

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

“The Palms”
“All Hail King Jesus”
“O Worship the King”
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Welcome and God’s Greeting
Song of Praise: #348 (PH)

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

Relying on Grace

Prayer

Songs of Praise:

#349 (PH)

“Hosanna” (Praise is Rising)
“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory:

Offering:

“The Holy City”
Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture:

Matthew 21:1-11, 25:31-46 *(p. 977-978, 984)*

Sermon:

THE WAY TO ETERNITY

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Benediction

Doxology: #262:1,3,4 (WC)

Postlude

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon: Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ: Donna Erdman

Piano: Jan Slinkman

Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Bass: Carter Bulthuis

Clarinet: Michael Locigno

Violin: Kristen Voss

Trumpet: Greg Lanenga, Kayla Middel, Luke Miller

(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: #227:1,2,4 (WC)

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

New City Catechism, Q&A 24-26

Prayer

Song of Worship: #211:1,3,4 (WC)

"Lead Me to Calvary"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Bible League International

God Speaks to His People

Scripture: Genesis 3:14-15; Romans 16:17-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29
(pp. 3, 1126, 1136)

Sermon:

THE SNAKE AND THE MEAL

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #231:1,2,3 (WC)

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Benediction

Doxology: #231:4 (WC)

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Postlude

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Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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Today at Faith

This morning we're celebrating Palm Sunday. We'll wrap up our *Parables on the Road to Calvary* series by reading Matthew 21:1-11 and 25:31-46. As we remember the day that the fickle crowd welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem, we'll reflect on what it means to truly be committed to Jesus.

This evening our service will focus on Good Friday and our celebration of the Lord's Supper in that service. Genesis 3:14-15, Romans 16:17-20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 will remind us of the cost and benefits of Christ's sacrifice for us.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

March 30, 7 PM: Good Friday Service of Growing Darkness and Communion

April 1 AM: Easter Morning worship

April 1 PM: No Worship Service

April 8 AM: Calvin College Instrumental Ensembles in worship

April 8 PM: Calvin College Orchestra in worship

Prayer & Praise

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

Congratulations to **Bob & Marcy Laning** who celebrated 65 years of marriage on March 14!

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Theresa Vegters** who lives in Lexington Healthcare in Elmhurst.

Congratulations to **Zach Miedema** for taking First Place in Car Design and **William Hoving** for Honorable Mention in the Speed Category and the fastest car from Faith CRC at the Chicago West Cadet Council's Pinewood Derby on March 16.

Offerings

Today: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Bible League International.

April 1: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries.

April 8: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Calvin Seminary.

April 15: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Dordt College.

April 22: AM: Elim Christian Services. PM: Luke Society.

April 29: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Unity Christian School.

Announcements

Attention: All Instrumentalists and All Singers. Today is the last day of rehearsals for this 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, for more information. Please note the following rehearsal schedule:

Good Friday Men's Chorus will rehearse today at 11:15 AM.

Easter Sunday Choir will rehearse today after the morning worship service.

Easter Sunday Band/Orchestra will rehearse today at 4:00 PM.

This Easter we would like to display Easter lilies as a symbol of Christ's resurrection power. You can purchase these lilies as a remembrance of your loved ones who are in God's heavenly presence; and then have their names honored in our Easter bulletin. Order Forms (envelopes) are available at the narthex sign-up table. Please fill in the needed information, enclose the payment (\$16 each), and deposit envelope in the Bulletin Announcement Box today. Lilies can be taken home after the Easter morning worship.

Senior Bible Study will meet next on Tuesday, April 3 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 9:1-62 (Lesson 6 in the study guide).

Calvin College Orchestra will be participating in the morning and evening services at Faith on April 8, 2018. Please save the date. Volunteers to house the 48 student orchestra overnight are needed. A host instruction sheet is available in the narthex or online and will answer what is involved in hosting. You can volunteer to host students (minimum of 2) by signing up in the narthex or going to <https://calvin.edu/academics/departments-programs/music/events/ensemble-tours/orchestra-tour.html> or contact the church office.

