

## Gathered to Worship

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Worship:

"Speak, O Lord"

## Relying on Grace

Song of Confession

and Assurance: #55:1-4 (PH)

God's Will for Our Lives:

"How Blest Is He Whose Trespass"

*Responsive Reading of the  
10 Commandments with Psalm Responses*

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Knowing You"

## Giving with Thanks

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Faith General Fund

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Philippians 3:12-16 (*p.1163*)

Sermon:

**STRIVE FOR THE PRIZE**

Prayer

## Blessed to Serve

Song of Commitment: #379 (PH)

"Lord Jesus, I Long to Be Perfectly Whole"

Benediction

Doxology: #493 (PH)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader and Sermon:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Organ:

Donna Erdman

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

Violin:

Kristen Voss

Flute:

Morgan Hoving

Guitar:

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: #302 (PH)

"Praise Ye the Lord, for It is Good"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith:

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

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Thy Word"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Chicago Christian Counseling Center

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Job 38:1-18 *(p. 527)*

Sermon:

**GREATER WISDOM**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #532 (WC)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Benediction

Doxology: #805 (WC)

"Glory Be to the Father"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leaders:

Pastor Schuringa and Nathan Voss

Sermon:

Mr. Nathan Voss

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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

## Today at Faith

**This morning** we continue in Philippians to see what God says about some of the things that are central to our – and everyone else’s – purpose in life.

**Tonight** Mr. Nathan Voss, recently graduated from seminary and preparing for ordained ministry, will bring God’s Word.

## Prayer & Praise

**If you have prayer needs**, please visit room 14 on the south side of the sanctuary after the morning service.

**You are invited to pray!** every Sunday morning from 9:10 – 9:20 AM in classroom 1, 2, or 3 on the north side of the building. Prayers are lifted up specifically for the morning worship service – for those involved in leading, those attending, as well as those caring for children during worship.

**Pat Tobin** had double knee-replacement surgery this past Thursday. Please pray for her in recovery and therapy in the weeks ahead.

**Kathy Greenfield** has changed her phone number. Please update your directory to reflect the change to 630-207-1501

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Wilma Vos** who lives at Windsor Park in Carol Stream.

## Offerings

Today: AM: Faith General Fund	PM: Chicago Christian Counseling Center
July 28 AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance	PM: Vietnamese New Hope CRC
August 4 AM: Faith Promise	PM: CenterPointe

## Announcements

Play, play, play! There are still two more opportunities to join us for a summer **Park Playdate!** Join us at Eldridge Park in Elmhurst on Commonwealth Street (the playground by the pond) from 10:00 AM – Noon on Thursday, July 25 and Thursday, August 15. From playgrounds to basketball courts, there’s something for everyone! Contact Chelsea Barney at [chelsea.m.barney@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.m.barney@gmail.com) or Laura Lanser at [matthewlauralanser@gmail.com](mailto:matthewlauralanser@gmail.com) for more info.

Donate to **Helping Hands, Helping Hearts** (Loerop-Honduras) by purchasing or checking your sewing notions/baskets for the following purse-making supplies: crochet hooks (Size 0 or 00), zippers (10”-20” lengths in any color), and can tabs (any type or color). Donations may be placed in the container by the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

**CRC Synod 2019 Presentation and Discussion:** On August 18, during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Greg will be leading a presentation on the highlights of our denomination's synodical decisions in June. To prepare, you could consider reading reports and news about Synod 2019 in the CRC magazine, *The Banner*, or go to [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org) to get up to date on what was discussed. Or you can just show up! We'll plan on a Q&A time also.

**Men's Retreat – Save the Date:** Join us October 4 – 6 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, food and faith-building. Highschoolers and up are invited. Come and go as you please; \$10/night per camper; check-in and check-out is 11:00 AM. Email Jonathan ([jbarney@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:jbarney@faithelmhurst.org)) to RSVP.

This year, **Elim HOPE Packs** will be in the form of a monetary donation only. Please check your church mailbox for a donation envelope. Each Elim HOPE Pack gift provides a blessing in two ways; your donation buys school supplies for a needy student in the Roseland community and provides the Elim client with meaningful work. There will be boxes for our envelopes in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of July. If you have any questions or need an additional envelope, please see Sandy Turnbull.

Faith's **summer office hours** of 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM began July 1. Questions, prayer requests, and announcements can be sent to [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org), 630-279-1776 or dropped into the brown mailbox to the left of the office door.

## Youth News

**Memphis Trip Reunion:** Join us at the Bulthuis' this Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 PM to reconnect after the trip over refreshments and work on material to share with the congregation.

Join us at Laser Quest Downers Grove for **All Youth Laser Tag** on August 9 from 6:40 – 9:00 PM. Cost is \$5 per person including pizza.

Graduated 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to **Asylum Summer Small Groups**. Study God's Word, play games and enjoy snacks at the David's home from 7:00 – 8:30 PM on August 14.

