

ORDER OF WORSHIP April 28, 2024

❖ PRELUDE

❖ WELCOME

❖ GATHERING SONGS

*Spirit of the Living God
God Himself Is With Us*

❖ SONG

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ KIDS DISMISSAL (PreK-4th Grade)

❖ OFFERING

Behold Him

❖ PRAYER

❖ MESSAGE

*Hearts Ablaze
Luke 24:30-35*

❖ RESPONSE

*Open the Eyes of My Heart/Way Maker
There Is a Redeemer*

❖ BLESSING

PASTORS: Gregg DeMey, Jeff Klein

WORSHIP TEAM: Erin Pacheco
Tim Lundeen, Tyler VanderBrug, Billy Heschl
Olivia DeJong, Tania Molendyk, Judy Doot

More Ways to Connect

PRAYER & E-NEWS: elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe
DAILY DEVOTIONALS: elmhurstcrc.org/podcasts
or text DEVOS to 630-748-8172 for text reminders
elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek
Church office: 630-600-5100

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Live (SML): May 5, 8:30am in the Garden Room. We will watch a video series by Ray VanderLaan, and then engage in table discussions. Light breakfast provided. All are welcome!

ECRC Prison Ministry is on the move, and we'd love to have you join us for one or both trips! All are welcome!

- **Jun 27-30 trip to the Elayne Hunt Correctional Facility** (St. Gabriel, Louisiana). Our visit will be a mission trip of celebration, worship, and evangelism. Approximate cost per person is \$1,000. The deadline to sign up is May 12. Please contact Amy VanderMolen jerryamyv@comcast.net or 630-832-6959 for details.
- **Aug 16-19 trip to the Mississippi State Penitentiary** (Parchman, Mississippi). We will minister to the prison Field Ministers, visit the sick and elderly inmates, worship, pray, and work to lift all we encounter spiritually. We will be joined by Koinonia House and the College Church of Wheaton. The approximate cost per person is \$1000. The deadline to sign up is May 23. Contact John Zeilstra with interest or questions at jtzprivate@gmail.com.

Chicago Dogs Baseball Game: PrimeTime is going to the Dogs in Rosemont on Fri, May 31 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$16, parking is \$3. There are 30 tickets available (first come, first serve), and we'll meet there. It's going to be a fun night! Info and reservations: elmhurstcrc.org/events

Encore: Life Transition & Retirement Support will meet on Tue, May 14 at 7pm. This session will delve into critical financial topics related to retirement and estate planning. Guest speakers from The Barnabas Foundation and a respected local financial planner will share their expertise. There will be a time of Q & A after the speakers.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - May 2. Join us on Thursday for a time of gratitude and intercession as we pray for our region, state, nation, and world.
Prayer stations in the Garden Room 9am-5pm
Prayer Service @ Noon in the Garden Room
Prayer Service @ 7pm in the Upper Gathering Area

WELCOME WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

Name

Email

Phone

New Here?

Yes

No

I'd Like More Information On

Baptism

Membership

Programs for:

Serve

Prayer

Speak with Pastor

Weekly Enews

Prayer / Praise / Comment

"hello"

If you're new or new-ish we'd like to invite you to fill out this card and bring it to the Welcome Center in the lobby, drop it in the offering basket, text "Hello" to 630.748.8172 or scan to connect. We'd love to get to know you!



THE WAY OF EMMAUS

Our worship guide image is a print of the original painting, *The Way of Emmaus* by Janet Brooks-Gerloff, 1992 Benedictine Kornelimünster, Aachen

The painting depicts two disciples walking away from us in dark clothes, bowed heads, stooped shoulders, and their faces hidden, revealing the disciples' downcast demeanor and dashed hopes. One of them is Cleopas, and the other is an unnamed disciple (though some suggest it may have been his wife, Mary). Alongside them, walks the barely discernible, resurrected Christ.

Inspired by Luke 24:13-35

"He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

Jesus then tells them of how Christ, and sometimes his followers, must suffer in order to enter into his glory. Although they will realize this only in hindsight, ***their hearts are already burning.***

FAMILY, KIDS & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES

- **Nursery** is available for ages 0 - 2
- **Children's Worship** for PreK - 4th grade
- **Activity** supply stations in the lobby & Java Stop
- **SpringHill Camp** volunteer opportunities - email kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org for info.

Parents of 5th Graders - We will be having our annual 5th grade Bible presentation on Mon, May 13 from 5:30-6:45. Please email kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org if you did not receive an informational email about this event. We look forward to this special night!

Preschool Petting Zoo Party May 21, Tue. 10am - 12pm. Animals, games, crafts, snacks, tour of Little Lambs. Invite your friends! Free event!

YOUTH GROUP

- **Profession of Faith** "Going Public" discussions are happening in the month of April before church from 8:45-9:45am. All students are invited to explore what it means to make your faith public. If you missed this morning and are interested, email jeff.klein@elmhurstcrc.org
- **Color Wars** May 5
- **Serve Project** in the city May 11
- **Big Group Worship** May 19

More details and registration at elmhurstcrc.org/youth

Fall registrations are now open for Fall Ministries. Go to: elmhurstcrc.org/registrations

Early bird discount available for our Little Lambs Preschool Experience!



ELMHURST
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
CHURCH

ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS



elmhurstcrc.org

Artwork by
Janet Brooks-Gerloff