

April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday

MORNING WORSHIP – 9:30 AM

God Calls Us to Worship

- Prelude
Introit: "Antiphonal Hosanna" ...Smith
*Welcome and God's Greeting
*Song of Praise: #348 (PH) "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

God Renews Us By Grace

- Prayer
Ministry of Music: "Open the Gates of the Temple" ...Knapp
Song of Worship: #349 (PH) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(*Children's Church children enter with palm branches*)
Children's Message
*Songs of Praise: "Victory Chant"
"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"
(*children ages 3 - Kindergarten are dismissed for Children's Church*)
Offertory: "Canon of Praise" ...Hopson
Offering: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

- Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-13, Matthew 21:1-11 (*pp. 944, 977*)
Sermon: **THE TRUE KING COMES**
Prayer

God Blesses Us to Bless Others

- *Song of Response: #77:1-3 (WC) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
*Benediction
*Doxology: #77:4 (WC) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Postlude

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

- Worship Leaders: Pastors Lanser and Schuringa
Sermon: Pastor Matthew Lanser
Organ: Donna Erdman
Piano: Jan Slinkman
Guitars: Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz
Ministry of Music: Women's Chorus
*Please stand if you are able (*PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church*)

EVENING WORSHIP

Prelude

*Welcome and God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: #227 (WC)

*Profession of Faith:

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37, 40, 42-44
(pp. 22-23 in the back of the PH)

Prayer

*Songs of Worship: #471:1,3,4 (WC)
#213 (WC)

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Calvin College

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

*Song of Response: #576 (WC)

*Benediction

*Doxology: #212:2,3 (WC)

Postlude

John 1:35-42 *(p. 1050)*
ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS: ANDREW

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Worship Leader:

Sermon:

Piano:

**Please stand if you are able*

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Jan Slinkman

(PH-Psalter Hymnal; WC-Worshiping Church)

TODAY AT FAITH

This morning, on Palm Sunday, we'll celebrate the coming of King Jesus in our songs and sermon. Our Scripture texts for this morning will be from Zechariah 9 and Matthew 21. We'll together see that the coming of God's Kingdom is more than we could have expected, and better than we could have imagined.

This evening in worship we'll spend some special time preparing for Good Friday, especially in our songs. For the message we'll observe another Encounter with Jesus, as we focus on one of the lesser-known disciples: Andrew.

We continue in the season of Lent, a 40 day period between Ash Wednesday (March 1 this year) and Good Friday and Easter. The 40 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 Christ's resurrection.

We have about a week left in our 3 for 30 Prayer Initiative as a church. 30 Days (from March 19 through the day after Easter, April 17). 3 Things: Church Leadership, Church Health, Church Growth. Join us in prayer! More bookmarks are available in the narthex, at both the sign-up counter and the Welcome Center to help guide your prayers for God's household here at Faith CRC.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FAITH

April 9, 6:00 PM: Encounters with Jesus: Andrew

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

April 16, 9:30 AM: Easter Morning Worship (no PM worship on Easter)

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.

Pastor Greg Schuringa had an MRI and doctor's appointment last week, following up from brain surgery four months ago and several weeks of radiation treatment. The MRI showed nothing surprising, which is good. For the next step of treatment, Pastor Greg will begin a regimen of three chemotherapy drugs the week after Easter. These drugs will be administered in six cycles of six weeks each, as long as Pastor Greg can tolerate the treatments. The oncologist feels that the combination of surgery, radiation, and chemo should keep Pastor Greg in good health for decades to come. Of course, only the Lord knows the future, and our lives are in his hands. The Schuringa family continues to ask for your prayer for long-term health, and for courage heading into months of chemotherapy.

Pearl Dykstra continues to be at Glen Oaks Hospital. Please keep Pearl and her husband Jerry in your prayers.

Ken Rusthoven was transferred to La Grange Hospital this past Monday to undergo therapy before going home after back surgery.

George Vos was able to return home last week after a fall in Florida, but he'll have limited mobility for a number of weeks.

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

OFFERINGS

Today: 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. Our last rehearsals are today!

Good Friday Men's Chorus will practice today at 10:45 AM.

Easter Sunday Choir practice will be today at 11:10 AM.