Mark your calendars for the **Fall Retreat** set for October 11-13. We will join Pathway, City View, West Suburban and Grace Church youth groups at Lake Geneva Christian Camp in Wisconsin.

## Community Announcements

You are invited to attend the **Saratoga Grove Summer Concert** this Thursday, July 25 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Enjoy delicious ice cream and music by The Nick Pontorelli Band at this free event.

Please join the friends of **Mid-America Reformed Seminary** for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on September 7 at 8:00 AM at the SPG Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort, IL. Register online at [www.midamerica.edu](http://www.midamerica.edu).

**Sing! Chicagoland** with Keith and Kristyn Getty hosted by Bible League Volunteers – Thursday, October 24 in Crown Point, IN. Morning summit and evening concert tickets are available at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets). Enter EARLYBIRD for \$10 off general admission – Hurry! Code is only valid through July 24.

## This Week at Faith

### Wednesday, July 24

Men's Prayer Group 7:00 AM

Memphis Trip Reunion 7:00 – 8:00 PM

### Thursday, July 25

Park Playdate 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Serving Faith Church

**Welcome Team:** Jen David **Next Week:** Maria Kearney

**Kitchen:** Brad & Kathy Miedema\*, Logan & Bonnie Van Proyen

**Next Week:** Spencer & Rebecca Anderson\*, Hank & Becky Vander Naald

**Library:** Laurie Wieringa, Kathleen Glaubke

**Library Next Week:** Chuck Slinkman

**Audio Visual:** Dan Kooyenga, Adam Zarek, Logan Van Proyen

**Next Week:** Todd Lindemulder, Chris Slinkman, Mike Speelman

**Nursery Hostess:** Sarah Schuringa **Next Week:** Laura Lanser

**Infant Nursery:** Mindy Slinkman, Charis Engel, Etta Veenstra

**Next Week:** Emily Hoving, Mary Huizinga, Emily Turner

**Toddler Nursery:** Laura Van Kampen, Ruth Flikkema, Ben Murphy

**Next Week:** Christina Muruato, Susan Dillon, Emma Dillon

**PM Nursery:** Jill Veenstra, Marta Veenstra

**Next Week:** Grace Harbaugh, Linda Van Dyk

## Council Notes July 2019

- Council passed a recommendation from the Safe Church Team for an updated Safe Church Policy which is now being followed;
- Council passed a recommendation from the Church Property Committee for a security camera system for the church building and it has been installed;
- The Music Committee reported on highlights in recent months, including the Holland Christian Living Hope Singers, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter worship services as well as the Memorial Day Hymn Sing;
- Council approved the 2019-2020 budget to be brought to the annual Congregational meeting for endorsement;
- At the annual Congregational meeting the congregation elected new elders and deacons from among Council's nominees;
- An elder/deacon orientation time was held to prepare newly elected elders and deacons for service;
- The Missions Committee gave thanks for wonderful financial support from the church and was glad we could welcome several missionaries in the last 6 months;

- Council approved a Church Property recommendation to replace the two front sanctuary A/C units and they have been installed;
- The elders are encouraged by the increasing use of the after-morning service prayer time and those who gather to pray at 9:10 AM for our Sunday worship services;
- The elders, as usual, received monthly pastors' and youth director reports on their ministries;
- The elders discussed and began a process of more strategic and intentional connecting with members of the church;
- Council received a report from Pastor Schuringa and Don Oostman on the March Classis meeting. Classis is a twice a year meeting of the CRCs in our region;
- The elders received reports from our pastors and Jonathan Barney about a number of Timothy Christian School chapels that were led by them this past school year;
- Council gave thanks for Karen Folkerts' years of service in our church office and welcomed Ashley Slinkman to join Niki Tazelaar as an office assistant/coordinator;
- Council and the elders gave thanks for special church family gatherings in recent months, including the National Day of Prayer service, Springfest, two Mission Emphasis luncheons, a seminar on Technology for parents, several births and baptisms and new members Raymond Amegatcher, David Egan, Dirk & Eileen Rauglas, and the Brian & Danielle Voss family;
- The Youth Ministry Committee reported with thanks on the status of and activity surrounding Faith's ministries for children, students, and young adults, as well as all the volunteers who support these;
- Pastor Schuringa represented our classis at Synod in June. He plans to give a report to the congregation during the Sunday School hour, likely in August. Synod is an annual meeting and decision-making body that includes pastor, elder, and deacon delegates from all classes in the denomination;
- Vacation Bible School had its highest attendance in the past number of years with 121 children total attending (up from 96 the previous year), and an average of 115 each day;
- The Faith Strategic Team shared some final conclusions of its work with Council in June; these were discussed and commitment was made to carry out some key strategies going forward;
- To inspire and support ministry throughout the church, Council approved an updated Committee list in June;