

Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #304 (PH)

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah"

Relying on Grace

Song of Confession:

Song of Assurance & Grace:

Professions of Faith:

"God Be Merciful to Me"

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)

Jimmy Allen, Austin Hoogendoorn,

Nick Huisman, Nathan Printz

Prayer

Song of Worship: #9:1,4 (WC)

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

"Sing Praise to the Father"

Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offertory:

Offering:

"Peace! Be Still!" ...Palmer

Elim Christian Services

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Matthew 8:23-27 (p. 962)

RENEWAL IN THE STORM

Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #526 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #373:1 (PH)

Postlude

"Trusting Jesus"

"Beautiful Savior"

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Piano:

Violin:

Bass Guitar:

Guitars:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Jan Slinkman

Kristen Voss

Carter Bulthuis

Matt Bulthuis, Mike Printz

(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: #53 (WC)

"Let All Things Now Living"

We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 94-95 (*p. 48 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"I Will Delight"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Luke Society

God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Exodus 20:1-3; 1 Samuel 4:1b-11 (*pp. 73, 265*)

Sermon:

LOVING VS. USING

Prayer

We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #316:1,2 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction

Doxology: #316:3 (PH)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Postlude

Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Donna Erdman

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

Today at Faith

This morning we celebrate the public professions of faith of four students. In the message we continue in our current morning series, *Resurrection Power: How Jesus' Miracles Renew Us* and see how even in the storms of life God renews and strengthens the faith of His followers.

This evening we're beginning a new series *God's Law: Gifts to Guide Us*. We'll read from Exodus 20 and 1 Samuel 4 and reflect on the difference between expecting to serve God or have God serve us.

Upcoming Worship at Faith

May 3, 7:00 PM, Thursday: National Day of Prayer Service

May 6 AM: Ascension Day Celebration, Children's Church children singing

May 20 AM: Pentecost Celebration, Recognition/Blessing of Graduates

May 27 PM: Memorial Day Hymn Sing

Offerings

Today: Elim Christian Services. PM: Luke Society.

April 29: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Unity Christian School.

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.

Congratulations to the **Faith Cadets** for taking 2nd place at the *Chicago West Competition Day* on April 14. Also congratulations to **Noah Laslo** who won *Outstanding Cadet 1st place 7th Grade*.

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Kathleen & Dirk Glaubke** following the passing of Kathleen's father, Richard W. Giltner this past Monday. A funeral was held yesterday.

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

Judy Veldsema's neck surgery last week went well. Please pray for a good recovery for Judy. She was scheduled to return home this past Thursday.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Grace Bolt** who lives Providence Healthcare in Downers Grove.

Announcements

Graduates: If you are graduating this year we would like to hear from you! Please email office@faithelmhurst.org, with your graduation details and future plans so we can acknowledge you in a future bulletin.

Are you an artist, graphic designer, calligrapher, or just someone who thinks visually? During our current morning 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 CRC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6, 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 2018 - May 2019 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 Dirk Glaubke, Mike Hoving, Chris Kakabeeke, Don Oostman, Mike Tornow and Ted Vander Naald. 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 Cal Boonstra, Steve David, Dan Kooyenga, Jay Lumkes, Nathan Middel, Byron Plate, Al Tobin, Mark Van Dahm, Gary Vander Naald and Ryan Vander Naald. Council is asking the congregation to vote for four of the deacon nominees to replace the retiring deacons. Photos of the nominees can be found in your church mailbox today, so you can connect names with faces. Please pray that our meeting, along with the commitments and decisions made, will be in accordance with God's will for Faith.

Celebrate Life! Please sign up and take a "Help Save Lives" baby bottle home with you and be a part of CareNet's ministry to raise awareness about the sanctity of human life. Fill it with coins, bills, or a check and return by Mother's Day, May 13, in the Fellowship Hall. Easy pick-up bottle locations: Fellowship Hall, Sign-up Counter, Nursery Counter.

Young Adult Sunday Evening Get-Together: Join us tonight at 7:00 PM (after the evening service) for dinner, fellowship and prayer. We will be having taco salad and nachos. Join us Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 PM for a **game night** and snacks. Bring your favorite games! Location: TBD.

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 today. 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 meet this Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 PM.

Senior Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, May 1 at 1:15 PM. We'll be working through the last lesson in our study guide on the Gospel of Luke.

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.

The Children's Church will be singing the week before Mother's Day this year on May 6 instead of singing on Mother's Day, May 13.

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

Avengers: Infinity War and Ice Cream this Friday (4/27): All 6-12th graders are invited to join us to see the new film on opening day at 5:40 PM at York Theater (downtown Elmhurst) on Friday, April 27. Cost: \$12. We will meet afterward for fellowship at Kilwin's ice cream (optional: bring \$ for ice cream). Approximate pick up time: 10 PM at Kilwin's. Email Jonathan to RSVP for your ticket. (jbarney@faithelmhurst.org) Invite friends!

The Gathering's End of Year Celebration: Join us Friday, April 29, for an extended time of games, snacks and celebration. Bring and share your favorite snack or treat!

Asylum End of Year Party: Join us Friday, May 4, for an extended time of games, snacks and celebration. Bring and share your favorite snack or treat!

Puerto Vallarta Trip Training: Students and leaders will meet from about 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM in rooms 1-2 on April 29, 2018. Lunch provided.

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 Young Adult Group will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Monday, April 23

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

The Deacons will meet at 6:30 PM.

Council will meet at 7:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 24

The Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, April 25

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 26

Mom2Mom will meet at 9:00 AM.

Friday, April 27

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

Asylum & the Gathering to York Theater at 5:40 PM.

Serving Faith Church

Welcome Team: Dave Printz

Next Week: Al De Los Santos

Saratoga Driver: Ken Teune

Next Week: Darrell Stodola

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

Next Week: Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Brad & Kathy Miedema*

Library: Chuck Slinkman

Next Week: Chuck Slinkman

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

Next Week: Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Chris Slinkman

Nursery Hostess: Susan Middel

Next Week: Janna Piersma

Infant Nursery: Liz Boonstra, Charis Engel, Grace Lindemulder

Next Week: Karen Folkerts, Jill Groenewold, Sophia Schuringa

Toddler Nursery: Rebecca Anderson, Mindy Slinkman, Sam David

Next Week: Rachel Kinnas, Kelly Rauwerda, Leah De Boer

PM Nursery: Pat Tobin, Caleb Lindemulder

Next Week: Sharon Rozendal, Hannah Schuringa