

*Elim Covenant Church*  
*July 2, 2017*

Blessed  
is the nation  
whose  
GOD  
is the LORD.  
- Psalm 33:12

*Elim Covenant Church*  
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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

July 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 (silver book #3)**

*"Jubilate, Everybody"*

### **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & ANNUAL MTG. UPDATE**

Juanita Arellanos

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

*"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"What A Savior"*

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

### **WORDS FROM GOD**

Mark 7:24-30

*Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson*

*(Red Bibles p.1054 or p.998)*

## **MESSAGE**

**“Tough Faith; Humble Heart”**

**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** Daniel & Jillian Lauritzson *“When You Believe”*

## **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 #616**

*“Make Me a Servant”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### ***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Zephaniah 3:17</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 26:12</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>2 Timothy 1:7</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 53:5</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Proverbs 29:25</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Amos 9:13-15</i>

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**TODAY’S GREETERS**

Jeanne Laird & Sandy Parrott

**HEAD USHER**

Mike Hermann

**USHERS**

Chris Carsell, Tom Dang, Jim Nelson

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Orlin Johnson

**POWER POINT**

Josh Parrott

# “Tough Faith; Humble Heart”

## Mark 7:24-30

**Key Text:** “Wisdom’s instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor” (Pr. 15:33)

**Key focus:** This passage forces us to examine our prejudices (right and wrong), and how to respond to godly insults

- 1) Intro & Context: On biblical prejudice
  - a. Israel’s dealings with Greeks/Gentiles
    - Israel, the “chosen nation” (cf. Deut. 7:6; 1 Chr. 16:13; Ps. 105:6)
    - The command of non-association (cf. 1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Tim. 2:22; Acts 10:28) *“Do not associate with these nations that remain among you...”* (Josh. 23:7).
    - The question of \_\_\_\_\_ & separation (cf. Ezra 9:1; 2 Cor. 6:17)
  - b. God’s prejudice
    - Biblical polarization (Mt. 25:32; Lk. 12:5; Rev. 21:8)
    - The biblical practice of ostracism (1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Tim. 3:5; Titus 3:10) *“Expel the wicked person from among you”* (1 Cor. 5:13)
  - c. The New Covenant shift toward Gentile \_\_\_\_\_
    - Jesus’ contact w/ Gentiles (Mt. 8:5-13; Lk. 4:24-30; Jn. 4:1-42)
    - Peter’s contact w/ Gentiles (Acts 10-11)
    - The church in Antioch (Acts 11:20) & Barnabas’ visit (v. 22)
    - Paul’s missionary ventures (Acts 13ff)
    - Paul confronts Peter for his prejudice (Gal. 2:11-21)
- 2) Jesus’ insulting words (vs. 27)
  - a. Jesus referred to her as a dog?! (cf. Mt. 7:6; Rev. 22:15)
  - b. Israel first (cf. Mt. 10:5-6; 15:24; 23:9-10; ) *“... first to the Jew, then to the Gentile”* (Rom. 1:16)
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith (cf. Lk. 8:13; Jn. 6:6; Heb. 11:17; James 1:2-4)
- 3) Humility’s \_\_\_\_\_ (Pr. 3:34; 15:33; James 4:6; 1 Pt. 5:5)
- 4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Is it ever right, in God’s eyes, to refuse to associate with another person? Under what conditions?
- How can you strive toward holiness, and yet be salt and light among those living in darkness?
- How have you responded to God’s “insults,” and the indignities of life? Have you responded with grace and humility? Or with disrespect and defiance?

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:**                              **Answered prayers!**

**Prayer Concerns:**    **Sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the family of Lyle Beresford upon his passing June 25, 2017.**

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

Arlene Miller, Margaret Hasty, Anna Swanson, Jay & Judie Stanley,  
John & Linda Hutchison, Ann Seyller, Jonnie McDermmand, Margaret Crandall,  
Belva Van Norman, Pennie Knary, Rollie Potts,  
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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# 4th of July

The church office will be closed on  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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The Monday evening prayer gathering **will not** be held  
Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.



New Members Are Joining

There will be a new members reception  
on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> following  
worship. Please join us for cookies and  
sherbet and welcome our new  
Elim members.



# Hymn Sing

**The hymn sing event which was canceled last month has been rescheduled for Sunday evening July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Please join as we lift our voices together to praise God.**

**Also, following our singing there will be a sundae bar in fellowship hall with donations going to our Jr./Sr. youth.**

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**11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Bring a sack lunch - Doors open @ 11:00 a.m.**

**\$5.00 donation goes to S.P.L.A.S.H.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun.	July 2	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Tues.	July 4	Church Office Closed for 4 <sup>th</sup> of July
Wed.	July 5	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Sun.	July 9	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration 12 Noon New Members Reception Serving Cookies & Sherbet
Mon.	July 10	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering 6:30 p.m. CIU – RIC Prayer Meeting
Wed.	July 12	7:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion
Thur.	July 13	5:30 p.m. Deacons/Elders Meeting 6:00 p.m. MLT Meeting

### July Birthdays

2 – Dave Vinar  
5 – Don Peterson  
8 – John Hutchison  
11 – Dora Beth Christy  
16 – Rachel Peterson  
17 – Grayson Ellis  
21 – Alaina Ellis  
23 – Arlene Miller  
31 – Gary Hansen  
31 – Pastor Steve Peterson

### July Anniversaries

2 – Chip & Ethel Hesler  
17 – Joe & Susie Schaechter

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Attendance Last Week      Sunday School = 39      Worship = 111

## CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

### TODAY July 2

Sunday Spark      Victoria Fowler (John Thompson)  
Sunday Spark Jr.      Dora Beth Christy (Lacey Wagner)  
Nursery      Rachel Luong & Amanda Dang Le

### NEXT WEEK July 9

Sunday Spark      Victoria Fowler (Ashley Parrott)  
Sunday Spark Jr.      Dora Beth Christy (Cindy Minard)  
Nursery      Carol Jacks & Lori Smith

## MOWING SCHEDULE

July 8              Orlin Johnson & Don Peterson  
July 15             John Clarke & Cecil Grimes