

## Gathered to Worship by God's Grace

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #575:1,4 (LH)

Ministry of Music:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

"Jubilate Deo"

"O Love"

"Do It Again"

Testimony of Faith, from *Our World Belongs to God*

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"He Knows My Name"

"Our God"

*(children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church)*

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Judges 13 (p. 247)

Sermon:

**HOW SAMSON'S STORY BEGINS LIKE JESUS'**

Prayer

Song of Response: #96:1,2 (WC)

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

## Giving with Gratitude

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Caring Network

## Blessed to Serve

Ministry of Music:

"Like a River In My Soul"

"Thixo Onothando"

"I'm Gonna Sing Til the Spirit Moves In My Heart"

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Benediction

Doxology: #115:4 (WC)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Ministry of Music:

Holland Christian High School Living Hope Singers

Living Hope Director:

Erika Blom

Living Hope Accompanist:

Diane de Vries

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #118 (WC)

"We Will Glorify"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

Congregational Sharing of Prayer Requests

Prayer

Song of Worship: #742 (LH)

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Love, Inc.

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

1 Peter 4:1-19 (*p. 1202*)

Sermon:

**THE END IS NEAR...THEREFORE**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #532:1,2 (WC)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Doxology: #532:3 (WC)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Katrina Sudman

*(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church- in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal-not in pews)*

## Today at Faith

**Today we celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday** with many other believers. That focus will be evident in a variety of ways throughout our morning worship service —from songs, to a testimony of faith, to prayers, to the message, and with a special focus on Caring Network, one of our long-time life-affirming ministry partners.

**This morning we welcome musical guests, the Holland Christian High School Living Hope Singers (from Holland, MI).** They will share a number of songs with us in worship and, we pray by God's grace, lift our hearts to heaven so that we would be blessed to be a blessing wherever we go.

**In the morning message** we continue in a series in Judges, *Silver Linings in Dark Ages*. Judges 13 records the very unique birth story of the last and perhaps best-known judge in the book.

**This evening** our *Hope for the Journey* series brings us to 1 Peter 4's call for us to live for God.

**Reading the Gospel of Luke:** This week, Reading Plan A focuses on Luke 3, and Reading Plan B covers Luke 8-11. The Children/Family reading plan brings us to Luke 3:2-6, 21-22.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights

January 27, 6:00 PM: Hymn Sing, Congregation's Choice

## Offerings

Today: AM: Caring Network. PM: Love, Inc.

January 27: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Centerpointe Church.

## Prayer & Praise

**If you have prayer needs,** please visit room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

**Winter Retreat:** Thirteen of our middle school students, high school students and leaders are on a retreat this weekend at Phantom Ranch in Mukwonago WI. Please pray for God to complete a good work in them and safe travel home.

**Don Oostman** is having shoulder surgery on Tuesday. Please remember him in prayer.

**Jack Vos** was able to return home recently after several weeks in the hospital. Please keep Jack and Marlene in your prayers as they continue to experience a number of health issues.

**Garry Wieringa** had back surgery last week. Please pray for good healing and pain relief for him.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Theresa Vegters** who lives in Lexington Square in Elmhurst.

**The Faith Honduras Serve team** will be leaving on January 26 and returning on February 2, 2019. Members from our church will join a team from Faith CRC Tinley Park for a week of serving the children and ministries of *All God's Children* in Comayagua, Honduras. Lambert & Judy Bronger, Tim Engbers, Clarence & Cindy Klaassens, Ria Hoogsteen, Bob Loerop, Tim & Nan Loerop, Gina Post, Sandy Turnbull, Barb Weber, and Juli Wolfson will be representing Faith Elmhurst this year. Please pray that each person will be blessed while serving and be a blessing to others as we serve.

## Announcements

**The Right to Life Committee** will be presenting a video during today's offertory which highlights a "Restore" program offered by Caring Network. This program offers hope and God's forgiveness for those who have gone through an abortion and kept silent.

**The Honduras Serve Team** will be meeting in room 3 across from the Choir Room following the morning service at 10:45 AM.

**Catechism and Sunday School teachers** will have a brief meeting this morning, at 10:45 AM in Room 8 (We'll be done in time for all the classes to start at 11:00). We'll be presenting a way that our Sunday school classes will help our youth to engage with the morning sermons over the next few weeks.

**Catechism classes** will begin at 11:00 AM this morning and meet in the following rooms: grades 6-8, room 8, grades 9-10, room 10 and grades 11-12, room 12.

