

## **Gathered to Worship**

Prelude

Welcome and God's Greeting

Song of Praise: #184 (PH)

"Now with Joyful Exultation"

## **Relying on Grace**

Commissioning of Don Oostman to Serve as Elder

Song of Dedication: #426 (PH)

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

Prayer

Songs of Worship:

"Your Grace is Enough"

"I Will Delight"

## **Giving with Thanks**

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Tapestries of Life

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture:

Sermon:

Prayer

Matthew 21:18-22 (*p. 978*)

**THE SURPRISING REVERSE MIRACLE**

## **Blessed to Serve**

Song of Response: #213 (WC)

Benediction

Doxology: #537:1 (WC)

Postlude

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

"Lord, Be Glorified"

## **Leading us in Worship**

Worship Leaders:

Sermon:

Organ:

Piano:

Bass:

Guitars:

Pastors Lanser and Schuringa

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Donna Erdman

Jan Slinkman

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: #1:1,3,4 (LH)

"All People that On Earth Do Dwell"

## We Express Our Faith and Gratitude

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 112 (*p. 55 in the back of the PH*)

Prayer

Song of Worship:

"Speak, Oh Lord"

Offertory Prayer

Offering:

Love, Inc.

## God Speaks to His People

Scripture:

Psalm 15 (*p. 538*)

Sermon:

**WORDS OF POWER**

Prayer

## We Go Out with God's Blessing

Song of Response: #411:1,2 (PH)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Benediction

Doxology: #411:5 (PH)

"How Firm a Foundation"

Postlude

## Leading us in Worship

Worship Leader:

Pastor Greg Schuringa

Sermon:

Pastor Matthew Lanser

Piano:

Jan Slinkman

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## Today at Faith

**This morning** we conclude our sermon series on the miracles of Jesus with a surprising reverse miracle found in Matthew 21. Also in morning worship we'll install Don Oostman as an elder.

**This evening** the *God's Law: Gifts to Guide Us* series brings us to the commandment not to bear false testimony. Psalm 15 will guide our reflection.

## Upcoming Worship Highlights at Faith

September 2, 6 PM: Joint worship with area CRC's at Western Springs CRC;  
Rev. Gerry Erffmeyer preaches

September 9 PM: Prayer Service

September 16 AM: First Graders' Bible Presentation

September 23 AM: Baptism Sunday

## Offerings

Today: AM: Tapestries of Life. PM: Love, Inc.

September 2: AM: Faith Promise Missionaries.

September 9: AM: Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund.  
PM: Elim Christian Services.

September 16: AM: Faith Cadets. PM: Gideons.

September 23: AM: Faith GEMS. PM: Bethshan.

September 30: AM: Faith General Fund. PM: Ebenezer CRC.

## Prayer & Praise

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

We extend our Christian sympathy to **Alida & Harry Boerman** and **Lambert & Judy Bronger** following the unexpected passing away of their sister, **Clarissa Gates**, last week. A funeral service was held at Faith CRC on Saturday.

**Ron Tazelaar** spent a few days in the hospital this week due to some complications with his medicine. Please continue to keep Ron and his family in your prayers as they consider treatment options moving forward.

**Judy Veldsema** has almost four weeks of daily antibiotic infusions behind her. Judy and John are thankful that this past week the infusions went to every other day. They are also thankful that Judy is healing well after her major neck surgery.

Remember to pray for those who are unable to join us in worship. Today we think of **Annette Klein** who lives in Alden Poplar Creek in Hoffman Estates.

Happy Birthday to **Al Vanderschoot** (82) on September 1, **Robert Laning** (87) on September 2, **Elaine Rybak** (82) and **Ralph Van Kampen** (89) on September 7, **Ray Rozendal** (85) on September 12, **Evelyn Zeilstra** (93) on September 17 and **Dirk Zaagman** (86) on September 27.

## Announcements

**The church office** will resume regular hours this week and will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM, Fridays, 9:00 AM until noon. Questions, prayer requests and announcements can be sent to [office@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:office@faithelmhurst.org) or 630-279-1776.

**Registration is open online for our Thursday morning and evening women's Bible studies.** A flyer with details was placed in your mailbox last week and more flyers are available in the sign up counter for inviting friends. The registration deadline is Sunday, August 26.

**Fall Fest on Saturday, September 8:** We'll be kicking off our ministry year together with a Fall Fest from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on Saturday, September 8. Come for a free dinner, car show, live music, a bounce house and other kids activities. This is a great chance to re-connect after a busy summer, and to celebrate the beginning of our new ministry year. Come to enjoy a good evening with family, friends, and neighbors. This event is co-sponsored by the Discipleship and Evangelism Committees. Contact Pastor Matthew, Pete Holtrop, or Greg Lanenga with any questions.

**The Welcome Team** will be meeting briefly at 10:45 AM on Sunday, September 9. We'll be checking in as our new ministry year begins and working on our sign-up schedule for the next few months.

**The Evangelism Committee** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM.

**It's time to register for Mom2Mom!** Mom2Mom is a group for moms and mentor moms at Faith for fellowship, encouragement, discussion, prayer, and mentoring. Excellent childcare is provided for infants and toddlers. Faith Kids preschool class is provided for kids ages 3 and up. Mom2Mom meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of most months from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Whether you're a new mom of an infant, or an experienced mom with a house full of kids, you will benefit from this group. Contact Sarah Schuringa with any questions at [sschuringa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sschuringa@sbcglobal.net). Register online at [faithelmhurst.org](http://faithelmhurst.org). Our first meeting this season is September 13.

