

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Faith: #495 (LH)

"Come, All You People, Praise Our God"

Relying on Grace

Professions of Faith:

Bible Presentations:

Song of Praise: #477:1,3 (WC)

Prayer:

Song of Worship:

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

Lauren Gehrke, Ben Tobin

Elders Len Turnbull and David Voss

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

Jonathan Barney, Director of Youth Ministries

"How Deep"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith Promise Missionaries

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Philippians 1:1-11 (*p. 1161*)

A CHURCH ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response:

Benediction

Doxology: #96:2 (WC)

Postlude

"The Wonderful Cross"

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Organ:

Piano:

Violin:

Bass:

Guitars:

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

Dr. Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Jan Slinkman

Kristen Voss

Carter Bulthuis

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship:

"Speak Oh Lord"

Forever Praise:

"10,000 Reasons"...arr. Lloyd Larson

"This is How We Know"...arr. Michael Lawrence

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Jude 3-10 (*p. 1213*)

Sermon:

STRANGE STORIES

Prayer

Song of Response: #563:1,3 (WC)

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Bethshan

Forever Praise:

"Lead Me To Calvary"...Marty Parks

"The Cross"...Michael David Young

"There is a Fountain"...Jay Rouse

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Benediction

Doxology: #462:1,6 (PH)

Postlude

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Dr. Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Rev. Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

Ministry of Music:

Forever Praise

Patti Nyien, Director; Carolyn Gloff, Accompanist

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

Today at Faith

This morning we begin a sermon series on the book of Philippians. We also look forward to hearing the professions of faith of two of our students! Pastor Matthew is preaching at Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn this morning as part of our continued connections with them.

This evening we're continuing our *Sustainable Power* series with Jude 3-10. Also during this service, the group 'Forever Praise' will be helping to lead us in worship through song.

Reading the Gospel of Luke: For this week, the Children/Family reading plan works through the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. Reading Plan A focuses on Luke 18, and Reading Plan B continues with Luke 4-7.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

April 7, 6:00 PM: Forever Praise in worship
April 14, 9:30 AM: Palm Sunday Service and Baptism
April 14, 6:00 PM: Hymn Sing with Passion Week focus
April 19, 7:00 PM: Good Friday and Lord's Supper Tenebrae Service
April 21, 9:30 AM: Easter Service, New Members Welcome and Baptism
April 28, 9:30 AM: Roseland for Mission Emphasis Sunday
April 28, 6:00 PM: Rev. Mike Moore for Mission Emphasis Sunday
May 2, Thursday, 7:00 PM: National Day of Prayer Service

Upcoming Music Opportunities

Please take note of the following music opportunities for Good Friday (Men's Chorus) and Easter morning (Choir & Orchestra). Please contact Jan or Donna if you have any questions.

Good Friday/Easter Rehearsals:

April 7: Men's Chorus, 10:45 AM; Choir, 11:15 AM; Orchestra, 4:00 PM
April 14: Men's Chorus, 10:45 AM; Choir, 11:15 AM; Orchestra, 4:00 PM

Mission Emphasis Week

Mission Emphasis continues on Sunday, April 28 with a visit from Roseland Christian Ministries and Rev. Mike Moore. Be sure to sign up in the narthex for the All-Church Luncheon.

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 AM: Rev. Joe Huizenga
Sunday, April 28, 11:45 AM: Potluck Luncheon with Roseland CRC
Sunday April 28, 6:00 PM: Rev. Mike Moore

Prayer & Praise

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

Congratulations to **Jon & Nicole Huizinga** on the birth of their son, **Camden Henry**, born on Friday, March 29.

Pray for good recovery for **Don Oostman** following hip replacement surgery last week.

Karen Tazelaar recently began hospice care at home. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Wilma Vos** who lives in Windsor Park in Carol Stream.

Offerings

Today: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Bethshan.

April 14: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.

PM: Chicago West Side Christian School.

April 21: AM: Faith General Fund.

April 28: AM: Roseland Christian Ministries. PM: Many People's Church.

Announcements

Sunday School and Catechism Classes resume today and will dismiss at 11:45.

Ebenezer CRC visit: This Sunday morning, a few members from Faith are worshipping with Ebenezer CRC in Berwyn as part of the Ebenezer-Faith partnership we've been developing this year. We're grateful for this opportunity to connect with other brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group encourages you to check out the Spring Newsletter/Prayer Sheet from the Illinois Family Institute. This issue includes many articles that should drive us to our knees in prayer. Copies of the newsletter/prayer sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 PM.

