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**RISEN**

# **EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**March 27, 2016**

**"The Kingdom of God is what we all of us hunger for above all other things even when we don't know its name or realize that it's what we're starving to death for." (Frederick Buechner)**

## **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** Scott & Victoria Fowler Worship Facilitator

*"My Redeemer Lives"*

*HYMN # 744 "Because He Lives"*

*"Forever"*

## **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

## **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**

Natalie Hermann

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

**"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

## **WORDS FROM GOD**

Isaiah 65:17-25

*Scripture Reader, Tasha Munger*

*(Pages 785 or 743 in the red Bibles)*

**MESSAGE**  
"Thy Kingdom Come"  
Pastor Steve Peterson

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.

**HYMN #258**

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

**BENEDICTION**

*Scripture Readings for the Week*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 John 2:25</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:5</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>James 4:10</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Romans 8:29-30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6-7</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:5-8</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 3:3-4</i>

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**TODAY'S GREETERS**

Mike Hermann & Marilyn Smith

**HEAD USHER**

Don Peterson

**USHERS**

Martin Bear, L.J. Cunningham, Tabatha Estes

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Josh Parrott

# “Thy Kingdom Come”

## Isaiah 65:17-25

**Key Text:** “If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied” (1 Cor. 15:19)

**Key Thought:** Through faith in Christ we can experience God’s Kingdom, both in this life and (certainly) in the life to come.

- 1) When disaster strikes (cf. 2 Kgs. 25; Joel 1; Lk. 13:1-5)
- 2) Fear or faith (cf. Deut. 20:1-4; Josh. 1:9; Mt. 10:24-31) *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell”* (Mt. 10:28)
- 3) Death defeated (cf. Jn. 5:24; 8:51; Rom. 6:9; 1 Cor. 15:54; 2 Tim. 1:10) *“... so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”* (Heb. 2:14-15)
- 4) Courageous faith (cf. Deut. 31:6; 1 Chr. 22:13; 2 Chr. 32:7; Php. 1:20) *“When they saw the **courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus”* (Acts 4:13).
- 5) Well-trained soldiers (cf. Eph. 6:10-17; 2 Tim. 2:3-4) *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes”* (Eph. 6:10-11)
  - a. The disciplines (cf. Eph. 6:14-18)
  - b. The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)
- 6) Conclusion

### Questions for Reflection:

- Is your faith strong enough to handle trouble, even disaster?
- Do you rejoice in times of suffering, or buckle? Do you praise God or grow angry with Him in tough times?
- Acknowledging that we are indeed at war, as a soldier of Christ, how can you train for battle?

## PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:**

**He Lives!!!**

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Students and families traveling from spring breaks.**

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### **Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:**

Juna Wortz, Arlene Miller, Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Patrick Henry, Joe DeSchepper, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

***"We must not become tired of doing good. We will receive our harvest of eternal life at the right time if we do not give up."***

***Galatians 6:9***

**Prayer Notes:**

### **Prayer Following Worship**

**Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include: Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northwest classroom behind the sound system booth.**

### **Monday Evening Prayer Gathering**

**Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.**

### **Prayer Chain**

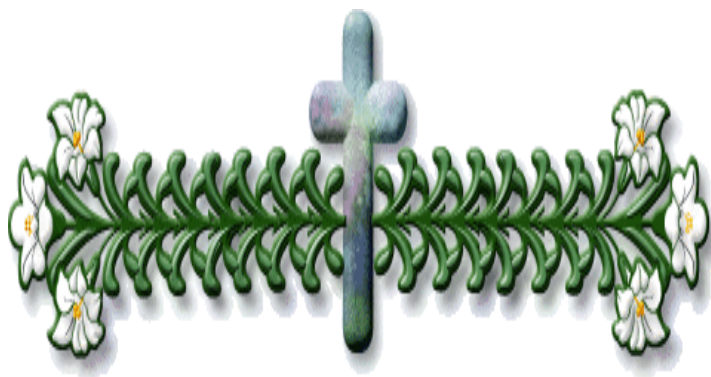
**The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week.**

**Call Judy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger**

**@ (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answer machine and it will be relayed ASAP.**

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*The Easter Lilies decorating our church are in loving honor and memory of family members and Elim members.*

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## **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

**7th Annual Girls Night Out**

**Friday - April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Come and "Recharge" with others. Please bring 2 canned goods for admission. Crafts, games, food, fellowship, chocolate, sharing fairy garden-time, nail painting & more! We will have a Silent Auction. Bring neighbors, friends, relatives & especially those that need some "Recharge" time.

**See Cindy Minard with any questions.**



## Today

Bring the children to our Easter Egg Hunt!!  
We will have an Easter Egg hunt right after worship  
on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST

*The next men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 8:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area.  
Following breakfast, whoever is available will help move the  
Fowlers. See Don Peterson with questions.*



## CHRISTIAN CARE BUILD-A-HOUSE

**Please help the paper house building. You  
may bring in your paper goods – paper towels,  
kleenex, and toilet paper to fill it up.  
See Juanita Arellanos with ????**

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun.	March 27	9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	March 28	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting
Tues.	March 29	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	March 30	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer/Coffee Time 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i> 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thurs.	March 31	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Biblb Study
Sat.	April 2	8:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 3:30 p.m. New Men’s Bible Study
Sun.	April 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon.	April 4	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	April 5	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 6	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. <i>SPARK &amp; AXIS</i>

**March Birthdays**

- 28 – Jon Estes
- 30 – Nick Wagner
- April Birthdays**
- 7 – Burnie Sutter
- 8 – Dee Prütchard
- 8 – Will Wagner
- 9- TurckerBurney
- 9 – L.J. Cunningham
- 11 – Linda Hutchison
- 15 – Greg Burney
- 17 – Jayvan Fowler
- 18 – Cindy Minard
- 19 – Rachel Luong
- 20 – Pat Hansen
- 23 – DeWayne Edwards
- 24 – Pennie Knary
- 24 – Jane Peterson

**March Anniversaries**

- 29 – Jon & Tabatha Estes
- April Anniversaries**
- 7 – Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk
- 8 – Pastor Steve & Elizabeth Peterson
- 11 – Lyle & Maurine Beresford
- 16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes
- 27 – Rolland & Joann Potts
- 30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

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Attendance Last Week

Sunday School = 39  
CHILD CARE

Worship = 132

**TODAY March 27**

- Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Megan DeArmond)
- Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Natalie Hermann)
- Nursery    Karen Johnson & Rachel Peterson

**NEXT WEEK April 3**

- Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Michelle DeArmond)
- Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy(Natalie Nipper)
- Nursery    Jennifer Sullivan & Ashley Brookhart