**The Friday Men's Bible Study** meets two Fridays a month from 6:30 - 7:30 AM. We're currently working through the book of 1 Samuel and seeing how God works graciously in the midst of challenging circumstances. Contact Christopher Koopmans or Pastor Matthew for more information. Our next meeting is Friday, September 14.

**Seniors' Bible Study** will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 1:15 PM. This fall we'll be looking at several parables of Jesus, using the study *Generosity: How God's Radical Grace Makes Us Givers*. This study will help us to encounter and respond to the reality of God's grace in different areas of our lives. Contact Pastor Matthew for more information.

**Cadets, Jr. Cadets** (all boys 1st - 8th grade) and their Mothers: Save the date of Wednesday September 19, 6:30 PM for the Mother/Son outing. Details to follow.

**Reserve September 22, 2018 for the Faith CRC Golf Outing** at Maple Meadows golf club to benefit our Timothy Tuition Assistance Fund. Start time is 1:00 PM with dinner to follow. Cost is \$100 per golfer. Anyone can join us for the dinner for \$25 per person. Sign up online or in the narthex today. Contact Jon Huizinga, 708-476-4263 for information.

**Bible Studies and Small Groups** are getting started for this ministry year. We have a wide variety of opportunities to engage with God's Word and God's people through these groups. If you're interested in joining a group, or have an idea for a new group, get in touch with Pastor Matthew or Greg Lanenga, our Discipleship Committee chairperson.

**Time for Prayer: The Wednesday morning men's prayer group** meets every week at Faith from 7:15 - 8:00 AM. This is a great opportunity to spend time in prayer for our church, for the world, and for a variety of other prayer requests. Contact Lambert Bronger with any questions.

**Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study** is planning to meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. Contact Steve David or Dirk Glaubke if you'd like to join this group.

**Join the Welcome Team:** Every Sunday morning, we have people assigned to actively welcome our guests here. This involves seeking out guests for about 20 minutes before and after the morning service, welcoming them to Faith, and helping them feel at home here. Each team member is responsible for about one Sunday every two or three months, and everyone picks their own schedule. If you're interested in joining this team going forward, contact Pastor Matthew.

**Young Adult Small Group:** All are welcome to join the Barneys' small group which meets every other week at 10 AM on Saturdays at the Barney's house near church! Join us for a brunch treat, coffee, fellowship, Bible study and prayer. Contact Jonathan for more information.

**Young Adult Discipleship Groups:** Looking to become a more cross-exalting, gospel-saturated disciple of Christ with other like-minded people? Join a discipleship group. Groups meet by gender for encouragement, Bible study and prayer. The men will finish David Platt's *Radical* this fall. Contact Jonathan Barney for more info.

**Pastor Greg & Sarah Schuringa** are planning on leading a small group in their home this church year, one Friday evening a month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. We are still deciding on a Bible study. Please let us know if you'd like more information or would like to join in! [gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org](mailto:gschuringa@faithelmhurst.org); [sschuringa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sschuringa@sbcglobal.net).

**Diaper Derby for Caring Network** (formerly CareNet) will begin this coming week and continue through October 1. Please start collecting diapers (all sizes), wipes, and/or gift cards to Walmart.

## Youth News

**The Gathering Returns:** Our high school youth ministry will be starting up again tonight from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, games, Bible teaching and small groups.

**The Gathering Kickoff:** Cosmic Bowling at 9:45 PM on September 7, at Fox Bowl in Wheaton. High school students are invited to join us for a night of fellowship, laser, music, disco and black lights. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians!

**Asylum Returns:** Our middle school youth group begins on September 9, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Join us for a meal, Bible study, games and small groups!

**Asylum Kickoff Event:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us on September 14 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at Laser Quest in Downers Grove for pizza and two games of laser tag. Invite your friends, especially non-Christians!

**Press Pause Youth Fall Retreat at Lake Geneva** on October 12-14: All 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us to "press pause" for a time of fellowship, rest, worship and prayer. No teaching. No cell phones. It's time to unplug, slow down and be with the Lord. We will be joining four other Elmhurst church youth groups (Cityview, Pathway, West Suburban and Grace).

## This Week at Faith

### Today, August 26

The Gathering will meet at 7:00 PM.

### Wednesday, August 29

Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 AM.

GEMS Counselors will meet at 7:00 PM.

### Thursday, August 30

The Shalom Committee will meet at 7:00 PM.

## Serving Faith Church

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

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

**Library:** Chuck Slinkman **Next Week:** Nancy Boer, Sharon Herlien

**Audio Visual:** Steve David, Logan Van Proyen, Ryan David

**Next Week:** Steve De Boer, Mary Huizinga, Colin Middel

**Nursery Hostess:** Jayne Lindemulder **Next Week:** Joy Koopmans

**Infant Nursery:** Alyssa Ridder, Jessica Vander Naald, Sam David

**Next Week:** Mindy Slinkman, Cindy Tazelaar, Sophia Schuringa

**Toddler Nursery:** Sue Boonstra, Laurie Van Dahm, Jacki Van Dahm

**Next Week:** Kim Kooyenga, Ashley Van Byssum, Marta Veenstra

**PM Nursery:** Susan Middel, Izzy David