4th - 8th grade Cadets, the Chicago West Council's Spring Retreat is this Friday & Saturday April 12 & 13. We will be leaving Church at 6:00 PM Friday. There is more information in your mail box, in the Narthex or in your e-mail.

Senior Bible Study will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying Revelation 8-12 (Lesson 5 in the study guide).

The Faith Book Club has chosen *And the Angels Were Silent* by Max Lucado for discussion at their next meeting. In the last week of his life, Jesus deliberately sets his face toward Jerusalem and certain death. Even the angels are silent as they ponder the final days of Jesus Christ. We will meet April 16 at 7:00 PM at Park Place. Newcomers are always welcome.

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 listed in our Easter bulletin. Order Forms (envelopes) are available at the narthex sign-up counter. Please fill in the needed information, enclose the payment (\$17 each), and deposit the envelope in the Bulletin Announcement Box, by April 14. Lilies can be taken after Easter morning worship.

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 please contact Laura Miller, lauramiller289@comcast.net.

Creative Connections: All women are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 25 from 6:30 - 9:30 PM to make a canvas wall art. The canvas is secured with wood on the top and bottom and twine is added to the top for hanging. Finished size is 8 1/2 x 10 and cost is \$5.00. This is a simple, easy to make wall decor, that would be perfect for that small space in your home or would make a great gift. You will be able to choose from 20 different sayings. Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor for this evening of crafting and fellowship with other women. Please sign up in the narthex and if you have any questions please feel free to call Susan Middel, 630-656-2801.

Women and Girls of Faith, elementary school age and up and their friends are invited to breakfast Saturday, April 27 at 8:30 AM. Come to enjoy food & fellowship, and hear returning speaker, Heather Strooboscher.

Youth and Young Adult Worship Night: All 6th graders through young adults are invited to join us on April 28 for a meal, fellowship and worshipping God through song and prayer (7:00 – 9:00 PM).

Music and the Mind! On May 3 at 10:00 AM, Mary Helen Ekstam from Journey Life Programs will show us how to use music to enhance one's mind, body and spirit. Did you know that music can increase memory and can help to enrich your life during daily stressors and challenges? Come join us for a fun and spirited program guaranteed to get your toes tapping and your heart singing! Contact Cathy Bulthuis, 630-935-1849, or cathy@smartgate.com with questions. Sign up will be in the narthex.

Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 4. 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 Chris Slinkman, Chris.Slinkman@gmail.com or Corey Van Dyk, vandyk.corey@gmail.com or 224-267-5465.

The Cadet Father/Son camp out is set for May 17 - 19. Fathers & sons of all ages are invited. More information to follow.

The Annual Memorial Day Hymn Sing will be May 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM!

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.

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. Register online today.

Youth News

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

The Gathering Late-Nighter: Join us for this social event on Friday, April 12 from 6:00 - 10:30 PM at Timothy grade school gym. Activities will include games, acts of random kindness in the community, pizza, dodge ball, board games and more!

The Gathering will meet next on April 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

This Week at Faith

Today

Sunday School & Catechism, 10:45 AM

Men's Chorus, 10:45 AM

Sermon Discussion Group, 11:00 AM

Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 AM

Orchestra Rehearsal, 4:00 PM

Asylum, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 10

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

GEMS Girls Club, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Thursday, April 11

Mom2Mom, 9:00 AM

Evangelism Committee, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 12

Men's Bible Study, 6:30 AM

Cadet Spring Retreat/Competition Day

The Gathering Late Nighter, 6:00 PM

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Len Turnbull **Next Week:** Jen David

Kitchen: Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder, Nathan & Kayla Middel*

Next Week: Scott & Staci Bryant, Byron & Cathy Plate*

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

Audio Visual: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Colin Middel

Nursery Hostess: Janna Piersma **Next Week:** Emily Hoving

Infant Nursery: Charis Engel, Val Hoving, Bonnie Van Proyen

Next Week: Karen Folkerts, Julie Speelman, Sam David

Toddler Nursery: Kelly Rauwerda, Laura Van Kampen, Zachary Miedema

Next Week: Cindy Tazelaar, Laurie Van Dahm, Izzy David

PM Nursery: Pat Tobin, Hannah Schuringa

Next Week: Joy Koopmans, Caleb Lindemulder