

# WELCOME

LENT 2023  
*Stumbling  
toward  
the Cross*



❖ **OPENING**  
Handbells

❖ **WELCOME**

❖ **PALM PARADE**  
*Hosanna*  
*Holy Is The Lord*

❖ **KIDS' MESSAGE**

❖ **OFFERING**  
*Cornerstone*

❖ **PRAYER**

❖ **MESSAGE**  
John 12:12-28  
Pastor Gregg DeMey

❖ **COMMUNION**  
*When I Survey*  
*Nothing But The Blood*

❖ **BLESSING**

You are invited to visit the  
Interactive Prayer Stations  
in the Garden Room.

April 2,  
2023

## TODAY'S PERSON: THE CROWD

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- ▶ Who were they?
- ▶ How did Jesus relate to them?
- ▶ How do we see ourselves in them?
- ▶ How do they stumble toward the cross?
- ▶ How does Jesus meet you in your stumbling?

### MUSICIANS:

Doug Bardolph,  
Justin Bardolph,  
Kyle Olson, Gregg  
DeMey, Jake  
Groenewold,  
Mary Reitsma



April 2  
**Palm Sunday**  
10 AM



April 6  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7 PM



April 7  
**Good Friday**  
7 PM



April 9  
**Easter Sunday**  
6\* 8:30 & 10 AM

\*Outdoor Sunrise Service



A victorious arrival, washing feet, breaking bread,  
death on the cross, and an empty tomb.  
The Easter story is so powerful.  
In this troubled world, the hope of Jesus found  
in the resurrection is something to celebrate.

Come hear the whole story and celebrate HOLY WEEK @ ELMHURST CRC.

**Prayer stations will be available in the Garden Room**

Week of April 2: Sun 5-8pm, Mon-Tue 8:30am-4:30pm

Wed 8:30am-4:30pm & 6:30-8:30pm, Thu 8:30am-4:30pm & 6pm-8:30pm

Fri 8:30am-12:30pm & 6pm-8:30pm

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# CONNECT

**LENT:** The church has long observed this 40-day spiritual season before Holy Week to refocus our vision on Jesus himself, to remember his great love for us, and to renew our commitment to be all in as we follow him to the cross.

## EASTER OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **SERVE** Easter morning Greeter, Usher, Nursery Attendant. Sign up @ [serve@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:serve@elmhurstcrc.org)
- ❖ **Easter yard signs** and invitation flyers available in the lobby to invite family, friends, and neighbors
- ❖ **Children's Choir** will participate in the service (with ribbons, flowers, candles, and singing). For details: email [kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:kara.hackert@elmhurstcrc.org)
- ❖ **Members** if you are able, consider attending the 8:30 service

**Alpha** Wednesdays 6-8pm.  
Dinner and childcare included.  
Not too late to join in!

**Covenant Education Program**  
Families of Christian day school students: both parents must attend one Parent Registration meeting: **Sundays Apr 16 & 23** at 9am and 11:15am. **Child care 0 - 12 yrs will be provided Apr 16 at 9am and Apr 23 at 11:15am.**

**Community Dinner** Wed Apr 12, 5:30-6:30. The cost is your donation. Sign up at: [dinner@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:dinner@elmhurstcrc.org)

More announcements:

[elmhurstcrc.org/  
thisweek](http://elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek)



### HELLO!

If you are new here,  
text Hello to  
630-748-8172.

### FAMILIES:

Nursery and  
Children's Worship  
are available  
(birth - K).  
Stop at the Welcome  
Center for details.

### PRAYER & E-NEWS

[elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org)  
/subscribe

### DAILY

**DEVOTIONALS**  
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/podcasts  
or text DEVOS to  
630-748-8172  
for text reminders

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