Easter Sunday Instrumental practice will be today at 4:00 PM. You are invited to consider being part of bringing glory to God in these services.

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 today. You may take your lilies with you after morning worship on Easter Sunday. 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.

Welcome Team Orientation: If you've signed up to be part of our new welcome team, please plan to attend one of the orientation meetings after the Sunday morning service on April 23 or May 7.

Young Adult Potluck: Join us on April 29 at the church house. Bring a dessert, main dish or salad/fruit. Children welcome.

Faith CRC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30, after the morning worship service. All professing members are encouraged to attend. **One purpose of this meeting** is to seek congregational endorsement of Council's budget for the June 2017 - May 2018 fiscal year. The budget is a covenant commitment made by our members to support our church's mission and operating expenses. Council encourages both faithful service and giving in recognition that God is the "Great Giver" who has given the life of His Son for our salvation. The proposed budget will be in your mailboxes in the upcoming weeks. **We will also elect new elders and deacons** to serve our Council. The nominees for the office of Elder are Pete Holtrop, Bob Hooker, Bern Slinkman, Mike Tornow, Len Turnbull and Dave Voss. For the election of elders, Council is asking the congregation to vote for four elder nominees to replace the retiring elders. The nominees for the office of Deacon are Spencer Anderson, Chris Kakabeeke, Scott Piersma, Byron Plate, Chris Slinkman, Gary Vander Naald, Jeff Vander Naald and Corey Van Dyk. Council is asking the congregation to vote for four of the deacon nominees to replace the retiring deacons. The congregation is encouraged to complete proxy ballots if they cannot attend the meeting. Proxy ballots need to be signed by the voting member and turned in by the start of the meeting to be considered valid. Please pray that our meeting along, with the commitments and decisions made, will be in accordance with God's will for Faith.

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.

Faith CRC on Facebook. If you haven't yet, follow Faith Christian Reformed Church on Facebook to stay up-to-date on current and upcoming events. Also, consider giving our church a Facebook review. If you do follow Faith CRC on Facebook consider sharing our events and worship services. This helps expand our reach. Through Facebook you can help share God's Word and love and build the church!

YOUTH NEWS

Taco Dinner Thanks: A big THANK YOU to all who donated food or money for the event—we're grateful for the support of our students as they seek to serve Christ!

The Gathering, our ministry to high school students, will meet tonight 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!

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 28, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Drop off at the church; pick up at the house. Bring your Bible!

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: Students should go to their classrooms at 10:45 and will be dismissed at 11:45 AM.

The Sermon Discussion Group will meet 15 minutes after the morning service in room 4/5.

The Men's Chorus for Good Friday will rehearse in the Choir Room after the morning service at 10:45 AM.

The Choir for Easter will rehearse in the Choir Room at 11:10 AM.

The Instruments for Easter will rehearse in the Choir Room at 4:00 PM.

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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 at church.

Faith Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Men's Bible Study will meet at 6:30 AM.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service will begin at 7:00 PM.

SERVING FAITH CHURCH

Greeters: Randy & Sue Heerdt, Byron & Cathy Plate

Saratoga Driver: Randy Van Dahm **Good Friday:** Darrell Stodola

Next Week: Marv Tazelaar

Kitchen: Ed & Kim Biesboer*, Bob & Sharon Herlien

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald*

Coffee Servers: Harry & Alida Boerman **Next Week:** Jack & Marlene Vos

Library: Jeri Cook, Laura Miller

Next Week: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Audio Visual: Sue Folkerts, Ryan Swanson, Jonah Vander Naald

Good Friday: Steve David, Ryan David, Charles Hooker

Next Week: Steve De Boer, Mike Speelman, Ryan De Boer

Nursery Hostess: Emily Frank **Next Week:** Kelly Rauwerda

Infant Nursery: Dorothy Allen, Julie Speelman, Samantha David

Next Week: Rebecca Anderson, Sarah Boone, Savannah Baron

Toddler Nursery: Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jacki Van Dahm

Good Friday: Joy Koopmans, Mindy Slinkman, Sara Swanson, Samantha David

Next Week: Emily Frank, Sue Dillon, Leah De Boer

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Hannah Schuringa