PALM
Sunday
God’s Invitation Gathers Us
Prelude
Welcome and God's Greeting
Songs of Praise: #349 (PH)
“Hosanna! Loud Hosanna”
“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

God’s Grace Claims Us
Prayer of Confession
Song of Assurance & Commitment: “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”
God’s Will for Our Lives
Prayer
Song of Worship: #348 (PH)
“All Glory Laud and Honor”
Offering Update

God’s Word Speaks to Us
Scripture: John 12:12 – 16; 18:33 – 37; Ephesians 1:18 – 23
Sermon: I AM YOUR KING
Prayer

God’s Blessing Equips Us
Song of Response: #96 (WC)
“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
Benediction
Doxology: #262:1 (WC)
“Rejoice, the Lord is King”
Postlude

Leading us in Worship
Worship Leaders: Pastors Matthew Lanser and Greg Schuringa
Sermon: Pastor Greg Schuringa
Violin: Kristen Voss Bass: Carter Bulthuis Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz
Vocalists: Carla Printz, Dan Roelofs, Sandy Roelofs
Today at Faith

In the message today we’ll focus on three scenes: Palm Sunday and two others, which all bring us to one wonderful truth about Jesus that He reveals to His people today. A truth we need to hear and know now more than ever.

Second Sermon: This week we’re beginning to offer “Second Sermons.” In this time when we can’t gather, we continue to need to hear the encouragement and challenge of the Word of the Lord. These second sermons will be a bit briefer and less formal than usual, but they’ll give us a chance to keep paying attention to the Scriptures together. These sermons will be on the church website and on our YouTube channel. We’re beginning this week with a reflection on Psalm 144.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

Faith’s elders and pastors will continue to follow the current recommendations and prayerfully consider how we can best minister in these challenging circumstances. We will continue to gather virtually for the foreseeable future. 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

As our body of Christ at Faith CRC is unable to meet together physically for some time, we want to encourage those that are able to continue to give as they feel led. In particular, we need to maintain our general fund that is used to fund our ministries, pay our staff, and maintain our facilities. The other need is one of anticipation. Due to the economic impact of the virus on many members of our congregation, the need for benevolence funds is likely to be greater. While we are still early on in the crisis, we have a sense that asking for additional support there is prudent.

There are two ways that you can continue to give: 1) mailing your tithes and offering to the church office and 2) through online giving. (“how to” instructions for online giving can be found at faithelmhurst.org/give) While both options work, there are added benefits to choosing online giving.
1. It is safer and more secure that U.S. Mail
2. You can direct your gifts to specific funds
3. Without public worship for a time, online giving is particularly helpful to the church and its members’ immediate needs
4. It helps keep the amount you feel led to give steady, week by week or month by month
5. It helps steady the church’s income, whether people are in worship or on vacation
6. Every time you see that withdrawal from your bank account, you are reminded of the priority of giving to the Lord in your household budget

We pray for everyone’s safety and health during this time. And look forward with anticipation to when we will be able to gather together again!

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.

Dale Kwarta has one more week of radiation for stage 4 cancer. After that he will start an aggressive form of chemotherapy treatment.

Tara Kwarta, daughter of Dale & Ruth Kwarta, was recently diagnosed with stage 1 cancer. She is planning on starting chemotherapy treatments on Monday. Please keep the Kwarta family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

John Wigboldy (& Bev) brother-in-law to Carol Groenewold and Jayne (& John) Lindemulder passed away Thursday morning after being hospitalized for the past week.

Announcements
We invite you to join the Faith Forward weekly email group for timely updates and messages from Faith CRC. If you have signed up previously, but have not been receiving these emails, please check your spam folder and modify your spam filter settings. For further help, Ashley & Niki will be happy to assist you. Simply email office@faithelmhurst.org for help or to sign up!
DuPage PADS is providing shelter for the healthy homeless at the DuPage County Fairgrounds and those who show COVID symptoms at motels. PADS needs immediate donations of essential items (toiletries, paper goods, food and gift cards) as well as monetary donations. For details and how to donate, visit dupagepads.org or call Lambert at 630-665-9422.

The Cadet & Jr. Cadet Competition Day Campout and all regularly scheduled Wednesday night meetings for the rest of the season have been cancelled. We will assess where things stand after the Shelter-In-Place mandate is lifted to see if we can schedule a season wrap-up event.

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 and Tuesday, email office@faithelmhurst.org.

Ministry Updates
As a church and as individuals, we’re facing many adjustments and challenges. While we’re sure to make mistakes along the way, we’re committed to do our best to experience God’s Word, express God’s love and equip God’s people even during this pandemic. We’re still figuring out a lot of things along the way, but we’re embracing this opportunity to be the church in an unusual time. See below for some ways that we’re making adjustments to our ministries, and get in touch if you’ve got questions, ideas, or concerns to share.

