

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise:

"How Majestic"
"10,000 Reasons"

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Honduras Serve Project Testimony

Song of Worship: #523:1,3,4 (WC)

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

"Trust and Obey"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Matthew 21:33-46 (*p. 978*)

THE SON AND THE STONE

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #517:1,4 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #325:1,2 (PH)

Postlude

"The Solid Rock"

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Organ:

Violin:

Guitars:

Bass:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Pastor Matthew Lanser

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: #422:1,2,4 (WC)

"O God of Every Nation"

(sung to the tune of #689 (WC), "The Church's One Foundation")

Prayer

Song of Praise:

"Behold Our God"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Calvin College

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Romans 13:1-7 *(p. 1123)*

Sermon:

HOW DO WE PUT UP WITH GOVERNMENT?

Prayer

We Profess What We Believe

Profession of Faith: Belgic Confession, Article 36 *(p. 88 in the back of the PH)*

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #601:1-3 (LH)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Benediction

Doxology: #601:4 (LH)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

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

Today at Faith

This morning we'll read Matthew 21:33-36 as part of our *Parables on the Road to Calvary* series. In this text, Jesus challenges religious people to build their lives only on Him.

This evening we continue in our *Romans* sermon series with the theme, "How Do We Put Up with Government?" with a focus on Romans 13:1-7.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

February 25 AM & PM: Mission Emphasis Sunday

March 4 AM & PM: Mission Emphasis Sunday

March 11 PM: Singing Men of Oak Brook in worship

March 18 AM: GEMS Sunday/Baptism

Offerings

Today: 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 spent a number of days last week on a ventilator after triple bypass surgery, but he's off the ventilator and continuing to make slow progress.

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 **Wilma Folkerts** who lives in Park Place.

Announcements

Mission Emphasis Week begins next Sunday! 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, Jei Wilson 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.

When Helping Hurts: At 11:00 AM today, join us in Rooms 1-2 for our final session of this course. We'll watch and discuss a video on how we can partner effectively with those in need.

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

Senior Bible Study will meet this 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.

Attention: All Instrumentalists and All Singers. As we plan for the upcoming Easter week services, we would like to know if you are unable to participate due to spring break plans. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who loves to sing or play an instrument to be part of bringing glory to God during these meaningful services. Please contact Jan Slinkman, janslinkman@att.net. Please note the following rehearsal schedule:

Good Friday Men's Chorus will rehearse on March 4 & 25 after the morning worship service.

Palm Sunday Women's Choir will rehearse on March 4 after the morning worship service.

Easter Sunday Choir will rehearse on March 11, 18, & 25 after the morning worship service.

Easter Sunday Band/Orchestra will rehearse on March 11, 18, & 25 at 4:00 PM.

Creative Connections: Ladies, join us on Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM for an evening of crafting and fellowship. We will be sewing the drawstring jewelry pouch for \$5 which we originally planned for February 8, but cancelled due to the weather. This pouch holds your jewelry safe and tight with multiple inside pockets that keep everything neat and tidy. Sign up today, even if you signed up last month. **If you are able** please bring your sewing machine with white thread, pins and an iron and ironing board, but join us even if you can't bring these items. Questions call Susan, 630-656-2801.

The Faith Book Club has chosen *Miracle of Israel: The Shocking, Untold Story of God's Love for His People* by Jim Fletcher and Gary Frazier for discussion at their March meeting. This book provides an easy-to-read timeline of miracle after miracle related to the nation of Israel. Newcomers are welcome to join us on Tuesday, March 13 at Park Place at 7:00 PM.

Women's Breakfast: Faith will be hosting a women's breakfast on Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 AM. We have a great breakfast and speaker lined up, and we hope you can join us! Sue Roman of the Re:New Project will be sharing about how Re:New provides training and initial employment for refugee women in Chicagoland.

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.

Church Mailboxes. Please check your church mailbox if you haven't done so in a while. Thank you!

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: No Gathering this week due to three-day weekend. Enjoy your weekend!

Asylum: 6 - 8th graders are invited to join us at church for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Next meeting: Friday, February 23.

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.

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

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

Young Adults will meet at church at 7:00 PM.

Monday, February 19

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Council will meet at 7:00 PM.

The Elders will meet at 7:45 PM.

Tuesday, February 20

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

Wednesday, February 21

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

Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.

Cadets & Jr. Cadets will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Thursday, February 22

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Friday, February 23

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Asylum will meet at 7:00 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Ted Vander Naald

Next Week: Dave Printz

Saratoga Driver: Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Randy Van Dahm

Kitchen: Pete & Barb Holtrop*, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa

Next Week: Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder*, Byron & Cathy Plate

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Jayne Lindemulder

Next Week: Joy Koopmans

Infant Nursery: Kathleen Glaubke, Emily Folkerts, Nathan Printz

Next Week: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Sam David

Toddler Nursery: Sue Boonstra, Rachel Kinnas, Emma Dillon

Next Week: Jen Bernahl, Emily Frank, Izzy David

PM Nursery: Julie Speelman, Olivia Schuringa

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Marta Veenstra

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.

The Calvin College Wind Ensemble (Grand Rapids, MI), under the direction of Dr. Tiffany Engle, will present a concert at Elmhurst CRC on Friday, February 23 at 7:00 PM. (admission is free; tickets are not required). You are cordially invited to attend.

Tortured for Christ: Join a group from Faith for the movie premiere of *Tortured for Christ*, a story of Pastor Richard Wurmbrand'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.