**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 & Community after the service.
Stop by the Information Center and let us know you're new.

#### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am - Blended Worship 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

#### CHILDREN

Nursery is available for children 0 to 36 months old. Children's Worship is available for 3 years old through 5th grade.

#### **RESOURCES**

Assisted listening devices are available from an usher or sound booth at rear of sanctuary.

#### **PRAYER**

Prayer partners are available after each service to pray with you in the rear of the Worship Center.

## **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.

# **PASTOR**

Rev. Gregg DeMey - Lead Pastor, Director of Worship (630) 600-5030 - gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org

Large print Order of Worship available from an usher



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March 18, 2018

# TODAY

For the fifth Sunday of Lent, we turn to the lectionary readings of Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, and John 12:20-33. Our sermon, "What the Heart Wants," looks at the Judeans in Babylon, who blamed their exile on the ancestors who broke the covenant God established. The prophet Jeremiah turned their attention to a day when God would make a new covenant will his people, when there would be no need to teach the law, because God would write it on their hearts. Jesus self-consciously linked his own death and life blood to this passage when he served the Passover cup with the phrase: "This is a new covenant in my blood." The services will be identical as we welcome the group Cellissimo to our services.

# NEXT WEEK

We celebrate Palm Sunday by joining with the Hosannas of people who greeted Jesus in Jerusalem but end it with the taunts of those who crucified our Lord. The service will include readings from Philippians 2:5 and Mark 15:1-39. Our sermon explores how Jesus' incarnation was not about attaining status or glory, but obedience to God every step of the way, all the way to death. As we walk in Jesus' footsteps and follow his example, we are called to prioritize love for God and love for others above our own personal status and comfort. Holy Week makes this clear and real.

# THE CROSS

Our cross is draped in purple to mark the season of Lent. Purple is used during Lent because it is "rich in symbolism," as many have observed. Purple symbolizes the "darker" elements of Lent, such as repentance and grieving, as well as the joyful recognition of Christ's Kingship.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### WELCOME

Bethany DeHaan

#### GATHERING

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing We Are Walking in the Light We Are People On A Journey

## **GREETINGS**

Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

You may take Pre-K through 5th graders to Children's Worship

# **SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 5:7-10

#### **PRAYER**

Psalm 25 - To You, O God, I Lift Up My Soul

#### **MESSAGE**

"What the Heart Wants" Gregg DeMey

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING** 

Sun-Up

O How I Love Jesus

**BLESSING & SENDING** 

Thanks to Cellissimo under the direction of Sally Gross and Alex Revoal for their participation and leadership in today's worship services.

Worship Team: Doug Bardolph, Gregg DeMey, Kyle Olson, Marcy Tameling

Sunday worship services are streamed live and archived for viewing on the web via LIVESTREAM (new.livestream.com/ecrc)

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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|   | 3-18     | Sunday              | 3-21     | Weds (con't)       |
|   | 9:00 am  | Food Pantry         | 12:30 pm | Little Lambs       |
|   |          | Collection          | 6:00 pm  | Prayer Time        |
|   | 9:00 am  | Blended Worship     | 6:15 pm  | Pathfinders        |
|   | 9:00 am  | Children's Worship  | 6:15 pm  | Cadets             |
|   | 10:00 am | Coffee & Community  | 6:30 pm  | SLT Meeting        |
|   | 10:30 am | Contemp. Worship    | 7:00 pm  | Men's Fraternity   |
|   | 10:30 am | Children's Worship  | 7:00 pm  | Coffee Break       |
|   | 11:30 pm | Section 1 Reception | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal    |
|   | 4:15 pm  | Handbell Rehearsal  |          |                    |
|   | 5:45 pm  | Small Groups        | 3-22     | Thursday           |
|   | 6:00 pm  | PrimeTime & Student | 6:00 am  | Men's Fraternity   |
|   |          | Ministries Event    | 9:00 am  | Men's Bible Study  |
|   |          |                     | 9:00 am  | Coffee Break       |
|   |          | Monday              | 9:00 am  | Little Lambs       |
|   | 3-19     | Deacons Meeting     |          |                    |
|   | 7:00 pm  |                     | 3-23     | Friday             |
|   |          | Tuesday             |          |                    |
|   | 3-20     | Men's Fraternity    | 3-24     | Saturday           |
|   | 6:00 am  | Little Lambs        | 8:00 am  | Handbell Rehearsal |
|   | 9:00 am  | MOPS                | 8:30 am  | Prayer Time        |
|   | 9:00 am  |                     |          |                    |
|   |          | Wednesday           | 3-25     | Sunday             |
|   | 3-21     | Coffee Break        | 9:00 am  | Blended Worship    |
|   | 9:00 am  | Little Lambs        | 9:00 am  | Children's Worship |
|   | 9:00 am  | Small Group Bible   | 10:00 am | Coffee & Community |
|   | 9:30 am  | Study               | 10:30 am | Contemp. Worship   |
|   |          | Coffee Break        | 10:30 am | Children's Worship |
|   | 12:30 pm |                     |          |                    |
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 18, 2018

The **Missionary of the Month** is Mark Hopson. He is the President of the National School Project which is equipping local students to share Christ at public high schools. They are praising God that last year, over 1,100 students accepted Christ as their Savior at one of their outreach rallies.

