

April 2, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #507 (LH)

"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling"

God Renews Us By Grace

*Song of Dedication:

"O Great God"

Prayer

*Song of Worship:

"O Church Arise"

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

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture:

Titus 2 (p. 1182)

Sermon:

**BUILDING THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH #15:
A DIVINE BLUEPRINT FOR THE CHURCH, PART 2**

Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

*Song of Praise: #249:1,3-5 (LH)

"Great Is the Lord Our God"

*Benediction

*Doxology: #487 (PH)

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Oboe:

Olivia Schuringa

Guitar:

Matt Bulthuis

**Please stand if you are able*

(PH-Psalter Hymnal—in pews; LH-Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal—not in pews)

EVENING WORSHIP

We Enter His Presence

- Prelude
*Welcome and God's Greeting
*Song of Praise: #114 (PH) "Praise Waits For Thee in Zion"
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)
Prayer "Will You Come and Follow Me"
*Song of Worship: #742 (LH)
Offertory Prayer
Offering: Life on Wheels

We Listen

- Scripture: Luke 9:57-62 (*p. 1027*)
Sermon: **ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS: THREE RELUCTANT FOLLOWERS**
Prayer

We Are Sent to Serve

- *Song of Response: #459 (PH) "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"
*Benediction
*Doxology: "Step by Step"
Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

- Worship Leader: Dr. Greg Schuringa
Sermon: Dr. Derke Bergsma
Piano: Donna Erdman
Violin: Kristen Voss
Guitar: Matt Bulthuis

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TODAY AT FAITH

In morning worship we continue in our *Building the Household of Faith* sermon series with Titus 2. We'll see, continuing from last Sunday morning, how God provides us a blueprint for building His household, the church.

This evening Dr. Derke Bergsma brings a sermon about three reluctant followers of Jesus from Luke 9. We'll see what God's Word teaches us about meeting Jesus and following Him.

We continue in the season of Lent, a forty day period between Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year) and Good Friday and Easter. The forty days are based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness. This time of preparation, repentance, and prayer historically does not include Sundays, which are reserved for celebratory worship as the day of resurrection.

At Faith Church we are in the midst of a 3 for 30 Prayer Initiative. 30 Days (from March 19 through the day after Easter, April 17). 3 Things: Church Leadership, Church Health, Church Growth. Join us in prayer now if you haven't yet. More bookmarks are available to help guide your prayers for God's household here at Faith CRC, in the narthex, at both the sign-up counter and the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FAITH

April 2, 6:00 PM: Dr. Bergsma preaching

April 9, 9:30 AM: Palm Sunday Worship

April 14, 7:00 PM: Good Friday Worship with Communion

April 16, 9:30 AM: Easter Morning Worship

April 23, 9:30 AM: Professions of Faith in Worship

May 4, 7:00 PM: National Day of Prayer Service

May 7, 9:30 AM: Professions of Faith in Worship

PRAYER & PRAISE

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Cindy & Dave Voss and family** following the death of Cindy's father, **William Beezhold**. A funeral service was held last Tuesday.

Pearl Dykstra was admitted to Glen Oaks Hospital this past week. Her husband, Jerry, has been given limited visiting hours. Please keep both Jerry and Pearl in your prayers.

Ken Rusthoven had successful back surgery on Wednesday and hopes to return home early this week at the latest. After a number of weeks of healing he will start therapy.

Pastor Greg Schuringa is scheduled to have an MRI tomorrow, April 3, followed by a visit with his oncologist. Please pray for a favorable report. This visit will also involve making plans for chemotherapy. He requests prayers of thanksgiving for excellent recovery after surgery and radiation, and continued prayers of healing and sustaining for the months of chemotherapy that lie ahead.

George Vos continues in recovery and therapy in Florida after a fall.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Lorraine Hodapp** who lives in Elmhurst.

Ray & Susan Middel and family have moved to 355 W Harrison Road, Lombard, IL 60148. Please update your church directory. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Pastor Matthew Lanser will be back in the office tomorrow after some time on vacation.

Our Faith Promise Missionaries this month are **Jim & Ruth Padilla De Borst** who serve in Costa Rica. They can be reached at Apartado 349-1002; San Jose, Costa Rica or rpadilladeborst@crcna.org; jimruthpdb@gmail.com. Please remember them in your prayers throughout April.

OFFERINGS

Today: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. **PM:** Life on Wheels.

April 9: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. **PM:** Calvin College.

April 16: AM: Faith General Fund.

April 23: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Chicago Christian Counseling Center.

April 30: AM: World Renew-World Hunger. **PM:** Faith General Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Music Committee is well on the way to prepare for our Good Friday Tenebrae service as well as our Easter morning celebration. We are praying that you will want to be part of these meaningful services. The practice schedule dates will be:

Palm Sunday: The Women's Chorus will practice today after the morning service at 10:45 AM.

Good Friday: The Men's Chorus will practice today after our morning service at 11:00 AM.

Easter Sunday: Choir practices will be today & April 9 after our morning service at 11:15 AM.

Easter Sunday: Instrumental practices will be on April 2 & April 9 at 4:00 PM. You are invited to consider being part of bringing glory to God in these services.

