

**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](mailto:gregg.demey@elmhurstcrc.org)

# LENT

## EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

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Large print Order of Worship available from an usher

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Living Water in the western suburbs

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ELMHURST  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED  
CHURCH

March 25, 2018

# TODAY

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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.

# NEXT WEEK

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He is risen! He is risen indeed! We celebrate Easter Sunday with two "like" services. Our series will conclude with "Wise Fools," in which we look at John 20:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Easter morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Out of the confusion hope emerges. Mary Magdalene, a weeping woman, is the first to confess faith in the risen Lord. Death and Resurrection are the core of the Christian faith and the essential elements of the Gospel. Like hydrogen and oxygen combining to make something utterly different than its component parts, Death plus Resurrection transform into living water for the universe. Easter Sunday is a family service in which communion will be served.

# THE CROSS

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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

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**9:00 AM**

*Lift Up Your Heads*

**10:30 AM**

*Prepare Ye The Way*

## WELCOME

## GATHERING

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

*Hosanna-Praise Is Rising  
Everlasting God*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:6-15

***My Song Is Love Unknown***

***Jesus Paid It All***

## GREETINGS

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

## ***There Is A Redeemer***

## PRAYER

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Once Again

## MESSAGE

"Descending Into Greatness"  
Gregg DeMey, Lead Pastor

## SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:33-41

## ***Were You There***

## BLESSING & SENDING

## WORSHIP TEAM:

Judy Doot, Ticks Groenboom, Stefanie Lemkuil,  
Mary Reitsma, Maria Vos, Marve Wolterstorff, Mary Ziegler

Doug Bardolph, Justin Bardolph, Janice Crothers,  
Bethany DeHaan, Kyle Olson, Glenn Vanderveld

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

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>3-25</b> 9:00 am Blended Worship 9:00 am Children's Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Community 10:30 am Contemp. Worship 10:30 am Children's Worship	<b>Sunday</b> Blended Worship Children's Worship Coffee & Community Contemp. Worship Children's Worship	<b>3-29</b> 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 12:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>Thursday (con't)</b> Men's Bible Study Maundy Thursday Service Maundy Thursday Service
<b>3-26</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>3-30</b> 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	<b>Friday</b> Good Friday Service
<b>3-27</b> 6:00 am Men's Fraternity	<b>Tuesday</b> Men's Fraternity	<b>3-31</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>3-28</b> 9:30 am Small Group Bible Study 6:00 pm Prayer Time 7:00 pm Men's Fraternity 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>Wednesday</b> Small Group Bible Study Prayer Time Men's Fraternity Choir Rehearsal	<b>4-1</b> 9:00 am Easter Worship Service 9:00 am PreK/K Children's Worship 10:00 am Coffee & Community 10:30 am Easter Worship Service 10:30 am PreK/K Children's Worship	<b>Sunday</b> Easter Worship Service PreK/K Children's Worship Coffee & Community Easter Worship Service PreK/K Children's Worship
<b>3-29</b> 6:00 am Men's Fraternity 8:30 am Maundy Thursday Service	<b>Thursday</b> Men's Fraternity Maundy Thursday Service		

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Join us for these special **Holy Week** services:

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**  
*Music, Prayer & Communion*  
 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 30**  
 "Tenebrae" Service  
 7 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 1**  
 9 & 10:30 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - March 25, 2018

We **extend our sympathy** to Linda & Dave Speelman in the loss of Linda's father, Evert Heersink and to Karla & Mike Engbers in the loss of Mike's mother, Niecia Engbers.

**Holy Week Devotionals:** Celebrate the hope of Easter. Take a significant moment each day to reflect with readings and short activities. Access your **daily devotional** on the ECRC Facebook page or online at [elmhurstcrc.org/easter](http://elmhurstcrc.org/easter), Palm Sunday through Easter.

If you are interested in learning more about ECRC's **Covenant Education Plan (CEP)**, which supports Christian education, or if you would like to participate in the CEP for 2018-19, please attend one of the mandatory meetings on April 8, April 11 and April 15. One parent, but preferably both, should attend. Additional information at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

Join us at the **Single Mothers Support Group** on **April 8**, 12:15 pm - 2:30 pm with your children for a free **luncheon**. Our speaker, Judy Groters, will address the topic "Where is God in the Disappointments in Life?" Child care is provided for infants - 12yrs from 1:00-2:30 pm. For further information contact Jane Loerop at [jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:jane.loerop@elmhurstcrc.org).

**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](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events).

**Student Ministries (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will not be meeting** this Sunday, March 25, or the next Sunday, April 1. We will meet again Sunday evenings starting April 8.

## SERVE

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

**Do you like to knit?** We are looking for 4-8 knitters to help our older **GEMS** girls work on their knitting badge on Wednesday, **April 11** from 6:15 pm-7:45 pm. We have a teacher for the group, but we would love some extra hands to help! Please contact Nancy Van Hout if interested [nanvanhout@yahoo.com](mailto:nanvanhout@yahoo.com). It should be a fun night!

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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto: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); 8th Grade Science Teacher (experience preferred). Contact HS Principal Brad Mitchell at [mitchell@timothychristian.com](mailto:mitchell@timothychristian.com) or ES Principal Tim Hoeksema at [hoeksema@timothychristian.com](mailto: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](http://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.