

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"Come, People of the Risen King"

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Song of Worship: #655 (LH)

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

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Matthew 20:1-16 *(p. 976)*

**PARABLES ON THE ROAD TO CALVARY #6:
EVERYONE GETS A RING!**

Prayer

Celebrating Communion

Song of Preparation for Communion:

The Meaning of Communion

Song of Worship: #101 (WC)

Song of Thanksgiving: #204:1-3 (PH)

"Behold the Lamb"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

Blessed to Serve

Benediction

Doxology: #487 (PH)

Postlude

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Piano:

Violin:

Guitars:

Bass:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Donna Erdman

Jan Slinkman

Kristen Voss

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Carter Bulthuis

(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: #306:1,3,4 (WC)

"Standing on the Promises"

We Celebrate God's Grace in Baptism

Baptism:

Song of Response: #150 (PH)

Prayer

Song of Worship:

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Logan Charles Jansma

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

"Speak, oh Lord"

The Gathering

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Romans 13:8-14 (*p. 1123*)

THE LAW OF THE DAY

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #20:1,2 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #20:3 (WC)

Postlude

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Piano:

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

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Donna Erdman

Today at Faith

This morning we continue in our *Parables on the Road to Calvary* series. Also we plan to celebrate Communion. If you are a professing member of a Bible-believing church we invite you to join us. If you have not professed Jesus as your Lord and Savior and are not a member of a church, we invite you to talk to Pastor Greg or Pastor Matthew about what it means to belong to a church family and what it means to belong to Jesus.

This evening *Our Journey of Faith* continues with a call from Romans 13:8-14 to put aside darkness and put on the ways of the Lord. We'll celebrate a baptism in this service also, as a sign and seal of God's love for His people.

Offerings

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: The Gathering.
February 18: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Calvin College.
February 25: AM: Zuni CRC. PM: Back to God, International.

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please visit room 1 on the north side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

Ken Rusthoven had heart bypass surgery last Friday.

Judy Veldsema is at ManorCare in Hinsdale for long-term rehab following foot surgery.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Evelyn Wettour** who lives in Saratoga Grove.

Announcements

A Profession of Faith class for high school students continues today at 4:00 PM in Room 4-5. If you are younger or older than high school age and interested in professing your faith also please contact Pastor Greg. gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org.

When Helping Hurts: At 11:00 AM today and next week Sunday, join us in Rooms 1-2 for a class on how we can walk with the poor in ways that lead to lasting change. We'll be watching and discussing the *When Helping Hurts* video series. This week's topic will focus on how we can move past good intentions to wisely help those in need. Childcare will be available.

The Missions Committee will meet in room 4-5 following the morning service.

The Faith Book Club has selected *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair for discussion at our next meeting. This novel exposes the harsh conditions and exploited lives of immigrant workers in the Chicago stockyards. We will meet on Tuesday, (note new day) February 13, 2018 at Park Place. Please see Chuck Slinkman with any questions.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: Join us on Sunday, February 18 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for a pizza bread dinner. Please RSVP to Jonathan Barney for food prep to jbarney@faithelmhurst.org. Future meeting: March 4.

Senior Bible Study will meet again next week Tuesday, February 20 at 1:15 PM at church. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 4:14-5:39, using Lesson 3 of our study guide. Contact Pastor Matthew with any questions.

Mission Emphasis Week is coming soon! Rev. Mike Meekhof from Zuni, New Mexico will join us in morning worship on February 25, 2018. Rev. Guillermo Serrano, from Back to God, International will be our guest in the evening. On Sunday, March 4, Rev. Joe Huizenga from Roseland Christian Ministries will be our guest in the morning and Rev. Fred De Jong, from CenterPointe Church in Plainfield, IL will join us in the evening. There will be potluck luncheons on both Sundays. Please sign up online or in the narthex so we are able to plan the food. The whole family is invited to join us.

Also planned for Missions Emphasis Week is an all church Soup & Salad Supper at 6:00 PM on Thursday evening, March 1, with Joel Hamernick, Executive Director of Sunshine Gospel Ministry as our speaker. Please sign up in the narthex or online so we are able to plan ahead for the food.

DVDs of the January Series have arrived and are in the library for you to borrow. If you missed one or all of the speakers and would like to see what the series is all about just stop in the church library and check it out.

VBS Save the Date: All four year olds through 5th grade are invited to join our church for a week of activities and Bible learning from 9:00 – 11:30 AM daily, June 18-21. Our thrilling theme this year is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Mark your calendars—registration coming soon. Contact Youth Director, Jonathan Barney, jbarney@faithelmhurst.org for questions.

