# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH April 2, 2017



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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION April 2, 2017

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 HYMN #220

"What Wondrous Love"
"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 Rulh There Is a Flower"

### **BENEDICTION**

# Scripture Readings for the Week

2 Thessalonians 3:3-4 Sunday

Monday Proverbs 16:9

**Tuesday** 1 Chronicles 29:11

Wednesday John 14:21

2 Chronicles 32:8 **Thursday** 

Isaiah 43:2 **Friday** 

Saturday Psalms 136:25

TODAY'S GREETERS

Pam & John Thompson

Mike Hermann **HEAD USHER** 

**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)
  - 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)
  - 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

#### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Where has legalism crept into your faith? Are you walking more by religious rules, or by the Spirit?
- Is your faith confining or freeing? Is it producing stress in you, or abundant life?

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises: Answered prayers.

Prayer Concerns: Violent spring storms accros the country.

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

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley, John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Ann Seyller, Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Rollie Potts, families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

#### **Praver 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.

### **Praver Gatherings**

Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. Also, there is a Wednesday morning prayer group meeting in Pastor's office @ 7:00 a.m. 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.

# ESM



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.



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 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship.



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

Please join us for a fun evening.

See Cindy Minard with any guestions.

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Sun.	April 2	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	_	10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration
		3:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>Grief Share Meeting</b>
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
			Women's Bible Study
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April Birthdays			April Anniversaries
6 – Reagan Wood			7 – Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk
7 – Burnie Sutter			8 – Pastor Steve & Elizabeth Peterson
8 – Dee Pritchard			11 – Lyle & Maurine Beresford
8 – Will Wagner			16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes
9 – L.J. Cunningham			30 – Gary & Pat Hansen
11 – Linda Hutchison			
17 – Jayvan Fowler			Church website elimqc.org

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

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### TODAY April 2

**Sunday Spark** Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)

Nursery Lori Smith & Abby Peterson

18 - Cindy Minard

19 – Rachel Luong

20 - Pat Hansen

# **NEXT WEEK April 9**

Sunday Spark Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)

Sunday Spark Jr. Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)

Nursery Amanda Dang & Rachel Luong