanging heart
In the good things and in the hardest part
I believe and I will follow you, I believe and I will follow you**

**When I see the wicked prospering
When I feel I have no voice to sing
Even in the want, I'll follow you
Even in the want, I'll follow you**

**When I find myself so far from home
And you lead me somewhere I don't wanna go
Even in my death, I'll follow you
Even in my death, I'll follow you
When I come to end this race I've run,
And I receive the prize that Christ has won
I will be with you in Paradise
I will be with you in Paradise**

Blessing & Sending

Worship Team - Doug Bardolph, Bethany DeHaan, Erin Lanenga,
Tim Lundeen, Kyle Olson, Nina Schroeder, 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. The 3D-life has profound implications not only for us as individual disciples of Jesus Christ, but for social lives and commitments together as the Church.

NEXT WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Although we think of church as the place we go to worship, in fact, the Bible isn't very concerned with the particular "place" where worship happens. The Bible's not even very concerned with the exact "things" that are there. However, the Bible is very clear about the Person(s) whom we worship. As we begin the first of two sermons on Worship in the New Testament, we learn that God is the noun in the worshiper's vocabulary. In particular, New Testament worship spotlights the person of Jesus, his sacrificial death, and his universe-altering resurrection. Read Hebrews 1:1-4 and 13:20-21 in preparation.

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

Special Offerings will be taken during Elmhurst CRC's worship services throughout the next month in order to assist with **relief work in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey**. The Deacons have approved directing our financial support toward the work of World Renew, an organization born from within the Christian Reformed Church, which specializes in disaster relief and community development work. You are encouraged to use the envelopes provided inside the worship folder to appropriately direct your special gifts and offerings.

Today there will be an opportunity to **sign up for a small group** in the lobby. We believe that a small group is the best place for sustained life change to occur. In these groups, people study God's word and discuss the issues and challenges of life. It's also where people pray together, care for one another, and are missed if they don't show up.

Choir rehearsals will resume on September 13 at 7 pm. All are welcome!

Handbell Choir is open to new members! If you would like to be part of a group that enjoys making music and serving in worship, please email Mary Reitsma at dmajreitsma@att.net or leave a message at 847-776-6428. We welcome newcomers as well as experienced handbell players. Rehearsals begin in early October!

Please join us for Pasta Night! Our next **ECRC Community Supper** will be held on September 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the Garden Room. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a delicious supper of mostaccioli, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and dessert! The cost is your donation. 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 required. For more info 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.

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 would love if church members would fill the call for our need of TWO Bible teachers to come twice monthly. However, we would also appreciate if 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: two Music assistants, one Creative Learning teacher, 14 craft helpers and 8 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.

SERVANTS ON STANDBY: We are in need of men and women who can volunteer their expertise with small home repairs, driving large vehicles, and/or helping people move from one home to another. If you are interested in sharing your skills please contact Lisa Capozzoli 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@elmhurstcr.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. Contact Jane Loerop at jane.loerop@elmhurstcr.org.

COMMUNITY

Next Sunday (and the third Sunday of every month) you are welcome to bring donations of non-perishable food items, paper goods, and hygiene products **in support of the food pantry at the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church**. Please drop off items to the area by the information center. The food pantry also accepts coupons, so if you're not going to use the coupon inserts from your Sunday paper then you can donate them. Thank you!

As a church we will be collecting diapers, wipes, and Walmart gift cards for the **Diaper Derby for families served by CareNet Pregnancy Services**. 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.

Everyone is cordially invited to the **Grand Opening** of the new 16 MM state-of-the-art middle school and field house at **Timothy Christian Schools**. The project is fully funded and under budget. The Grand Opening for Project IMPACT will take place on September 14 at 6 pm with tours happening until 8 pm. There are so many rich stories that have come out of the building of this project, from raising the money, to the impact it will have on the students, to how the facility will serve the community at large.

Don't miss this year's **Elim Dutch Festival!** With free admission, free parking, and fun activities for all ages, this year's Dutch Festival is sure to become an annual highlight for your family! The 22nd Annual Elim Dutch Festival is taking place on September 23, from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Held on the grounds of Elim Christian Services (13020 S. Central Avenue, Palos Heights), the event features great food, shopping, entertainment, and a farmer's market. All proceeds directly impact the children and adults of Elim. Mark your calendar now!

Please also consider serving at the joy-filled **Elim Dutch Fest** on September 23. Volunteers are needed to serve at the coffee and dessert table from 10am to 4pm. Contact Debbie Lanenga at lanengadebbie@gmail.com to sign up. Volunteers are also needed to serve in 3 hour time slots between 8am to 4pm in the Food Court Booth Face Painting (all time slots available), Train ride helpers, Children's Game area Kitchen Help - Afternoon Clean-up, and Take Down (4-6 pm). 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 9/03/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,765,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,756,647

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

Ministry Programs Fall 2017 Kick Off Dates:

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 pm, small groups following)

Sep 12, 13 & 14: Little Lambs – for children ages 3-6

Sep 12, 13 & 14: Men's Fraternity - for 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, 9-10-17

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
11:45 am GEMS Counselor Meeting
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
7:00 pm The Edge

Monday, 9-11-17

7:00 pm Elder Meeting

Tuesday, 9-12-17

9:00 am Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, 9-13-17

9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break
12:30 pm Little Lambs
12:30 pm Coffee Break
5:30 pm Community Supper
6:00 pm Prayer Time
6:15 pm GEMS
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Evening Coffee Break
7:00 pm GriefShare Support Group
7:00 pm Men's Fraternity

Thursday, 9-14-17

9:00 am Little Lambs
9:00 am Coffee Break
9:00 am Men's Bible Study Group
7:00 pm Deaconess Meeting

Friday, 9-15-17

Saturday, 9-16-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 9-17-17

9:00 am Blended Worship
9:00 am Children's Worship
9:00 am Food Pantry Collection
10:00 am Coffee & Community
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:30 am Children's Worship
11:30 am Coffee & Community
12:00 pm SHE (Single Mothers Support Group)
5:30 pm Maximum Velocity
7:00 pm The Edge

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

9 & 10:30 am Worship Services

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)

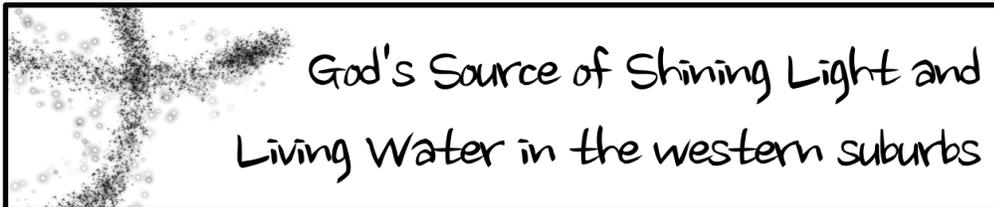
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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

Pastor:

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.