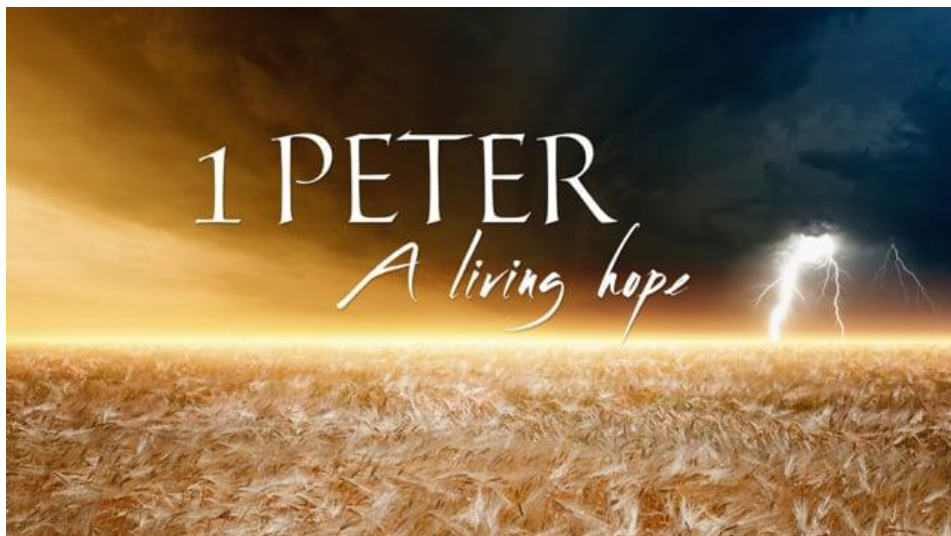


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 29, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Elim's mission statement:

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

Due to the spread of the coronavirus, until further notice we will be worshipping via the internet. Go to elimqc.org/eoo for a video recording of today's service.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..."

Philippians 1:27a

ADORATION TO GOD

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our love and devotion to Him.

WORSHIP SONGS

"Hosana Praise is Rising"

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Because He Lives"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Feel free to mail your offering to the church or make an online donation at elimqc.org. Just follow the links. If you need assistance contact the church office.

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!

WORDS FROM GOD

1 Peter 2:1-3

MESSAGE

“Pure Satisfaction”

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that He passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Hosanna”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>James 4:10</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Romans 8:29-30</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:6-7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:5-8</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Thessalonians 3:3-4</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Proverbs 16:9</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 29:11</i>

March and April Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

29 — Tracey Garcia
30 — Nick Wagner

April Birthdays

3 — Helena Henry
6 — Reagan Wood
7 — Burnie Sutter
8 — Will Wagner
9 — L.J. Cunningham
11 — Deanna Newton
12 — Jacob Laird

March Anniversaries

29 — Jon and Tabatha Estes

April Anniversaries

7 — Rodney and Judy Ouder Kirk
8 — Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Peterson
16 — Wiley and Maxine Barnes

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Sermon Notes
March 29, 2020
“Pure Satisfaction!”
1 Peter 2:1-3

Key Text: *“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him”* (Ps. 34:8)

Key Thought: God calls us to grow spiritually, and so we must rid ourselves of sin, and grow to crave good, spiritual nutrition

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) TAKING OFF (v. 1a) (cf. Mt. 5:29-31; Eph. 4:22 [put off]; 31 [rid]; Col. 3:8; James 1:21)

- 3) THE VICE LIST (v. 1b) (cf. 1 Cor. 5:10-11; 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-5)

- 4) PURE NUTRITION (v. 2) (cf. Ps. 119:103; Jn. 6:35; Heb. 5:12-13)

- 5) GOD’S GOODNESS! (v. 3) (cf. Ps. 34:8; 106:1; Jn. 4:14)

- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- What sin(s) do you struggle to get rid of? Do you recognize how dangerous it is to willfully continue in sin?
- How well do you “fuel” yourself, spiritually speaking? Do you crave God’s fare? Have you tasted and seen that GOD IS GOOD?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Praise the Lord for everyone who worked so hard to bring the church service and children's programs into the comfort of our living rooms while we're under the shelter-in-place order.

