

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship:

"Your Grace is Enough"

Relying on Grace

GEMS Theme Verse

GEMS 2018-2019 Theme & Verse

GEMS Litany

GEMS 2018-19 Theme Song:

"We Receive Your Blessing"

New Member Welcome

Prayer

GEMS Original Theme Song: #491:1-3 (WC)

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

GEMS Girls Clubs

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Judges 16:4-22 (*p. 250*)

Sermon:

THE FINAL TAKEDOWN

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #226:1-3 (WC)

"Hallelujah! What a Savior"

Benediction

Doxology: #349:3 (PH)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

(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: #71:1-3 (PH)

"I Waited for the Lord Most High"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"You Are My All in All"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Lampstand Ministries

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

2 Peter 1:1-4 (*p. 1204*)

Sermon:

WHAT'S YOUR PRECIOUS II?

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #378:1,2,4 (PH) "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

Benediction

Doxology:

"Step By Step"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Katrina Sudman

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

Worship at Faith

This morning we continue the final accounts of the final judge. Even many non-church-goers know the story of Samson and Delilah. But what is it really about? What does it mean?

Also this morning we celebrate our GEMS Girls Club, a ministry for girls in grades 1 through 8. We're thankful for faithful counselors who disciple these girls and teach them God's Word.

This evening we continue in the first verses of the book of 2 Peter and find three more characteristics of our precious faith.

Reading the Gospel of Luke: This week, Reading Plan A focuses on chapter 14. Reading Plan B works through Luke 16-20. The Children/Family reading plan comes to Luke 14:25-34.

Next Sunday Morning, children's activity kits for the service will be available in the lobby. These kits will go along with the sermon's theme of Jesus seeking and saving the lost.

Upcoming Music Opportunities

Please take note of the following music opportunities 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

Prayer & Praise

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

A note from the elders: At our meeting held Monday, March 4 the memberships of **Brian & Danielle Voss and family** were received and accepted from Oak Glen United Reformed Church in Lansing. We warmly welcome them to our Faith Church family. Also we heard the profession of faith of **Lauren Gehrke, Ben Tobin and Raymond Amegatcher**. They will be making their public profession during a worship service in the next few weeks.

Al Havenga spent some time in the hospital last week with a variety of health issues. Please pray for improved health for Al.

Continue to pray for **Tim Loerop** as he recovers from a broken collarbone.

Karen Tazelaar continues to undergo rehab at Park Place following hip surgery.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Annette Klein** who lives in Alden Poplar Creek in Hoffman Estates.

"Judy is out of the hospital and had a good check-up recently. We would like to express our deep appreciation of the thoughts, prayers, and cards from the church."
Mark Teune and Judy Doornbos

“Dear Faith CRC, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers over the past week. I feel the hand of God's healing and am beyond grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers.” Kathy Folkerts, (daughter of Chuck & Marilyn Smith & daughter-in-law of Theresa Folkerts)

Offerings

Today: 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.

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in February:

Faith General Fund	\$41,606	Elim Christian Services	\$1,193
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$3,613	Kristen Tazelaar Fund	\$85
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$713	My Brother's Kitchen	\$377
Faith Building Fund	\$322	PADS	\$389
Faith Education Fund	\$1,105	Resonate Global Missions	\$1,125
All God's Children	\$371	Shoebox Ministry	\$291
Cadets International	\$1,357	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$2,363
Ebenezer CRC	\$378		
Total Offerings for February: \$55,298			

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 totaled approximately \$555,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$600,000 or a \$45,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$595,000 or a \$40,000 actual shortfall.

As of February 28, 2019, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2018-2019 school year was approximately \$40,000.

Announcements

Catechism classes: for this week, grades 6-8 will meet in room 8, grades 9 & 10 will meet in room 10 and grades 11 & 12 will meet in room 12.

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 today, in rooms 1-3, 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 this 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 this Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

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

The Friday Men's Bible Study is beginning a study on the first few chapters of Revelation. Our next meeting is this Friday, March 22 at 6:30 AM. Contact Christopher Koopmans if you would like to join this group.

Come join us for Sisters & Snacks, between 9:30 - 11:00 AM on Monday, April 1 for fellowship, coffee and snacks with old and new friends at church. This is an open invitation to connect with other women. We look forward to seeing you! Any questions see Sharon Rozendal or Jan Slinkman.

Shoebox Ministry needs you! We are going to have a "Puzzle" drive from now until Sunday, April 6. What kind of puzzle do we need? We need boxed puzzles of 24 pieces all the way to boxed puzzles of 500. We cannot use board puzzles, unless they are smaller than 8" x 10" so they fit in our boxes. We fill shoeboxes for children from infant to 18 years of age (boys & girls). We will have a box in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to donate some puzzles! Thank you!

Ebenezer CRC visit: On Sunday, April 7, a few members from Faith will be worshipping with Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn as part of the Ebenezer-Faith partnership we've been developing this year. Contact Pastor Matthew if you're interested in coming along for this time of worship with our sister church.

Save the Date: the Annual Memorial Day Hymn Sing will be on Sunday, May 26, 2019!

Help us bless our college students and military personnel this spring semester by donating snacks, toiletries, candy, mechanical pencils, post-its, stress balls or other fun study tools. Items will be accepted in Jonathan's office through April 21, and boxes will be sent out the week of April 22 in time for spring finals. If your child has had a change in address since last semester or have questions, please contact Laura Miller, lauramiller289@comcast.net.

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.

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

The Gathering will meet tonight from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Join us for a guest speaker! We'll have a social event on April 12. Details to follow.

Sky Zone: Join us for trampolines and pizza on Friday, April 5, 6:15 - 9:45 PM. Meet at the church, transportation provided. Cost: \$20 (jumping and snack).

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

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism, 10:45 - 11:45 AM

Families in the Digital Age Seminar, 10:45 AM, rooms 1-3

Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM

The Gathering, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Monday, March 18

Executive Committee, 6:30 PM

Deacons, 6:30 PM

Council, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 19

Senior Bible Study, 1:15 PM

Faith Book Club, 7:00 PM, Park Place

Wednesday, March 20

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

Bible Study Fellowship, 9:00 AM

Cadets & Jr. Cadets, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Discipleship Committee, 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 21

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 AM

Women's Bible Study, 7:15 PM

Friday, March 22

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Sharon Rozendal **Next Week:** Maria Kearney

Kitchen: Logan & Bonnie Van Proyen*, Brad & Kathy Miedema

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Hank & Becky Vander Naald*

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: Mindy Slinkman **Next Week:** Jayne Lindemulder

Infant Nursery: Val Hoving, Becky Vander Naald, Sam David

Next Week: Ruth Flikkema, Mindy Slinkman, Sophia Schuringa

Toddler Nursery: Alyssa Ridder, Laura Van Kampen, Izzy David

Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Lindy Oostman, Will Hoving

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Sharon Rozendal

Next Week: Bethany Voss, Hannah Schuringa