Faith Book Club has chosen *For the Glory* by Duncan Hamilton for discussion at their next meeting. This is the story of Olympic medal winner Eric Liddell (Chariots of Fire) and his journey from national hero to his work as a missionary in China. Newcomers are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 PM at Park Place.

The Friday Men's Bible Study has just begun a new study on 1 Samuel, *Choose Your King*. 1 Samuel is a book of battles and schemes, and a story of God giving His people the king they want...and then the king they need. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information or to get a copy of the study guide. Our next meeting is Friday, April 13 at 6:30 AM.

Taco Dinner: Join us from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on April 19 for a free taco dinner. All donations will go to support the youth ministry trips, particularly the high school trip this July to Puerto Vallarta, MX. The trip will focus on encouraging the church planting and community development efforts headed by Pastor Mario, encouraging his team and ministering and providing food for at-risk youth.

Our next Senior event is Friday, April 20 at 10:00 AM. We will hear author Rochelle Pennington present on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, including amazing photos and historical details. All are welcome to this event! Sign up in the narthex or call the office to make your reservations. The cost is \$10 per person, and checks should be made payable to Faith CRC and be given to the office or to Cathy Bulthuis no later than April 15. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served.

College and Military Care Packages: We're collecting items for the next batch of packages to go out to our college students. Please drop your donated items inside Jonathan's office by April 22. Contact Laura Miller (lauramiller289@comcast.net) with any questions or if you want to help box things up. Item ideas: cookies, snacks, pens, nuts, jerky, goofy gifts, gum, candy, fun socks, toiletries.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: Join us for our next meeting on April 22 at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for a dinner, fellowship and prayer.

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.

Plans are being made for an opportunity to go to Tapestries of Life Ministries for a week of volunteering this September 9 thru 15. We will be working on the orphanage and cafeteria that is being built in Guadeloupe, Mexico for over 250 children. We will be traveling daily to the work site in Mexico and staying in El Paso, Texas in the evenings. We will also have a day of Mercy Ministry working with a local Mexican church feeding the poor and worshiping with them. This is a great opportunity to use your talents (whatever they are!) for the Lord and helping the poor and fatherless in Mexico. If you have any interest in joining this group, please contact Greg Lanenga, 708-562-6697, for more information.

Youth News

Catechism will be on break until April 8.

The Gathering will be on break until April 8.

Asylum: 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 6**, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Pick up and drop off at church.

Taco Dinner: Join us from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on April 19 for a free taco dinner. All donations will go to support the youth ministry trips, particularly the high school trip this July to Puerto Vallarta, MX.

Puerto Vallarta Trip Training: Students and leaders will meet from about 10:45 Am - 12:15 PM in rooms 1-2 on April 29, 2018.

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism are taking a break for Easter Vacation. They will resume on April 8.

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

The Easter Choir will rehearse at 10:45 AM in the choir room.

The Men's Chorus will rehearse at 11:15 AM in the Choir Room.

The Band/Orchestra for Easter will rehearse at 4:00 PM in the Choir Room.

Wednesday, March 28

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

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service at 7:00 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Maria Kearney **Next Week:** Sandy Turnbull
Saratoga Driver: Corey Van Dyk **Good Friday & Next Week:** Darrell Stodola
Kitchen: Bruce & DeDe Terpstra*, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald
Next Week: Pete & Barb Holtrop, Gerrit & Lori Wieringa*
Library: Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien
Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Ryan De Boer
Good Friday: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Chris Slinkman
Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Adam Zarek
Nursery Hostess: Allison Sowers **Next Week:** Laura Lanser
Infant Nursery: Sharon Rozendal, Jessica Vander Naald, Nathan Printz
Good Friday: Harma Slinkman, Morgan Hoving, Paige Hoving
Next Week: Chelsea Barney, Kim Kooyenga, Sam David
Toddler Nursery: Kathy Miedema, Christina Muruato, Zach Miedema
Good Friday: Sue Boonstra, Chuck Slinkman, Sophia Schuringa, Emily Turner
Next Week: Sue Dillon, Mindy Slinkman, Izzy David
PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Olivia Schuringa