

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise:

"10,000 Reasons"

Relying on Grace

Baptism:

Song of Response: #150 (PH)

Prayer

Song of Assurance:

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

Tripp Wilson Sowers

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

"It Is Well"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Judges 16:1-3 (p. 250)

PROOF OF THE PROMISE

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #306:1, 4 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #946:1 (LH)

Postlude

"Standing on the Promises"

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Guitars:

Violin:

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

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Kristen Voss

Gathering in Jesus' Name

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Gathering in Song:

"Our God"

Testimony

Song:

"Come to the Altar"

Prayers for the Sick and Suffering

Praying for Prodigal Ones & Confession of Sin

Prayers for Prodigals

Song:

"Surrounded (Fight Our Battles)"

Prayers of Personal Confession

Song:

"Solid Rock"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Calvin Theological Seminary

The Word

Scripture:

Genesis 32:22-32 (p. 33)

Sermon:

WRESTLING

Go and Fight for Your Request

Prayers of Dedication

Song of Response:

"Do It Again"

Benediction

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Pedro Aviles and Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

Today at Faith

This morning in Judges 16, we begin the final accounts of the final judge, Samson, under the theme “Proof of the Promise.” Also this morning, we celebrate the baptism of Tripp Wilson Sowers.

This evening Ebenezer CRC will be joining us to kick off their annual spiritual renewal week. Pastor Peter Aviles and Ebenezer’s worship team will be leading us in a time of prayer and praise, and we’ll reflect together on the story of Jacob wrestling with God in Genesis 32. Join us for this combined service, and stick around for the Ice Cream Social afterward.

Reading the Gospel of Luke: Reading Plan A works through Luke 13. Reading Plan B focuses on Luke 12-15, and the Children/Family reading plan comes to Luke 14:25-34 this week.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

March 17 AM: GEMS Sunday

Prayer & Praise

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

Congratulations to **Josh & Kim Biesboer** on the birth of their son, **Jackson Crijn**, on March 1.

Tim Loerop fell and broke his clavicle last week in Honduras. After surgery to repair the break, he’s doing well, but please pray for a speedy recovery and patience over the next few weeks.

Karen Tazelaar had hip replacement surgery last weekend and will be doing rehab at Park Place the next couple weeks. Please pray for a smooth recovery for Karen.

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

We warmly welcome **Dirk & Eileen Rauglas** into the family of God here at Faith Church. Please add their contact information to your church directory: 851 S Euclid Ave, Elmhurst, IL 60126; 630-832-3447.

Dr. Schuringa and Elder Don Oostman represented our church this past week at classis, a twice-a-year gathering of pastors and office-bearers for the Christian Reformed congregations in our region, Classis Northern Illinois.

Taco Dinner: A big thank you to all who donated supplies and/or their time to the fundraising event! Thanks also to everyone who came out and enjoyed tacos for dinner. You make this ministry awesome.

Offerings

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Calvin Seminary.

March 17 AM: GEMS Girls Club. PM: Lampstand Ministries.

March 24 AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Life on Wheels.

March 31 AM: Tapestries of Life. PM: Gideons.

Upcoming Music Opportunities

Please take note of the following music opportunity for Good Friday and Easter morning. Please contact Jan or Donna if you have any questions.

Good Friday/Easter Rehearsals:

March 31: Choir, 10:45 AM; Orchestra, 4:00 PM

April 7: Choir, 10:45 AM; Orchestra, 4:00 PM

April 14: Choir, 11:00 AM; Orchestra, 4:00 PM

Announcements

Catechism and Sunday School Teachers Meeting: If you're a Sunday School or Catechism teacher please plan to attend a brief meeting this Sunday morning at 10:45 in Room 8. We'll have a quick discussion of how sermon discussions have gone with our classes the last few weeks; the meeting should be finished by 11:00.

Ice Cream Social: After the evening service today, the Discipleship Committee will be hosting an Ice Cream Social. Come to enjoy the ice cream, and shared fellowship with members of Faith and Ebenezer CRC.

Ebenezer Spiritual Renewal Week: This Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM, you're invited to join in a Psalm-focused time of prayer and singing at Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn. This event is part of Ebenezer's annual spiritual renewal week, and also of our ongoing Ebenezer-Faith partnership. Contact Pastor Matthew for more details.

Families in a Digital Age: Are you wondering how to keep your kids or grand-kids safe online? Do you have questions about how to use technology wisely? During Sunday School next week, March 17, the Discipleship Committee will be hosting a presentation on families in a digital world. Kevin Hackert of Timothy Christian Schools will be leading a conversation on how to keep children safe and how to use technology well in our families today.

Senior's Bible Study will meet again on Tuesday, March 19 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying Revelation 6-7 (Lesson 4 in the study guide).

The Faith Book Club has selected *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim De Fede for discussion at their next meeting. This is the true story of 38 jetliners that were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland on September 11, 2001 and the acts of kindness that touched the lives of thousands of people. We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

Discipleship Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM.

Administrative Assistant Search: The Staff Relations Committee is searching for a new administrative assistant for Faith. The position would have part-time flexible hours. If you need more details talk to Niki in the office. It would be our preference to have a current Faith CRC member fill the position. If you are interested in applying for this position please forward a resume and letter of interest to assistantsearch@faithelmhurst.org.

The Right to Life Committee encourages you to contact your Illinois Senator & Representative about three pending bills that are very pro-abortion. Senate Bill SB1594 & House Bill HB 1594 would allow minors to get abortions without parental notification. Senate Bill HB2495 would legalize partial birth abortion. To find out who your state Senator & Representative are go to illinoispolicy.org, click on take action & then contact your Rep. Please read Proverbs 24:11-12 & above all else PRAY! "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" - Edmund Burke.

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 5th grade. Online registration coming soon.

Photos of Ministry Events! Please send any good photos you have of Faith CRC ministry events to office@faithelmhurst.org. Then we can share all the various things God is doing at Faith on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! Thank you! As always, please let the office know if you prefer not to be included in online photos.

Youth News

Asylum will meet tonight 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 March 16 (9:00 AM - 1:30 PM). RSVP to Jonathan for transportation purposes. All members and chaperones welcome!

The Gathering will meet next week, March 17 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Join us for a guest speaker!

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism, 10:45 - 11:45 AM
Sunday School Teacher's Meeting, 10:45 AM
Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM
Ice Cream Social, 7:00 PM
Asylum, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 13

Men's Prayer Group, 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM
GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Ebenezer Prayer/Song Service, 7:00 PM @ Ebenezer CRC

Thursday, March 14

Mom2Mom, 9:00 AM

Friday, March 15

Cadet Pinewood Derby, 6:00 PM @ Timothy Middle School

Saturday, March 16

My Brother's Kitchen, 9:00 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Cathy Bulthuis **Next Week:** Sharon Rozendal
Kitchen: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien
Next Week: Logan & Bonnie Van Proyen*, Brad & Kathy Miedema
Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller
Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa
Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek
Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek
Nursery Hostess: Nicole Huizinga **Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman
Infant Nursery: Kathy Miedema, Niki Tazelaar, Joy Koopmans
Next Week: Val Hoving, Becky Vander Naald, Sam David
Toddler Nursery: Cindy Tazelaar, Laurie Vander Naald, Paige Hoving
Next Week: Alyssa Ridder, Laura Van Kampen, Izzy David
PM Nursery: Susan Middel, Sarah Schuringa
Next Week: Laura Lanser, Sharon Rozendal