If you regularly sit in the section near the choir loft at the 10:30 am service, you are invited to a **Section Reception** in the Garden Room **TODAY** immediately following the service. Join your Elders, Dave Van Kampen and John Zeilstra for a time of fellowship and community.

Some hymns are classics - so good that we as a church should never forget them. So we'll tune the piano, fire up the organ and then enjoy an hour of singing the classics. To make this event more interesting, we're combining two existing ministries for the evening - **PrimeTime** and **Student Ministries** will join in song! And you are invited to join as well. Let us know you're coming so that we can save a seat for you (and make sure there's enough dessert!) It all happens **TONIGHT** at 6 pm in the Worship Center.

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church is looking for a part-time custodian. This person would be in charge of cleaning on Monday and Friday and provide custodial coverage for worship every third Sunday. Opportunity also exists to provide coverage for outside events for additional compensation. If interested, please contact Jack Lanenga at jack.lanenga@elmhurstcrc.org for additional information.

**Dirty Jobs:** Have a job you need done around the house? Yard work, painting, cleaning, or that pile of dirt moved from here to over there? Let the **ECRC Youth Group** do the **Dirty Jobs** for you! Then make a donation to help our high school youth group head to **REDLANDS SERVE** as they serve that community with sport and art outreach camps and restoration projects. Sign up at elmhurstcrc.org/events.

SERVE

The **nursery** is looking for additional help for the **Easter weekend services**. We specifically need volunteers for the Good Friday service at 7:00 pm, as well as both the 9:00 am and 10:30 am services on Easter morning. Please contact Michelle DeJong at michelle.dejong@elmhurstcrc.org if you or a family member is able to help. Thank you!

We have 340 children registered for **SpringHill Day Camp** (June 11-15) and we need you to help make it a success. We are looking for a variety of volunteers! If you are interested or would like more information please sign up at the table in the lobby or email Kara at kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org.

**Counselors In Training** - Middle and high school students who are energetic and responsible. You are partnered with a college-age counselor to help with a group of campers.

**Host Homes** - SpringHill sends us 60 wonderful college-age counselors. We need places for them to stay for the week.

**Tuesday or Thursday Staff Gathering Hosts** - On Tuesday and Thursday nights the staff likes to get together for worship and dinner. Would you be able to provide a meal and a place for them to hang out?

**Monday Morning Registration** - We need adults for 90 minutes on Monday morning to greet families and help them get their children checked in.

Activities Assistants - Adults who want to provide an extra pair of hands with large group games and high adventure activities. Thank you for considering helping with this amazing week of ministry!

Elmhurst CRC Prison Ministry: Partner with us on our next Adopt-a-Pod at Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center on March 22 at 4 pm. Additional opportunities available for on-site volunteers on the following dates and facilities: Lake County (4/7), Danville (4/9, 4/13), Sumner (4/9), Waukegan (4/9), and Lawrence (4/10) for streaming of the Jazz-Gospel Messiah.

Contact John Zeilstra at johnz@evenhousecpas.com or text Jim McMillen at 630.520.8668.

# COMMUNITY

Timothy Christian High School will be hosting a two-week summer camp, July 15-29, for students from China. We are currently accepting applications for Host Families from now until April 30. The host family does not need to be directly associated with Timothy Christian Schools. For more information, contact Ryan DeKoekkoek at dekoekkoek@timothychristian.com. It will be a great opportunity to make connections, make memories and make a difference!

**Timothy Christian Schools** is seeking applicants for the following positions for the 2018-2019 school year: PT Business Education Teacher (must have Type 09 certification, experience teaching MS Office Suite & Google G Suite preferred); Special Education Teacher (must have Type 09 certification, experience implementing Multi-Tiered System of Supports at the HS level preferred); PT/FT Preschool Teachers (must have an early childhood degree or be a certified teacher with early childhood experience) Contact HS Principal Brad Mitchell at mitchell@timothychristian.com or ES Principal Tim Hoeksema at hoeksema@timothychristian.com.

The **Calvin College Orchestra** is performing at the 9:30 am and 6:00 pm worship services at Faith Christian Reformed Church on **Sunday, April 8.** Volunteers are needed to house the 48-student orchestra overnight from April 8-9. For more information or to host (minimum of two students), visit faithelmhurst.org.

Roseland Christian Ministries invites you to join us at our Spring Banquet, "Roseland: A Glimpse of God's Kingdom in a Good Community" on Thursday, April 19, at Georgios (8800 W 159th St Orland Park). Doors open at 6:30 pm, dinner served at 7 pm. No tickets will be issued, but reservations are needed. Please restrict guests to high school age and older. Contact Kisha Pleasant at 773-264-5665 for reservations or more details.