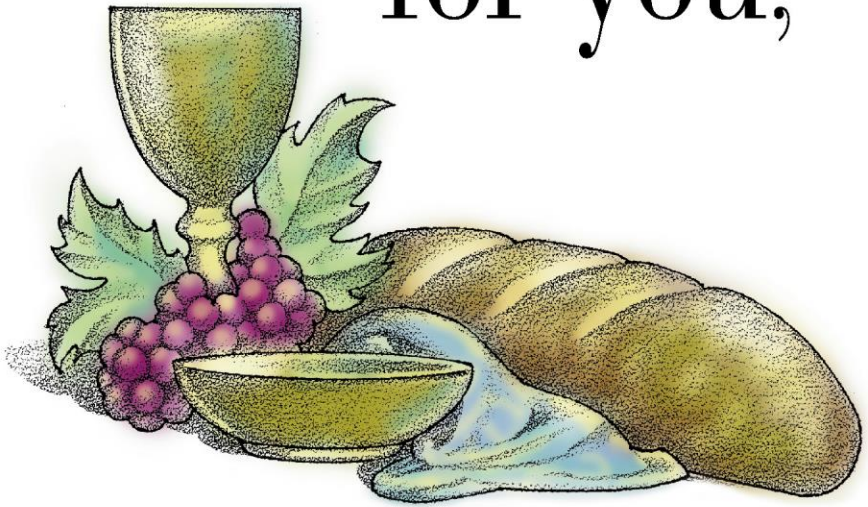


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

August 10, 2014

“This is my
body given
for you;



do this in
remembrance
of **me.**”

Luke 22:19

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

August 10, 2014

"In the most natural and simple way possible we learn to pray our experiences by taking up the ordinary events of everyday life and giving them to God." ~ Richard Foster ~

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

We are invited into the presence of God!

Please turn your cell phones off

Please sign the register book & pass it on.

PRELUDE

SONGS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Greg Burney

CCLI #2005052

HEARING FROM GOD

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word!

We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ." (Philippians 1:27a)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).

WORDS FROM GOD

Matthew 14:22-33

Scripture Reader, Gary Wells

RESPONDING TO GOD

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

MESSAGE

“Water Walking”

Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

(Ephesians 4:29 NLT) Watch the words you say to others.

Pray that God will control your thoughts and tongue.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

#878 The Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

OFFERTORY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that he desperately loves.

His presence goes with us. We leave as God’s agents of grace and mercy.

SONG

BENEDICTION

Scripture Reading for the Week

Sunday

Deuteronomy 30:9-10

Monday

Psalms 36:7

Tuesday

1 John 1:9

Wednesday

Mark 13:13

Thursday

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Friday

James 1:12

Saturday

Psalms 23:3-4

TODAY’S GREETERS

Pat Hudson & Karen Johnson

HEAD USHER

Orlin Johnson

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Josh Parrott, Gary Wells

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

“Water Walking”

Matthew 14:22-33

1. Intro & Context

2. Contextualization

(a) Believe in Jesus’ awesome power (cf. Dan. 7:13-14; Mt. 28:18; Lk. 7:1-10; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; Eph. 1:18-23; Phil. 2:9-11) “...that you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe” (Eph. 1:18,19)

i. The importance of the OBJECT of our faith (cf. Gal. 2:16; 3:26; Phil. 3:3,9; Col. 1:4; 2:10; 1 Tim. 1:14) “...So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ...” (Gal. 2:16)

ii. The potential impact of that faith (i.e. “to move mountains”) (cf. Mt. 17:20; 21:21-22; Jn. 14:12-14; Ja. 5:14-16) “The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective” (Ja. 5:16)

(b) Step out of the boat!

i. Outside your comfort zones (cf. Jn. 4:27; Jn. 6:66; Acts 10; Acts 13:1-3; 2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 13:12-13). Note: God might send us to a place that is very foreign and uncomfortable to us.

ii. Outside your area of expertise (cf. Ex. 3:11; Judges 6:15; 1 Sam. 9:21; 1 Cor. 1:26-31). Note: We'll have to trust God to equip us for the task.

iii. Outside your area of control (cf. Gen. 18:11-14; Esther 4:9-14; 2 Chron. 20:12, 15-17; Lk. 1:30-38; Lk. 9:3; 10:3-4; Jn. 21:18-19). Note: We'll have to trust God for the miraculous.

(c) Keep your eyes on Jesus (cf. Ps. 25:15; 123:2; 2 Cor. 4:18; Heb. 12:1-2) “... And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us fixing our eyes on Jesus...” (Heb. 12:1-2)

i. Devotional practices

- A. Scripture meditation (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:2; 119:9,11,97,99) “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” (Ps. 119:97)
- B. Prayer (cf. Lk. 18:1-8; Rom. 1:9-10; Eph. 6:18; Phil. 4:6-8; 1 Thes. 5:17) “Pray continually” (1 Thes. 5:17)

- ii. A disciplined heart and mind (cf. 2 Chron. 27:6; Ps. 112:7; Pr. 4:26; Isa. 7:9; 26:3; Mk. 13:13; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 5:1; Col. 3:1) “If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all” (Isa. 7:9b)

(d) Worship Him

- i. Respond to His power (cf. Ps. 63:2-3; 68:34; 150:2; 1 Pt. 4:11; Rev. 5:12-13) “Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness” (Ps. 150:2)
- ii. Respond to His goodness (cf. Neh. 9:25; Ps. 34:8; 100:5; 106:1; 118:1; 145:7; Nah. 1:7) “they revelled in your great goodness” (Neh. 9:25)

3. Conclusion

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Our God is an AWESOME God!!!

Prayer Concerns: Our Elim shut-ins; Elim fall programs.

Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, Marj Nelson, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Travis Ferry, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Prayer Notes:



Please join us today for a baby shower in honor of
Abigail Akpla's baby girl
Oriane Agbeninou, born June 9th. We will have a cake
reception/shower following worship TODAY, August 10th.

ELIM AUGUST

TRIVIA NIGHT



There will be a trivia night scheduled for Saturday,
August 16th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is an effort to
raise funds for the Elim Block Party taking place the
1st weekend in September. A sign-up sheet is
available in the gathering area.



Fall Fellowship 2014

fix your eyes on *Jesus*...Hebrews 12:2

FOCUS

turn your eyes upon Jesus



Women's Fall Fellowship Retreat



Worship Leader
Leslie Michele



Featured Speaker
Rev. Mary Putera

Women's Retreat – Come and join us along the Shores of Geneva Lake at the beautiful Covenant Harbor. This annual Fall Fellowship retreat is designed for you to experience creative ways to focus on God's presence and love.

**Dates are: September 12–14 or
September 19–21.**

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 and the remaining fee is due by August 22, 2014. More information and registration rates and forms are on the round table in the gathering area.

