

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Songs of Praise:

"For You Are Holy"

"Behold Our God"

## Relying on Grace

Time of Confession & Assurance

Prayer

Song of Worship: #372 (PH)

"At the Name of Jesus"

*(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 8:28-34 *(p. 963)*

Sermon:

**THOUGH THIS WORLD WITH DEVILS FILLED**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Response: #43:1-3 (WC)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Benediction

Doxology: #469:3 (PH)

"By the Sea of Crystal"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Bass Guitar:

Carter Bulthuis

Guitars:

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

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Song of Praise:

"We Bow Down"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 96-98 (*p. 49 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship: #311 (WC)

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Unity Christian School

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Exodus 20:4-6; 1 Samuel 7:2-17 (*pp. 74, 268*)

Sermon:

**TRUE WORSHIP**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #576:1,2 (WC)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Benediction

Doxology: #576:3 (WC)

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Postlude

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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** in the message we continue in our current morning series, *Resurrection Power: How Jesus' Miracles Renew Us* with the first "Dominion" Miracle recorded in the book of Matthew.

**This evening** we're continuing our series *God's Law: Gifts to Guide Us*. Exodus 20 and 1 Samuel 7 will help us to see what true Christian worship looks like.

## 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: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Unity Christian School.

May 6: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries. PM: Resonate Global Mission.

May 13: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: Lawndale CRC.

May 20: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Crossroads Prison Ministries.

May 27: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. PM: My Brother's Kitchen.

## Prayer & Praise

At its recent meeting, the Faith Council appointed **Bob Hooker** to serve a 3-year term and **Steve DeBoer** to serve a one-year term as Timothy School Board members.

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

**Clarissa Gates** has completed rehab at Burgess Square and will be staying with Harry & Alida Boerman for a time of recovery.

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

"Once again we have been blessed by our gracious God and Savior. He has brought me through another major surgery by guiding the surgical team as they used the talents that He has given them. We give thanks for our family at Faith for the many ways you have supported us during the surgery and recovery: the many cards that we received, the personal visits at Burgess Square by various members and the many personal words of encouragement at church but above all we thank you for your prayers. We also thank Pastors Matthew and Greg for their visits at the hospital, Burgess and home as well as their phone calls. Thank you so much for your love and kindness."

**Ken, Lois & Jennifer Rusthoven**

Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday to **Theresa Folkerts** on May 8 and **Terry Vander Naald** on May 30.

## Announcements

**Graduates:** If you are graduating this year we would like to hear from you! Please email [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org), with your graduation details and future plans so we can acknowledge High School Graduates in morning worship and all graduates in the bulletin on May 20.

**Faith CRC's Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held next 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. The congregation is encouraged to complete proxy ballots for the election of elders and deacons if they cannot attend the meeting. Proxy ballots need to be signed by the voting member and turned in to any Council member by the start of the meeting to be considered valid. They can also be turned in to Clerk's office mailbox.

**Serving on a Committee** – at Faith a variety of committees give support to our ministries. Please consider being a member of one of our committees as we look ahead to the start of a new church year in June. Feel free to reach out to the church office or the Pastors for opportunities.

**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.

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

**Young Adult Get-Together:** Join us this Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 PM for a **game night** and snacks. Bring your favorite games! We'll meet at Nathan & Kayla Middel's (816 Woodwind Dr., Naperville).

**Cadets & Jr. Cadets** will be going to Saratoga for a sing-a-long & pizza party this Wednesday, May 2. We will leave Church at 6:30 PM & return to Church at 8:30 PM.

**Men's Breakfast this Saturday, May 5:** Plan to attend the men's breakfast here at Faith this Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 AM. After an excellent breakfast, Jason Turner will share his personal testimony 'Seized By Grace: What's Your Story?' 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! If possible, please sign up in the narthex or online.

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

**Service opportunity for Faith Church!** The Evangelism Committee has received a request from the UCCA 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 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](mailto:chris.slinkman@gmail.com).

**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.

**Celebrate Life!** Are you saving your coins and crumpled bills in your "Help Save Lives" baby bottle? Do you feel like you should write a check (made out to CareNet) to add to those coins and bills? There is still plenty of time to sign up and take a baby bottle home with you! Pick up and return bottles in the Fellowship Hall. Due Mother's Day, May 13.

**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.

**Vacation Bible School** is looking to borrow 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's End of Year Celebration:** Join us tonight, (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.

**VBS Crew Leaders:** Contact Jonathan if you want to be a VBS crew leader this year!

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Today**

Sunday School & Catechism will be on summer break until September.  
The Sermon Discussion Group will meet in room 4/5 at 10:45 AM.  
Puerto Vallarta Training from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.  
PADS signup sheets for May are available in the Fellowship Hall.  
The Gathering will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

### **Monday, April 30**

The Staff Relations Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

### **Tuesday, May 1**

Senior Bible Study will meet at 1:15 PM.  
Young Adult Game night will begin at 7:30 PM.

### **Wednesday, May 2**

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 go to Saratoga Grove from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

### **Thursday, May 3**

National Day of Prayer Service at 7:00 PM.

### **Friday, May 4**

Asylum will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

### **Saturday, May 5**

Men's Breakfast will begin at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Serving Faith Church**

**Welcome Team:** Al De Los Santos      **Next Week:** John Veldsema  
**Saratoga Driver:** Darrell Stodola      **Next Week:** Corey Van Dyk  
**Kitchen:** Spencer & Rebecca Anderson, Brad & Kathy Miedema\*  
**Next Week:** Bruce & DeDe Terpstra, Ted & Laurie Vander Naald\*  
**Library:** Chuck Slinkman      **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien  
**Audio Visual:** Todd Lindemulder, Logan Van Proyen, Chris Slinkman  
**Next Week:** Steve David, Mike Speelman, Ryan David  
**Nursery Hostess:** Janna Piersma      **Next Week:** Sarah Schuringa  
**Infant Nursery:** Karen Folkerts, Jill Groenewold, Sophia Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Laurie Van Dahm, Jessica Vander Naald, Jacki Van Dahm  
**Toddler Nursery:** Rachel Kinnas, Kelly Rauwerda, Leah De Boer  
**Next Week:** Sue Boonstra, Nicole Huizinga, Etta Veenstra  
**PM Nursery:** Sharon Rozendal, Hannah Schuringa  
**Next Week:** Jill & Etta Veenstra