



*The cross*  
ISN'T THE END OF THE STORY,  
IT'S THE BEGINNING!  
OPEN YOUR HEART  
TO THE MIRACLE.



*He's*  
**ALIVE!**

*The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 16, 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

### **HYMN #249**

*"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"*

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Shannon Pirmann

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

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

Psalm 27:14

### **WORSHIP SONGS**

#### **SONG**

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

#### **SONG**

*"Crown Him (Majesty)"*

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

### **ELIM CHOIR EASTER CANTATA**

*"Mercy Tree"*

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

Matthew 28:1-10; Colossians 3:1-4

*Scripture Reader, Juanita Arellanos*

*(Red Bibles p. 989 & 1167 or p. 1043 & 1235)*

**MESSAGE**  
**“Keeping It Real”**  
**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**

**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 #253**

*“He Lives”*

**BENEDICTION**

***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:13</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:11</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:8-9</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Philippians 1:29</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>John 8:12</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John 8:31-32</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Zechariah 4:6</i>

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Juanita Arellanos & Mike Hermann

**HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

**USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

**SOUND SYSTEM**

John Parrott

**POWER POINT**

John Thompson

# “Keeping It Real”

## Matthew 28:1-10; Colossians 3:1-4

**Key Text:** *“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things”* (Col. 3:2)

**Key Thought:** When hit with “Good Friday” trauma, focus on “Easter Sunday” resurrection hope.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Like Christ, we have been \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1) (cf. Rom. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:11)
  - a. Alive & empowered by the Spirit (cf. Rom. 8:10-11)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ w/ Christ in the heavenly realms! (cf. Eph. 2:5-6)
    - “And pray IN THE SPIRIT...” (Eph. 6:18)
    - “worship IN SPIRIT & in truth” (Jn. 3:23)
  - c. Made alive to live for Him (cf. Rom. 6:13; Gal. 2:20)
- 3) Like Christ, we will \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3) (cf. Rom. 5:3-5; 1 Pt. 4:12-19)  
*“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude...”* (1 Pt. 4:1)
  - a. We will be persecuted (Mt. 5:10-12) *“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted”* (2 Tim. 3:12)
  - b. Given over to DEATH (cf. Rom. 8:36; 2 Cor. 4:10-11)
- 4) Like Christ, we’ll be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4) (cf. Rom. 8:30; 2 Ths. 1:10-12)
  - a. Weigh it in the balance (cf. Lk. 14:25-32)
  - b. It is worth the cost: *“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us”* (Rom. 8:18)
- 5) Conclusion

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Have you experienced Christ’s resurrection power (cf. Php. 3:10) in you? What is the evidence of His life in you?
- Are you willing to suffer for Jesus’ sake? Would you dare safeguard this life, and so jeopardize a life in heaven (cf. Jn. 12:25)?
- Are your eyes on heaven, or on earth? Are you living for this life, or the glory to be revealed in heaven?

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:** He Lives!!

**Prayer Concerns:**

Sympathy to the family of Maurine Beresford upon her passing  
April 9, 2017.

Sympathy to the family of Joe Deschepper  
(Cindy Minard's brother-in-law) upon his passing on April 10, 2017.

Sympathy to the family of Wilma Burkeybile  
(Peggy Burkeybile's mother-in-law) upon her passing April 10, 2017.

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

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley,  
John & Linda Hutchison, Lyle Beresford, Ann Seyller, Tom Coussens,

Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Rollie Potts, Martel family,  
families that have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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**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.

### **Prayer 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.

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He has been raised.  
— Mark 16:6

# REJOICE!

The Easter Lilies that are brightening our sanctuary are to bless those we love and to honor those who are gone this Easter season. Thank you.

**Provided By**

**In Honor/Memory Of**

***Katie Clarke***

***Bob & Parents***

***Tabatha & Jon Estes***

***Mary Christian & Roy Estes***

***Natalie Hermann & Jim Nelson***

***Bob & Marj Nelson***

***Mike & Natalie Hermann***

***Hilda Enderton***

***Pat Hudson***

***Parents & Tom***

***Pennie, Kay & Kenneth Anderson***

***Kenneth & Stella***

***Tom & Annette Lancial***

***Parents***

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***Grandson, Dax***

***Bill & Cindy Minard***

***Lynette & Shirley***

***Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk***

***Parents & Tommy***

***Claudine Patton***

***Charley***

***Rollie Potts & Byron & Becky Reynolds***

***Joann Potts***

***Nick & Lacey Wagner***

***Rager Trumm***

***Sheila Yoeckel***

***Dad, Harold Nelsen***

You may take your plant/plants home today if you would like.

Thank you for making our sanctuary look so beautiful for Easter.

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

The next S.P.L.A.S.H. meeting  
will be held on Saturday,  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
All ladies are welcome to attend.  
See Julie Wells with any ??????

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship.

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*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.*

*Informational poster on the bulletin board.*

*See Cindy Minard with any questions.*

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## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	April 16	9:00 a.m. Easter Pancake Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration-Rediscover the reason for JOY! 12 Noon Easter Egg Hunt
Mon.	April 17	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tues.	April 18	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	April 19	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
Thurs.	April 20	9:00 a.m. Keenager's Coffee Time/Bible Study
Sat.	April 22	9:00-11:00am. S.P.L.A.S.H. Meeting
Sun.	April 23	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 12 noon Congregational Meeting 4:00-5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study
Mon.	April 24	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Tues.	April 25	6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

April Birthdays  
17 – Jayvan Fowler  
18 – Cindy Minard  
19 – Rachel Luong  
20 – Pat Hansen  
24 – Pennie Knary  
24 – Jane Peterson

April Anniversaries  
16 – Wiley & Maxine Barnes  
27 – Amakoe & Abigail Akpla  
30 – Gary & Pat Hansen

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 48      Worship = 120

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY April 16

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Abby Peterson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Rachel Peterson)  
Nursery    Leonna Ellis & Karen Johnson

### NEXT WEEK April 23

Sunday Spark    Victoria Fowler (Sandy Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.    Dora Beth Christy (Mary Parrott)  
Nursery    Diana Wood & Rachel Peterson

## MOWING SCHEDULE

April 22      John Clarke & Cecil Grimes  
April 29      Chris Carsell & Jim Carsell