

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship: #5 (WC)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Relying on Grace

God's Will for Our Lives

Song of Commitment: #584:1,3,4 (WC)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Prayer

Song of Worship: #335:1,2,3 (PH)

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Matthew 8:1-17 (p. 962)

Sermon:

POWER-SHARING

Prayer

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #92:1,2 (WC)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Benediction

Doxology: #92:4 (WC)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader & Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

(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: #2:2,3,4 (WC)

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed (*p. 3 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #94 (PH)

"God, Be Merciful to Me"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Dordt College

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Hosea 2:14-23 (*p. 890*)

Sermon:

A FAITHFUL GOD

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #398:1,2,3 (PH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction

Doxology: #398:4 (PH)

"The Church's One Foundation"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Sermon:

Seminarian Nathan Voss

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we're continuing our *Resurrection Power: How Jesus' Miracles Renew Us* series with Matthew 8:1-17. These stories show us that Jesus powerfully reaches out to those who are on the margins.

This evening seminarian Nathan Voss will be preaching on Hosea 2:14-23.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

April 22 AM: Professions of Faith

May 6 AM: Ascension Day

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

May 20 AM: Pentecost

May 27 PM: Memorial Day Hymn Sing

Offerings

Today: 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.

The Deacons gratefully acknowledge the following offerings in March:

Faith General Fund	\$52,610	Bible League International	\$444
Faith Promise Missionaries	\$4,386	Centerpointe Church	\$497
Faith Benevolent Fund	\$525	GEMS Girls Clubs	\$1,574
Faith Building Fund	\$227	Men of A-Chord	\$517
Faith Education Fund	\$255	Roseland Christian Ministries	\$1,969
All God's Children	\$58	Timothy Assistance Fund	\$2,890
		World Renew	\$336

Total offerings for March \$66,288

Actual General Fund receipts from June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 totaled approximately \$604,000 compared to budgeted receipts of \$677,000 or a \$73,000 shortfall to budget. Actual accrued expenses for the same period totaled \$668,000 or a \$64,000 actual shortfall.

As of March 31, 2018, the Timothy Tuition Assistance obligation for the 2017-2018 school year was approximately \$44,000.

Invest in Kids Program, from the state of IL, provides grants or scholarships to children that attend private schools. The qualification appears to be income based only. Parents of Timothy Christian children, and those in other private schools, should check out the link below for more information.

<https://www.edchoice.org/school-choice/programs/illinois-invest-kids-program/>

Prayer & Praise

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

Congratulations to **Dirk & Florence Zaagman** who will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss on April 25.

Tom Allen returned home from the hospital early this week after a long stay for infection. Please keep Tom in your prayers as he continues to struggle with lung cancer.

Clarissa Gates continues to undergo rehab at Burgess Square in Westmont following a fall.

Judy Veldsema is schedule to have neck surgery at Loyola Hospital tomorrow. Please pray for a successful surgery and recovery for Judy.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Marge Stears** who lives in Burr Ridge.

If you helped prepare our sanctuary for Palm Sunday, thank you! If you read a passage on Good Friday, thank you! If you provided an Easter lily to remind us of the resurrection, thank you! If you shared your musical or vocal gifts with the congregation, thank you! If you helped set up or clean up, thank you! If you hosted students from Calvin, thank you! The Music Committee would like to thank all of you who helped bring honor and glory to the Lord the last few weeks!

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.

Celebrate Life! Please sign up and take your "Help Save Lives" baby bottle at the Right to Life table in the Fellowship Hall, the sign-up counter in the narthex, or the nursery counter today. Fill it with coins, bills, or a check and return it by Mother's Day, May 13, in the Fellowship Hall. By doing this, you are helping celebrate life by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men and women who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

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.

Senior event this 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. 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. 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: snacks, pens, jerky, goofy gifts, fun socks, toiletries.

The Evangelism Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM.

Men's Breakfast here at Faith on May 5 at 7:30 AM. After an excellent breakfast, Jason Turner will share his personal testimony 'Seized by Grace: What's Your Story?' Jason recently joined Faith CRC with his family. He works with the Early Intervention program for young children with disabilities, and also with Phil's Friends, a Christ-centered cancer support organization. Come for great food and an encouraging presentation! 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. Please see Sandy Turnbull with any questions or concerns.

Faith Book Club will be discussing "*Giving It All Away...and Getting It All Back Again*" by David Green, the founder of Hobby Lobby, at the May 8 meeting. Learn more about his legacy of generosity and running his business as if it were owned by God. Newcomers are welcome to join us at 7:00 PM at Park Place of Elmhurst.

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 or Niki Tazelaar at nikitazelaar@gmail.com or 773-332-0405.

We're looking for Volunteers for Springfest. If you are willing to donate your time to help at Springfest, please sign-up in the narthex.

VBS Save the Date: All four year olds through 5th 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 for questions.

Vacation Bible School is looking to borrow an inflatable boat with oars, an old trunk and old suitcases. We are also interested in any fake greenery (with the exception of evergreens) that people would like to donate. If you have something to share, please contact Joy Hoving, 630-780-9826.

Youth News

The Gathering: Join us this Sunday, April 15 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.

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 will meet at 10:45 AM.

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 17

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.

Wednesday, April 18

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 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Thursday, April 19

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.

Friday, April 20

The Senior Presentation *Edmond Fitzgerald* will begin at 10:00 AM.

Asylum will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at church.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Len Turnbull

Next Week: Dave Printz

Saratoga Driver: Marv Tazelaar

Next Week: Ken Teune

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

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

Library: Kathleen Glaubke, Laurie Wieringa

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

Audio Visual: Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel

Next Week: Dan Kooyenga, Al De Los Santos, Adam Zarek

Nursery Hostess: Mindy Slinkman

Next Week: Susan Middel

Infant Nursery: Chelsea Barney, Nicole Huizinga, Riley Wieringa

Next Week: Liz Boonstra, Charis Engel, Grace Lindemulder

Toddler Nursery: Ruth Flikkema, Mindy Slinkman, Leah De Boer

Next Week: Rebecca Anderson, Mindy Slinkman, Sam David

PM Nursery: Laura Lanser, Olivia Schuringa

Next Week: Sharon Rozendal, Caleb Lindemulder