

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 2, 2017



Elim Covenant Church
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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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Elim's mission statement.

"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."

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

WELCOME SONG

Worship Facilitator

Linda Gilmour

SONG

"Hosanna"

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabatha Estes

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

Psalm 27:14

WORSHIP HYMNS

HYMN #226

"What Wondrous Love"

HYMN #220

"Man of Sorrows!"

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!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

ELIM CHOIR

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

WORDS FROM GOD

Mark 2:18-36

*Scripture Reader, Jeanne Laird
(Red Bibles p. 1046 or p. 992)*

MESSAGE

“Redefining the Rules of Faith”

Pastor Steve Peterson

RESPONDING TO GOD

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table Sharing of the Bread & Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #752

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 3:3-4</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Proverbs 16:9</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 29:11</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>John 14:21</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Chronicles 32:8</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:2</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalms 136:25</i>

TODAY’S GREETERS

Pam & John Thompson

HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

USHERS

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

POWER POINT

Dave Christy

“Redefining the Rules of Faith”

Mark 2:18-36

Key Text: “... *The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath*”
(Mark 2:27)

Key Thought: Jesus’ new, life-giving gospel threatened to “burst” through the stifling religiosity of the Pharisees.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) A right time for fasting (vv. 19-20) (Eccl. 3:1-8)
 - a. Imposed spiritual disciplines (cf. Lk. 18:12; Col. 2:20-23)
“These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings” (Col. 2:22)
 - b. Key point: Spiritual disciplines should spring from sincere devotion, as led by the Spirit (cf. Acts 2:46; Heb. 10:22)
“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith” (1 Tim. 1:5)
- 3) Mixing the new with the old (vv. 21-22) *“All who rely on observing the law are under a curse...”* (Gal. 3:10)
 - a. Grace conflicts with legalism (cf. Php. 3:1-9; Col. 2:8) *“Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?”* (Gal. 3:3)
 - b. Key point: “Jesus brings a newness that cannot be confined w/in the old forms” (NIV text note) (cf. Lk. 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6) *“... we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code”* (Rom. 7:6)
- 4) Confronting extreme teachings on Sabbath restrictions (cf. Ex. 20:8-11; 31:13-17; 34:21; 35:3) *“Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment”* (Jn. 7:24)
 - a. The Sabbath is all about life & freedom (cf. Ex. 23:12; Lev. 18:5).
 - b. It’s lawful to do good, to save life, on the Sabbath (cf. Mt. 12:11-12; Jn. 7:23).
 - c. Key point: Jesus goal is to give us ABUNDANT LIFE (Jn. 10:10), and so He is tearing down the Pharisees legalistic system which was restricting and suffocating.
- 5) Conclusion

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TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

**According to Jesus' half brother,
what is the purpose of hardship?**

**Tell a student and get a prize! (Answers
are eligible for a prize if you ONLY used a
Bible, NO internet searches).**



EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter Lily to beautify our church for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one.

The cost is \$8.00 and may be turned in to the church office.

GRIEF SHARE™

**Today's topic at Grief Share – “Heaven.”
Join us this afternoon @ 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome.**



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday. Many thanks to my family, friends and my Elim family for making it a day I will never forget.

Claudine Patton

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST
Saturday, April 8th @ 8:00 a.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
April 23rd following worship.



This year our Girls Night Out will take place on Friday, April 28th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please join us for a fun evening.

See Cindy Minard with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	April 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 3:00-5:00 p.m. Grief Share Meeting
Mon.	April 3	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	April 4	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 5	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.	April 6	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	April 8	8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast
Sun.	April 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 3:00-5:00p.m. Grief Share Meeting 4:00-5:30p.m. Men's Bible Study
Mon.	April 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	April 11	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 12	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00 p.m. Fusion

April Birthdays

6 – Reagan Wood
7 – Burnie Sutter
8 – Dee Prütchard
8 – Will Wagner
9 – L.J. Cunningham
11 – Linda Hutchison
17 – Jayvan Fowler
18 – Cindy Minard
19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Pat Hansen

April Anniversaries

7 – Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk
8 – Pastor Steve & Elizabeth Peterson
11 – Lyle & Maurine Beresford
16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes
30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

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Attendance Last Week Sunday School = 45 Worship = 140
CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY April 2

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)
Nursery Lori Smith & Abby Peterson

NEXT WEEK April 9

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)
Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)
Nursery Amanda Dang & Rachel Luong