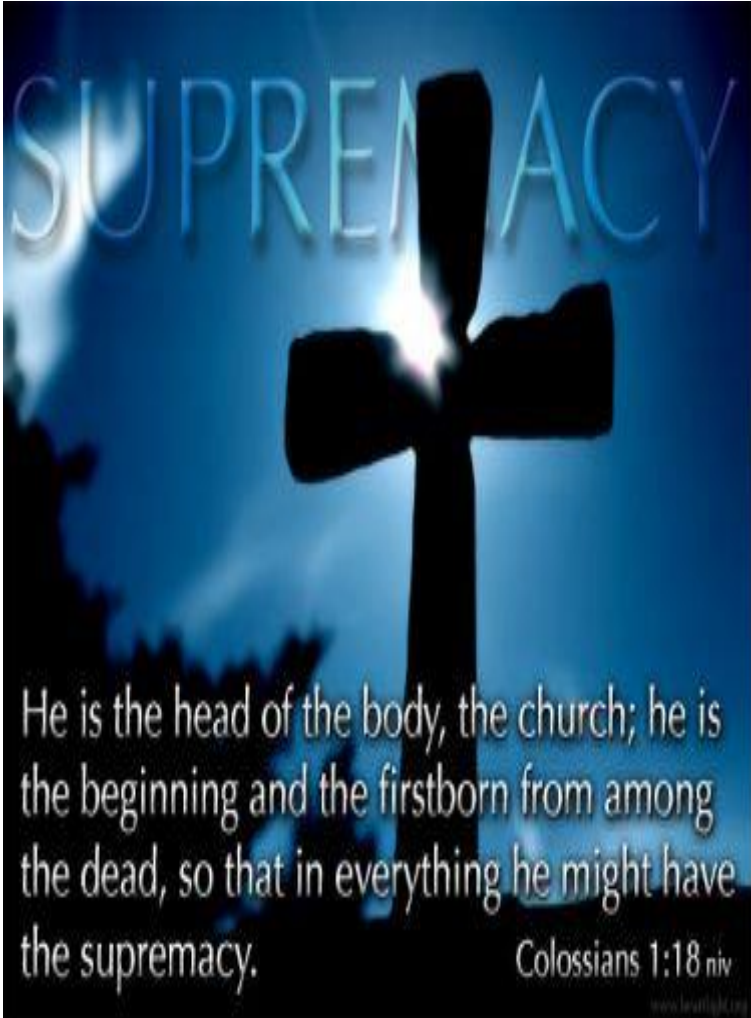


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

May 15, 2016



The Deity of Christ

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 15, 2016

“The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God.” (Bob Bell)

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

SONGSS OF PRAISE

Worship Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

HYMN #265

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Song #23 (silver book)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Song #24 (silver book)

“Great Is the Lord”

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

Elizabeth Peterson

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

(Mark 10:15)

ELIM CHOIR

“Sometimes Alleluia”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

WORDS FROM GOD

Colossians 1:15-20

Scripture Reader, Don Peterson

(Pages 1233 or 1165 in the red Bibles)

MESSAGE

**“The Deity of Christ”
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.

SONG

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 45:6</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 55:3</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Revelation 2:7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ephesians 2:10</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 48:14</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>1 Peter 1:2-4</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Matthew 16:27</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

HEAD USHER

Gary Wells

USHERS

Felipe Cantu, Pat Hudson, Sandy Parrott

SOUND SYSTEM

Orlin Johnson

POWER POINT

Dave Christy

The Deity of Christ

Colossians 1:15-20

Key Text: *“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him”* (Col. 1:19)

Key Thought: Our whole faith rises or falls on this critical point: Jesus Christ is truly God.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) He is...
 - a. The image of God (v. 15a) (cf. Isa. 9:6; Jn. 1:1; 14:9-11; 2 Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3)
 - b. The invisible one (v. 15a) (cf. Jn. 1:18; 1 Tim. 1:17)
 - c. The firstborn of all creation (v. 15b), “before all things” (v. 17a) (cf. Pr. 8:22; Jn. 1:1-2)
 - d. The head of the body, the Church (v. 18a) (cf. 1 Cor. 11:3; 12:27; Eph. 4:15; 5:23)
 - e. The beginning (v. 18b) (cf. Gen. 1:1; Jn. 1:1; 1 Jn. 1:1)
 - f. The firstborn from the dead (v. 18c) (cf. Acts 26:23; 1 Cor. 15:20)
 - g. Supreme or Pre-eminent (v. 18d) (cf. Rom. 14:9-11; Eph. 1:20-21; Php. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:4,8)
- 3) In Him...
 - a. Everything was created (v. 16a) (cf. Jn. 1:3,10; 1 Cor. 8:6; Heb. 1:2)
 - i. in the heavens and on earth (v. 16b)
 - ii. the visible and the invisible (v. 16c)
 - iii. whether thrones or dominions, whether rulers or authorities (v. 16d) (cf. Dan. 2:21; 4:17; Rom. 13:1)
 - iv. created through him and for him (v. 16e)
 - b. All things hold together (v. 17b) (cf. Heb. 1:3)
 - c. All God’s fullness was pleased to dwell (v. 19) (cf. Jn. 1:14,16; Col. 2:9)
- 4) Through Him...
 - a. Everything (things on earth and in heaven) is reconciled to God (v. 20a) (cf. Rom. 5:10; 2 Cor. 5:18-19)
 - b. He brought about peace “through the blood of his cross” (v. 20b) (cf. Jn. 14:27; Acts 10:36; Rom. 5:1)
- 5) Conclusion:

