
March 22, 2020

9:30 AM

God's Invitation Gathers Us

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Psalm 100

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise: #36:1 - 3 (PH)
#159 (PH)

"The Ends Of All The Earth Shall Hear"
"O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely"

God's Grace Claims Us

Call to Confession:

Matthew 22:37 - 40

Prayers for Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:8 - 12

Prayer

Songs of Praise:

"10,000 Reasons"
"Glory to God Forever"

Offering Update

Profession of Our Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

God's Word Speaks to Us

Scripture:

1 Thessalonians 2:1 - 12

Sermon:

**CHRIST'S COMING AND WORKADAY LIVING #3:
PICTURES OF GOSPEL CARE**

God's Blessing Equips Us

Song of Response: #297 (WC)

"Spirit of the Living God"

Benediction

Doxology: #487 (PH)

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Lanser & Pastor Schuringa

Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ: Donna Erdman

Violin: Kristen Voss

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Vocalists:

Ryan David, Janna Piersma, Carla Printz, Dan Roelofs, Heather Turner

Today at Faith

In the message we continue in our 1 Thessalonians series. In 1 Thessalonians 2:1 - 12 we find three pictures of what gospel caring looks like in our workaday living.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

Next week we'll focus on Luke 14:7 - 14 as part of our "Come to the Table" series.

Upcoming Worship: We're in the midst of challenging and rapidly changing circumstances, and we're not sure exactly what the future will hold. Faith is committed to monitoring current recommendations and to prayerfully making the best decisions we can about worship and other gatherings. We will most likely be gathering virtually over the next few weeks, but as things develop, we will do our best to communicate updates clearly via email, phone chain, social media and website. In these uncertain times, we encourage all of us to spend extra time focusing on serving those around us as well as Bible reading, prayer and personal spiritual growth.

Offerings

During these unusual times, we want to acknowledge that giving is an act of worship to the Lord, and we want to encourage all of us - as we are able - to continue to worship the Lord with our gifts, both to Faith and other worthy causes. You are encouraged during this time of virtual worship, to give online at faithelmhurst.org/give or by mail.

The deacons would like to thank the congregation for the following offerings received in February 2020:

Budget	\$57,396.86	Timothy Christian	\$3,339.00
Education Fund	\$620.00	Faith Promise Missionaries	\$2,259.00
Benevolent Fund	\$2,345.00	Building Fund	\$477.00
My Brother's Kitchen	\$1,208.35	Taco Dinner	\$2,248.00
Horizon Comm Church	\$254.00	PADS	\$481.00
Bible League	\$311.00	Crossroads	\$285.00
Rev. Gho	\$200.00	Mission India	\$50.00
All God's Children	\$25.00		

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020 totaled approximately \$588,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$603,000 or a \$15,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$628,000 or a \$40,000 shortfall to budget.

Prayer & Praise

If you have prayer needs, please contact your district elder or one of the pastors. We also encourage you to send prayer requests at any time to prayer@faithelmhurst.org. All requests are kept confidential by the pastors.

We express our sympathy to **Pete and Nancy Boer** in the passing away of their son, Tom Boer, last week. Private services were held on Friday, March 20. Please keep the Boer family in your prayers.

Dale Kwarta was recently diagnosed with lung cancer and has been hospitalized. Due to hospital visitor restrictions, Ruth cannot be with her husband at this time. Please pray for Dale, Ruth and their daughters, Tara and Stacy.

Please keep **John and Judy Veldsema** in prayer as Judy remains at ManorCare in Hinsdale for the foreseeable future, and John is unable to visit her due to visiting restrictions.

Please update **Gert Tazelaar's** address in your files to: 18812 Crescent Road, Odessa, FL 33556; 630.280.5543.

Announcements

In light of the restrictions on gatherings, we're exploring ways to provide Faith's groups with the opportunity to **meet virtually**. We're still working out the details, but we hope to be able to provide groups with the opportunity to gather online and via phone over the coming weeks. Please contact the office or Pastor Matthew for more details. Ministry leaders will be contacted directly this week.

If you have signed up to help with the **Ebenezer Food Pantry** tonight, you should have received an email from the office on Thursday. If you are still interested in helping, please contact Kay Rops from Ebenezer directly at kay.rops@ebenezerarc.org.

For the remainder of the season, the **DuPage PADS Interim Housing** program will no longer be held at churches. PADS is working to secure a full time site in a government building. There still may be a need for volunteers to prepare and deliver meals. If you have interest in volunteering in this capacity, please contact Lambert Bronger directly at 630.665.9422, 331.218.7122 or lambertbronger@gmail.com.

We are looking for additional volunteers in the nursery for our **Good Friday service on April 10**. Please consider serving in this way so that our guests and members with young children can participate in the worship service. Contact the office to sign-up.

Helping Hands, Helping Hearts (Loerop Honduras) is planning a serve project at an elementary school in La Ceiba, Honduras from June 6 – 13, 2020. This project includes installation of fans, minor plumbing, and/or time working in one of the five elementary classrooms served by this small local school. Choose your area of service and no Spanish is required. Contact Nan Loerop at nloerop@yahoo.com for more information, current health concerns are being monitored.

Registration for **VBS 2020 - Rocky Railway** is open! Register your 4 year old – 5th Grader online at faithelmhurst.org/serve/vbs-2020. VBS will run June 15 – 18 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM daily.

For up to date news, events and announcements follow us on **Facebook** (Faith Christian Reformed Church), **Instagram** (faithelmhurst) and **Twitter** (@faithelmhurst).

For **Faith Forward News** sent via email each Friday, sign up at the Registration Area or email office@faithelmhurst.org.

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