Weekly Emails: At this point, the church will be sending out three weekly emails. On Tuesdays, “Faith-Full Reflections” will bring you some follow-up questions and applications from the previous message. On Friday, “Faith Forward” will go out with links to the week’s worship service, the bulletin and other announcements. On Saturday evening, you’ll receive “Seeking Sabbath,” which will include some resources for activities and devotions, service possibilities, and a kids’ corner.

Virtual Gatherings via Zoom: In light of the restrictions on gatherings, we’re exploring ways to provide Faith’s groups with the opportunity to gather virtually. This is still a work in progress, but we are planning to use the Zoom platform for most online and phone connections. You can download the Zoom app from zoom.us (available for Apple, Android, and Windows), or you can call into the Zoom conversations. For more details, please contact the office (office@faithelmhurst.org) or Pastor Matthew (mlanser@faithelmhurst.org).
**Sunday Night Sermon Discussions:** We’ll be having a Sunday evening sermon discussion time starting this week Sunday April 5 at 6:00 PM. Brian Clapier and Christopher Koopmans will be leading us in a discussion on how the concepts of the sermon can help us pray for and support each other in this time. To join, contact Brian Clapier for the Meeting ID and details.

**The Brotherhood:** The Brotherhood is moving to have virtual meetings every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00PM. All men are welcome to join in these conversations. We’re still working out the details, but the goal will be to have a discussion of some biblical text or topic along with conversation about how we’re doing in this time of social distancing. This meeting will take place on Zoom, and you can join either by phone or video-conferencing. Please contact Brian Clapier or Pastor Matthew for more information. To join by phone, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 586 505 32. To join by Video: Click Here or copy this link into your browser: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/586505322

**Faith Prayer Time:** We’ll have our first open-invitation Zoom prayer meeting next week Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 PM. Connect to pray with others, whether you choose to speak prayers out loud yourself or not. We’ll pray for the needs of our congregation, neighbors and world in the midst of this pandemic. To join by phone, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 270 403 498. To join by Video: Click Here or copy this link into your browser: https://zoom.us/j/270403498

**Men’s Bible Study:** The Friday morning men’s Bible study is aiming to continue meeting twice a month via Zoom. We’ll meet for about an hour, starting at our usual time of 6:30 AM. We’re just beginning a study on the book of Ezra, so this would be a good time to join in even if you haven’t previously been part of the group. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew with any questions. To join by phone, call 1-312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 433 482 3130, Password: mensbible. To join by video, Click Here or copy this link into your browser: https://zoom.us/j/4334823130?pwd=cEFsQkxBBeHM0QkRrR1BOS3BIIVOllUT09

**Mom2Mom** will meet via Zoom at 10:00 AM on the regularly scheduled Mom2Mom Thursdays. Contact Laura Lanser for more details and to get connected.

The **Women’s Bible Study** will be meeting on the regularly scheduled Thursday morning at 10:00 AM via Zoom. Contact Jen David, Laura Lanser or Sarah Schuringa for more details.
A Letter from Faith’s Pastors  
March 27, 2020

It’s been two weeks since we have not been able to gather together in worship and in smaller groups like we usually do. For us—and maybe you too—it feels even longer than that!

We’re encouraged by how many people are viewing or listening to Faith’s recorded worship services, and have expressed appreciation for them and how God has used them as an encouragement during these times.

There’s a feeling of togetherness as we do this, and in the calls and contacts being made, and in the virtual meetings and groups that have started up this past week, but yet there’s no question that we’re apart. This is not how we normally experience the body of Christ at Faith CRC. Also, the technology is hard for some people to use and so they’re left less connected than others. This is all very difficult and challenging.

This distance from one another is tough given how we need God’s people now more than ever. Many of us are stressed during these unprecedented times. Our minds can become filled with concerns about our health, our work, our finances, our business, the economy. We’re not sure if the world will ever be the same again. And it may very well not be.

In the midst of all this, rest assured, God is on the throne. Nothing that’s happening is a surprise to Him. None of this is outside His control. Because He is sovereign, it would just take a single word for Him to put everything back to how it was.

But He hasn’t done that. And so He calls you and me to live through these trying times. And we can. You can. You will make it.

Not on our own, but with help from the Holy Spirit and the foundation of the Word and the promises we find there for all who put their trust and faith in Him.

Even with imperfect faith and trust you can be assured that He will see you through. You are His child. You are a lamb of God. We together are His people, the flock under His care.

When we are weak, He is strong, and He keeps us standing on His promises. When there are many unknowns we cling to what we do know:

• “…His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22b-23)
• “He tends his flock like a shepherd: he gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.” (Isaiah 40:11)
• “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b)
• Add to these promises other Scriptural promises that are especially precious to you! And ask God to help you stand on them today!

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

With Christ’s love,
Pastor Matthew Lanser and Pastor Greg Schuringa
2019-2020 Faith CRC Council
Dr. Greg Schuringa, President
Rev. Matthew Lanser

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