Prayer Concerns: Continued prayers for those suffering from the coronavirus, those who have lost loved ones to it, and for our healthcare workers.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund	Arlene Miller	Margaret Hasty
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Iva Cutler	Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen	Families that have lost loved ones, military families and unspoken concerns.	

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Evens & Karina Paul

Serving in Haiti. Their ministries include community development.

One way our partners can encourage us is by coming to Haiti through a short term mission trip. We have a lot of ministry opportunities for people to serve. To find out more visit: www.SAI-Haiti.org.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

*I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

– Lamentations 3:24-26

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE SERVE GLOBALLY

PRAYER CALENDAR

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Please pray for:

South Korea as they prepare for a likely second wave of the Coronavirus following the first wave in which the curve was thankfully flattened.

For God to help open the eyes of the Korean church all the more through this situation.

Kristi & Christopher Johnson:

Please pray for:

Thailand, as the number of Coronavirus cases rises into the three-hundreds.

Andrew Larsen & Cari Conklin:

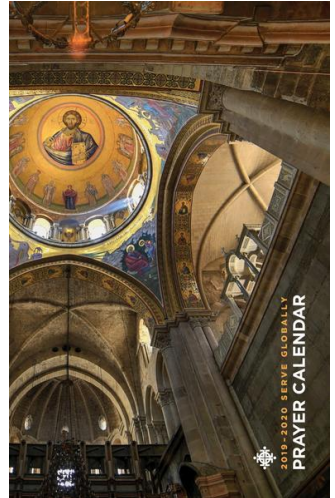
Please pray for:

The (Middle East/North Africa) MENA region as the coronavirus exacerbates preexisting conflicts and tensions, political unrest, and economic crisis amid frail public health services.

Letha & John Kerl:

Please pray for:

Safety and health for our Serve Globally personnel serving in Europe.



To receive daily emails featuring our Covenant missionaries, go to: <https://covchurch.org/resources/serve-globally-prayer-calendar/> and subscribe.

Dear Covenant family,

It has been two weeks since many of us have been able to gather together to worship, and we deeply feel the loss and isolation. Many of us are grieving the disruptions to our lives and ministry. Yet we take comfort in the words Jesus offered his disciples: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Together, we draw near to God, who with abundant grace calms our anxious hearts.

Even as our lives are disrupted, Covenanters are creatively engaging in ministry and service. New Abbey Covenant Church in Waukegan, Illinois, began making and distributing hand sanitizer to their community. Alaska Christian College staff drove hundreds of miles through a snowstorm to help all of their students get home before their villages closed. Some churches saw a significant surge in attendance when they live streamed their services last weekend. The Asociación Latina de la Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico, the Covenant Latino association, offered an online forum in Spanish to help raise awareness with their constituency on COVID-19. And Covenant churches, ministries, and affiliates throughout North America are finding innovative ways to create online communities and share resources. Several churches are now sharing meals with their communities by serving the meal at the door or leaving food bags out on the porch for pickup in order to comply with their states' recommendation to "shelter in place."

I urge every Covenanter to comply with state and municipal directives and the Center for Disease Control guidelines. This includes avoiding gatherings of 10 or more people, avoiding all discretionary travel and outings, and making every effort to stay at home.

Also, I ask that you find a way to be in safe contact with those who might be struggling with isolation. Let us be intentional and creative about reaching out to each other through these difficult days, by phone, email, or social media.

This COVID-19 resource webpage (<https://covchurch.org/covid-19/>) has helpful and informative resources for churches and individuals, including live stream and worship resources, other ministry links, and Spanish resources, as we all adapt to ministry in this new season. We will constantly update this page, so please check back often.



In continued prayer for grace and mercy,

John S. Wenrich
President, Evangelical Covenant Church

Celebrate Cora and Travis

*Cora Swanson and Travis Ferry will be tying the knot
On Saturday, April 4, 2020*



*Due to the coronavirus outbreak it will be a private ceremony. A
cake reception will be held at a later date.*

