

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #356:1,4,5 (WC)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

## Relying on Grace

Confession & Assurance

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"It Is Well with My Soul"

"We Fall Down"

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

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 4:23-25 (*p. 958*)

Sermon:

**SIGNS OF THE KINGDOM**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #254:1-3 (WC)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Benediction

Doxology: #254:4 (WC)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Bass:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

Calvin College Instrumentalists:

Directed by John Varineau

*(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: #45 (WC)

Calvin College Orchestra

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Matthew 4:23 (*p. 958*)

Message:

**WHAT ARE JESUS' MIRACLES HERE FOR?**

Prayer

Song of Worship: #519 (WC)

"It Is Well with My Soul"

## We Express Our Gratitude

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Calvin Seminary

Calvin College Orchestra

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Benediction

Doxology: #21 (WC)

"How Great Thou Art"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Piano:

Donna Erdman

Calvin College Orchestra:

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## Today at Faith

**This morning** we're beginning a sermon series *Resurrection Power: How Jesus' Miracles Renew Us*. We'll be working through Jesus' miracles in the Gospel of Matthew. Our first text will be Matthew 4:23-25, where we see Jesus proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and performing many miracles of healing.

**This evening** we welcome the Calvin College Orchestra who will participate in worship in various ways. In the message, we plan on an introduction to our new morning series on miracles in the book of Matthew.

## Upcoming Worship at Faith

April 22 AM: Professions of Faith in worship

May 6 AM: Ascension Day focus

May 13 AM: Children's Church children singing for Mother's Day

May 20 AM: Pentecost focus

May 27 PM: Memorial Day Hymn Sing

## Prayer & Praise

At its recent meeting, the Faith elders accepted the membership transfers of **Brian & Beth Clapier and their children Madeline, Joelle, Ashton, and Dustin** as well as **Logan Van Proyen**. The Lord continues to bless our Faith family.

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

**Please pray for those** in our church who struggle continually with long-term health conditions, with grief, and with other challenging situations.

**Tom Allen** hoped to return home from the hospital by this weekend after some delays.

**Clarissa Gates** is at Burgess Square in Westmont for rehab following a fall.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Kathy De Vries** who lives in Rolling Meadows.

## Offerings

Today: 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

**Are you an artist, graphic designer, calligrapher, or just someone who thinks visually?** During the next sermon series, *Resurrection Power*, we're looking for people to visually reflect on the sermon, and then share their work with our church family. This will mean producing a drawing or other artwork that reflects the teaching of a morning sermon, and then we'll share that work with the congregation the week following the sermon. For more information contact Laura Lanser or Niki Tazelaar.

**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.

**The Cadet Chicago West Spring Retreat** is this Friday and Saturday at Dickson Valley Camp in Plano, IL. 4th - 8th Grade Cadets are welcome to attend. Competition Day will be held on Saturday. We will leave church at 6:00 PM on Friday and return to church on Saturday about 4:00 PM. More information is in your mailbox or in the narthex. Questions, call Lambert, 630-665-9422.

**Senior Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, April 17 at 1:15 PM. We'll be studying the Gospel of Luke 10:1-11:36 (Lesson 7 in the study guide).

**The Adult Ministries and Small Groups Committees** will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 PM.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Save the date for a Men's breakfast** here at Faith on May 5 at 7:30 AM. We'll gather for an excellent breakfast and then a brief presentation by Jason Turner. Jason recently joined Faith CRC with his family, and he has a wide variety of outreach and service experiences. If possible, please sign up in the narthex or online to help us plan how much food to make.

**Service opportunity for Faith Church!** The Evangelism Committee has received a request from the United Community Concerns Association for help in providing toothpaste and other dental hygiene products for the next Mobile Food Pantry. There will be boxes in the Fellowship Hall marked UCCA for your donations from April 15 through May 6. The clients are very appreciative of the generous contributions from our church. Please see Sandy Turnbull with any questions or concerns.

**Faith CRC SpringFest will be Saturday, May 12. Please 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 at [chris.slinkman@gmail.com](mailto:chris.slinkman@gmail.com) or Niki Tazelaar at [nikitazelaar@gmail.com](mailto:nikitazelaar@gmail.com) or 773-332-0405.

**VBS Save the Date:** All four year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 worshipping 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

**The Gathering:** Join us this Sunday, April 8 for Bible study, Christian fellowship and a meal (7:00 – 9:00 PM).

**Asylum:** 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for friends, food, Bible study, and small groups. Our next meeting is **Friday, April 20**, 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 resume with their regular schedule.  
The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 10:45 AM.  
PADS signup sheets for May are available in the Fellowship Hall.  
The gathering will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

### Tuesday, April 10

Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

### Wednesday, April 11

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.  
Bible Study Fellowship will meet at 9:15 AM.  
GEMS Girls Club will meet from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

### Thursday, April 12

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

### Friday, April 13

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.  
4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cadets will leave church at 6:00 PM for the Spring Retreat.

### Saturday, April 14

Chicago West Cadet Competition Day at Dickson Valley.

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Sharon Rozendal      **Next Week:** Len Turnbull  
**Saratoga Driver:** Randy Van Dahm      **Next Week:** Marv Tazelaar  
**Kitchen:** Jim & Kathleen Lindemulder, Byron & Cathy Plate\*  
**Next Week:** Val Hoving, Mary Huizinga\* Gary & Lisa Vander Naald  
**Library:** Jeri Cook, Laura Miller      **Next Week:** Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa  
**Audio Visual:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David  
**Next Week:** Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel  
**Nursery Hostess:** Emily Frank      **Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman  
**Infant Nursery:** Kim Kooyenga, Christina Muruato, Grace Veenstra  
**Next Week:** Chelsea Barney, Nicole Huizinga, Riley Wieringa  
**Toddler Nursery:** Sue Boonstra, Cindy Tazelaar, Leah De Boer  
**Next Week:** Ruth Flikkema, Mindy Slinkman, Leah De Boer  
**PM Nursery:** Jill Veenstra, Marta Veenstra  
**Next Week:** Laura Lanser, Olivia Schuringa