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade Catechism class is collecting aluminum cans, old Christmas lights, small broken appliances, and scrap metal. Proceeds will go to All God's Children/Hogar De Ninos. Items can be placed by the church garage.

Youth News

The 11th-12th grade Catechism Class will be attending the *When Helping Hurts* course meeting at 11:00 AM in rooms 1-2.

The 9th-10th grade Catechism Class will be meeting in the choir room today at 10:45 AM.

The Gathering: Join us tonight for Bible study, Christian fellowship and a meal (7:00 - 9 PM).

Asylum: 6 - 8th graders are invited to join us at church for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Next meeting: Friday, February 16.

Puerta Vallarta Trip Training: Students and Leaders please join us from 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM on Sunday, March 11.

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism will meet at 10:45 AM.

The Missions Committee will meet in room 4-5 at 10:50 AM.

When Helping Hurts seminar in rooms 1-2 11:00 AM.

PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) signup sheets for March are available in the Fellowship Hall.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 13

The Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

Wednesday, February 14

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday, February 15

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

Friday, February 16

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Len Turnbull

Next Week: Ted Vander Naald

Saratoga Driver: Corey Van Dyk

Next Week: Darrell Stodola

Kitchen: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald*

Next Week: Pete & Barb Holtrop*, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Ryan Swanson, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Nursery Hostess: Janna Piersma

Next Week: Jayne Lindemulder

Infant Nursery: Nicole Huizinga, Niki Tazelaar, Sophia Schuringa

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Emily Folkerts, Nathan Printz

Toddler Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Laurie Van Dahm, Jacki Van Dahm

Next Week: Sue Boonstra, Rachel Kinnas, Emma Dillon

PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Julie Speelman, Olivia Schuringa

Announcements from our Ministry Partners

Refugees and Public Policy: How do we respond Biblically? Join us at Lombard CRC on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM for a panel discussion on the global refugee crisis, the current state of public discourse and policy, and how we as a Christian community can respond.

PrimeTime (a monthly gathering of those aged 55+) invites you to enjoy "Game Night 2018." This is the annual gathering around game tables for a variety of games and activities. And this year you are asked to invite a child (grandchild? great-grandchild? friend?) to join you for a time of intergenerational fun. It all starts on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM in the Garden Room of Elmhurst CRC and winds up at 8:30 PM with ice cream sundaes! So come alone or bring a child and enjoy an evening of games! Register by contacting Bert or Celia DeJong, 630-530-2924 or email us at dejong66@comcast.net.

Tortured for Christ: Join a group from Faith for the movie premiere of *Tortured for Christ*, a story of Pastor Richard Wurmbbrand's 14-year imprisonment in Communist Romania. The movie will be shown at the Studio Movie Grill in Wheaton on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be reserved online at www.torturedforchrist.com, and the showing will only take place if a certain number of tickets are sold. Contact Joy Hoving for more details.

Ready, Set, Grow! Celebrate how students are growing at Chicago West Side Christian School's Annual Scholarship Benefit on Thursday, March 8 from 6 – 9 PM. The event will be at the school (1240 S. Pulaski Road in Chicago). Join us for inspiring stories, CWSCS' outstanding choir, a delicious meal and a tribute to Dave Larsen and the Bright Promise Fund, the recipient of this year's *Friend of CWSCS Award*. Valet parking is available. RSVP at www.cwscs.org or 773-542-0663.

Marriage: Its Challenges and Delights - It seems this topic never goes out of style – and no wonder! Marriage is wonderful, but hard. This March, Mid-America Reformed Seminary plans to offer an evening class on a Christian view of marriage. It is scheduled to meet on four successive Thursday nights: March 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:30 PM. Professor Andrew Compton will take a look at the Old Testament teachings on the foundations of Christian marriage; the next session will take up material from the New Testament. Dr. Beach will address some practical issues relevant for a healthy marriage, and Dr. Alan Strange will examine marriage as it unfolds in church history. More information and live-streaming registration is available at www.midamerica.edu.

Make your golf game count! Mark your calendars for the GEMS Open on Monday, May 14, 2018 at Railside Golf Club in Byron Center, Michigan to help GEMS Girls' Clubs continue to reach girls everywhere with the Good News! Join our Michigan event or golf at a distance for a discounted rate! Not a golfer? Consider being a sponsor or donating silent auction items. If you're in the area, you can also join us for lunch! For more information contact Kelli at 616-241-5616 ext. 3035 or visit gemsgc.org.