**Young Adult Meal:** Join us tonight from 7:00 - 8:30 PM for a meal and discussion. Please RSVP and let Jonathan know if you will bring a side, dessert or salad. We'll have ham sliders as the main dish!

**Worship Team Involvement-** If you are interested in joining the worship team as either a singer or instrumentalist, please reach out to Matt Bulthuis ([matt@smartgate.com](mailto:matt@smartgate.com)) or Pastor Greg. The more the merrier!!

**Roseland Breakfast and Worship:** Serve breakfast at 8:00 AM and join in worship at 10:00 AM with Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27. Please RSVP to Jonathan at [jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:jbarney@faithelmhurst.org).

**The 2019 January Series of Calvin:** Join us for this award-winning series of free lectures this January! This year's topics include technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement and much more. It all takes place weekdays January 3-23 from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the Garden Room at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church (149 W. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst). A full list of speakers, topics, and listening options available at [calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/](http://calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/).

**Profession of Faith Class in February.** A class for high school students who would like to make profession of their faith this spring, will be offered from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in Room 4/5 starting on Sunday, February 3. Please contact Pastor Greg Schuringa or Jonathan Barney if you have any questions and if you plan to attend. Thanks! If you are not a high school student, and a baptized member of the church and would like to make profession of your faith, also please get in touch with Pastor Greg or Jonathan!

**Senior Bible Study** will begin a new study of the book of Revelation next month. Our first study will be on Tuesday, February 5 at 1:15 PM. A study guide will be available in early February.

**The Faith Book Club** has selected Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* for discussion at their next meeting. Set in the Depression-era South, this book gives the reader a child's view of race and justice. Please join us on February 12 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. Newcomers are always welcome.

**Save the Date for VBS – ROAR!** Join us from June 17-20 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM for a week to remember of worship, games, science station, Bible teaching and drama! Free for children aged four through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Online registration coming soon.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> - 8th Grade Catechism Class** will be collecting aluminum cans and used Christmas lights. Proceeds will be donated to *All God's Children*. Please help us by saving your cans and dropping them off in tightly tied bags by the garage.

**“United Community Concerns Association** would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your continued support and interest in our program. Thank you for the very generous donations of soap from your congregation. The gifts were given to Elmhurst Community School District 205 families who are experiencing difficult times. UCCA could not accomplish what we do without your support.”  
Sincerely, the Officers and Directors of UCCA

## Youth News

**The Gathering** will meet next Sunday, January 27 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Join us for a meal, games and small group.

**GEMS Father/Daughter night** is this Wednesday, January 23. If it snows, we will be sledding. If it doesn't snow, we will be playing bunco. Please check your family emails for more specific details and updates.

**Roseland Breakfast and Worship:** Serve breakfast and join in worship at Roseland Christian Ministries on January 27, 8:00 AM, 10858 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago. You can also join us at 10:00 AM for worship. Please RSVP to Jonathan at [Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:Jbarney@faithelmhurst.org).

**Asylum** will meet next on February 3 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, fellowship, games and Bible study - invite your friends!!

**My Brother's Kitchen:** Join us to serve a meal to the homeless on February 16 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM).

## This Week at Faith

### Today

Sunday School, 10:45 - 11:45 AM

Sunday School & Catechism Teachers meeting, 10:45 AM

Honduras Serve Team Meeting, 10:45 AM

Catechism, 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM

Young Adults, 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, January 23

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM

GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

### Thursday, January 24

Mom2Mom, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

### Friday, January 25

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Cathy Bulthuis **Next Week:** Maria Kearney

**Kitchen:** Scott & Staci Bryant, Byron & Cathy Plate\*

**Next Week:** Ed & Kim Biesboer, Bob & Sharon Herlien\*

**Library:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa **Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

**Audio Visual:** Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek

**Next Week:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Colin Middel

**Nursery Hostess:** Sarah Schuringa **Next Week:** Cathy Bulthuis

**Infant Nursery:** Mindy Slinkman, Heather Turner, Emily Turner

**Next Week:** Jill Groenewold, Harma Slinkman, Grace Lindemulder

**Toddler Nursery:** Rachel Kinnas, Kelly Rauwerda, Emma Dillon

**Next Week:** Rebecca Anderson, Val Hoving, Will Hoving

**PM Nursery:** Grace Harbaugh, Hannah Schuringa

**Next Week:** Bethany Voss, Sophia Schuringa