Recommended resources:

John MacArthur, "Testimony to the Deity of Christ" (3 parts) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKU3ZcTc38s>

R.C. Sproul, "Defending the Deity of Jesus Christ with Apologetics"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RsbVK2V-EU>

Dr. Norman Geisler, "Christ's Deity"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3YMWwt6NnU>

John Piper (several sermons on the topic)

<http://www.desiringgod.org/topics/the-deity-of-christ/messages>

PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises: Our Elim children and their awesome leaders!
The service last Sunday was wonderful!!**

**Prayer Concerns: Violent springtime weather.
Our Elim shut-ins.**

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, Hilda Enderton, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Joy Wright, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Joe DeSchepper, Randy, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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"Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care. Oh, that you would listen to his voice today!." Psalm 95:6-7

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.



This year the John Deere Classic takes place August 8th-14th. We have the entry forms on the table in the gathering area (**our forms are the black & white copies**) for this year's Birdies for Charity contest. Our donations will be matched and our matched contribution will go to Elim Student Ministries. **Last year the total birdies was 1990 & in 2014 it was 2040.** So make your guesses and support our youth and community at the same time.



S.P.L.A.S.H.

(Social-Prayerful-Ladies-Always-Seeking-Him) MEETING

Attention ladies: the next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting will be held next Saturday, May 21st – a week early because of Memorial Day weekend. The meeting takes place from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

There will be a bake sale following worship on June 5th.



INVITATION

You are invited! Grace & Helen Wiborg will be singing and playing the guitar and piano in the Community Room @ Morning Star Residence 3601 – 6th Avenue Moline on Sunday, May 22nd @ 2:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon with some beautiful music!



VBS...coming sooner than you think!
June 20-24 Monday-Friday 5:30-7:30

See Victoria Fowler to find out how you can partner with our VBS team this year! Quick, before you miss out!

GRADUATION SUNDAY



This year Elim will honor our high school graduates **Elizabeth Smith, Alexis Willey & Jacob Wright** on Sunday, May 22nd following worship service. We will serve appetizers, cupcakes and punch. Please join us to celebrate this milestone with our graduates.

W.I.L.D.



GOLF OUTING

The W.I.L.D. golf outing will take place on Monday, June 6th. First Covenant Church is this year's host. Information is on the bulletin board & there is a sign-up sheet.



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who supported the Cinco de Mayo taco dinner last Thursday.
The Mission Team.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	May 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Collect for CF/Youth Hope following worship
Mon-Tues	May 16-17	All day CIU – China Painting Seminar
Mon.	May 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	May 17	11:30 a.m. Daytime Trivia (doors open @ 11:00 a.m.) 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	May 18	7:00 a.m. “Amped” Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion
Thur.	May 19	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 6:30 p.m. CIU – YMCA Pre-school Graduation
Sat.	May 21	9:00-11:00am S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun.	May 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service-Graduation Sunday 12 Noon Graduation Celebration/Cupcakes & Appetizers
Mon.	May 23	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Ministry Prayer Meeting

May Birthdays

15 – Margo Coil
16 – Juanita Arellanos
16 – Meagan Bear
17 – Dave Christy
22 – Bill Minard
28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

No May Anniversaries Listed

CIU – means Church In Use

Church website elimqc.org

Pastor’s e-mail pastor@elimqc.org

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Church Office Phone # 309-764-6920

Attendance Last Week

Sunday School = 27

Worship = 124

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY May 15

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)

Nursery Lori Smith & Diana Wood

NEXT WEEK May 22

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)

Nursery Lori Smith & Diana Wood

MOWING SCHEDULE

May 21

John Clarke & Cecil Grimes

May 28

Orlin Johnson & Nick Wagner