

July 2, 2017 - 10:00 am Worship

Prelude: "Just Over In the Gloryland"
"Two Hands"

Welcome - Kara Hackert, Children's Ministries Coordinator

"Are You Washed In the Blood"

**Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Are you fully trusting in his grace this hour
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb**

**Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb**

**Are you walking daily by the Savior's side
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb**

**Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb**

"Blessed Assurance"

**Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long (2X)

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love**

**Perfect submission: all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, kept in his love**

Responsive Reading from the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

All: **I believe that God, because of Christ’s work, will no longer remember any of my sins**

Leader: Nor will he remember my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life

All: **Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ and frees me forever from condemnation**

Leader: And how does “the resurrection of the body” comfort you?

All: **Not only will my soul be taken immediately after this life to be with Christ its head**

Leader: But my very flesh will be also be raised by the power of Christ and reunited with my soul

All: **I will be made like Christ’s glorious body. We will be made like Christ’s glorious body**

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is over, I’ll fly away

To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away

I’ll fly away, O glory; I’ll fly away

When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I’ll fly away

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then I’ll fly away, fly away

To a land where joys shall never end, I’ll fly away

“Sweet By and By”

In the sweet by and by

We shall meet on that beautiful shore

In the sweet by and by

We shall meet on that beautiful shore (2X)

There’s a land that is fairer than day and by faith we can see it afar

For the Father waits over the way to prepare us a dwelling place there

To our bountiful father above we shall offer our tribute and praise

For the glorious gift of his love and the blessings that hallow our days.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore the melodious songs of the blest

And our spirits shall sorrow no more, not a sigh for the blessing of rest

Greetings - Lisa Capozzoli, Director of Care & Community

Missions Moment with Mike Van Der Dyke

Prayer

“We Are Walking In the Light”

We are praying in the light of God

We are praying in the light of God (2x)

We are praying, we are praying, oh!

We are praying in the light of God (2x)

We are walking in the light of God
We are walking in the light of God (2x)
We are walking, we are walking, oh!
We are walking in the light of God (2x)

We are living in the light of God
We are living in the light of God (2x)
We are living, we are living, oh!
We are living in the light of God (2x)

Message: "Dog Adoption" - Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor
Joshua 14:6-9

Announcements

Offertory: "Down the Road"
The offering is for the Elmhurst Ministries Fund

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fell
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
When the day is past and gone
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

Blessing & Sending

Postlude

Gloryland Band - Bob Boomsma, George Bosman, Dan Reitsma, Hank Vander Naald

THIS WEEK AT ELMHURST CRC

Caleb started life as an outsider to the Jewish community. His father was a Kenizzite, one of Israel's enemies. Caleb's name literally means, "The Dog." Despite this inauspicious start to life, he was somehow adopted into God's family and rose to a place of prominence and courageous leadership. Our community at Elmhurst CRC is at its best when there is space and room for more Caleb's in our midst. We should not forget that God used a woman with a dubious start in life to start our church! Our background/past is not the definitive factor in life, our faith in God is.

NEXT 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. You can read Numbers 14 to prepare for this worship service.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Debbie & Don Slager and Linda & David Speelman would like to thank the congregation for all the thoughtful cards and many prayers they received following the passing of Debbie's sister and David's sister-in-law, Cindy Speelman. Your support and love has been greatly appreciated.

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 Missions Team welcomes Mike and Victoria Van Der Dyke to our service today. They minister for the CRC-N Evangelism Team in Nigeria. We thank God that Victoria has now become a US citizen. To learn more about their Missions work, we encourage you to meet them after the service in the lobby, and for those that desire please join a small group of our Missions Team members in hosting them for lunch.

The church office will be closed on July 3 & 4.

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 rehearsals on June 28 and August 2 at 7 pm. All are encouraged to make one or both of those 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 suppertime. 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@elmhurstcc.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@elmhurstcc.org for more information.

COMMUNITY

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. There will be hors d'oeuvres, music, singing, a ministry update, and time for fellowship with RCRC Pastor Joe Huizenga, Minister of Music David Walker, Development Director Jei Wilson, and Rev. & Mrs. Anthony VanZanten. 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 6/25/17)

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

YTD anticipated contributions: \$1,305,000

YTD actual contributions: \$1,289,879

Annual 2017 budget: \$3,075,000

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 7-02-17

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Children's Worship

11:30 am Coffee & Community

Monday, 7-03-17

church office closed

Tuesday, 7-04-17

church office closed

Wednesday, 7-05-17

6:00 pm Prayer Time

7:00 pm Summer Evening Coffee Break

Thursday, 7-06-17

Friday, 7-07-17

church office closed

Saturday, 7-08-17

8:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, 7-09-17

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.