Senior Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 4 at 1:15 PM. In the months of April and May, we'll be studying questions about heaven. Copies of the questions for this week are available on the sign-up counter in the narthex.

Taco Dinner: Join us this Thursday, April 6, 5:00 – 7:00 PM to show support for the high school youth. Donations made will go to support the Gathering SERVE trip to Lynden, Washington. Sign up on the piano in the fellowship hall today to donate any supplies for the night or <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AAAAD2AA3F49-taco>.

Men's Breakfast This Saturday: Our spring men's breakfast is Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 AM. Plan to attend this time of great food and fellowship; all ages are welcome. Brad Eidsen will be our speaker again this year. Brad spent over a decade working as a missionary in Pakistan before taking his current position at Camp Forest Springs in Wisconsin. He'll be speaking with us about how we can connect with our neighbors in today's context. Sign up in the narthex or online to help us plan for how much food to make.

This Easter we would like to again 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 (\$14 each) and deposit the envelope in the Bulletin Announcement Box, by April 9. You may take your lilies with you after morning worship. Thank you for your participation.

Service Opportunity for Faith Church! The Evangelism Committee has received a request from the United Community Concerns Association to assist their clients with donations of toothpaste and dental hygiene products (floss, mouthwash, denture tablets or toothbrushes are welcome) to be distributed at the Mobile Food Pantry. There will be a box marked UCCA in the Fellowship Hall from April 9 – April 23 for your donations. It is for our local community that we donate these products. Their clients are deeply appreciative of the love shown to them by our generous contributions!

Faith Book Club has chosen *The Case for Easter* by Lee Strobel for their April selection. This story is a journalist's investigation into the evidence of Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter morning. Please join us in discussing this timely subject on April 12 at 7 PM.

College and Military Care Packages: We are collecting donations for care packages. Please bring your donations by Jonathan's door or inside his office by April 16. Donation ideas: pencils, snacks, granola bars, stress balls, cookies, candy and the like. If you have questions, please contact Laura Miller at lauramiller289@comcast.net.

Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 13. Save The Date! Lots of fun activities are being planned. You won't want to miss out! We are currently looking for auction items. If you are willing to donate sports tickets, restaurant gift cards, services (i.e. babysitting, cooking etc.) or brand new, unused items, please contact Jen David at jenbdavid@gmail.com or Niki Tazelaar at nikitazelaar@gmail.com or 773-332-0405.

YOUTH NEWS

Taco Dinner: Join us on April 6, 5:00 – 7:00 PM to show support for the high school youth. Donations made will go to support the Gathering SERVE trip to Lynden, Washington.

Asylum: Middle Schoolers are invited to join us on select Fridays at church for games, Bible study and small groups. Our next meeting is on Friday, April 7, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Drop off at the church; pick up at the house. Bring your Bible!

The Gathering, our ministry to high school students, will meet again on April 9 at 7:00 PM.

Soup Kitchen: All 6-12th graders are invited to our service event as we partner with Lampstand Ministries' My Brother's Kitchen in Berwyn. We'll leave church on April 22 at 8:30 AM and arrive back around 1:45 PM. Limited spots—so RSVP soon!

January – July 2017 - The Asylum/Gathering Calendar is available on the church website!

Registration is available online at www.faithelmhurst.org for VBS: Join us at the Maker's Fun Factory on June 12 - 15!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

Children's Church will meet during the second half of morning worship.
Sunday School & Catechism do not meet today but will resume next Sunday.

The Women's Chorus for Palm Sunday will rehearse in the Choir Room after the morning service at 10:45.

The Men's Chorus for Good Friday will rehearse in the Choir Room after the morning service at 11:00.

The Choir for Easter will rehearse in the Choir Room at 11:15 AM.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Elders will meet at 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Senior Bible Study will meet in room 4/5 at 1:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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 7:00 - 9:00 PM at church.

Men's Bible Study will meet at the house at 7:15 PM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:00 AM.

The Gathering Taco Dinner will be from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study will meet at 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Asylum will meet from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Men's Breakfast with Brad Eidsen will begin at 7:30 AM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Greeters: Stephen Ministry

Next Week: Randy & Sue Heerdt, Byron & Cathy Plate

Saratoga Driver: Darrell Stodola **Next Week:** Randy Van Dahm

Kitchen: Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Gary & Lisa Vander Naald*

Next Week: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

Coffee Servers: Don & Lindy Oostman

Next Week: Harry & Alida Boerman

Library: Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien **Next Week:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Audio Visual: Todd Lindemulder, Mary Huizinga, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Sue Folkerts, Ryan Swanson, Jonah Vander Naald

Nursery Hostess: Sarah Schuringa **Next Week:** Emily Frank

Infant Nursery: Rachel Kinnas, Laurie Vander Naald, Lauren Gehrke

Next Week: Dorothy Allen, Julie Speelman, Samantha David

Toddler Nursery: Christina Muruato, Niki Tazelaar, Kelli Van Dahm

Next Week: Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jacki Van Dahm

PM Nursery: Sharon Rozendal, Olivia Schuringa

Next Week: Laura Lanser, Hannah Schuringa