

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 5, 2020



*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.*

## **Elim Covenant Church**

5201 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Moline, IL 61265

(309) 764-6920

Website: [www.elimqc.org](http://www.elimqc.org)

Pastor's e-mail: [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)

Church office: [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)

# **WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

**April 5, 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](http://elimqc.org/eoo) for a video recording of today's service.**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

*– 2 Peter 2:9*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"Hosanna"*

*"Hosanna Praise is Rising"*

*"What a Beautiful Name"*

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

Feel free to mail your offering to the church or make an online donation at [elimqc.org](http://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**

Matthew 21:1-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

## **MESSAGE**

### **“Palm Sunday: A True Triumph”**

**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**

*“When We All Get to Heaven”*

## **BENEDICTION**

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John 14:21</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2 Chronicles 32:8</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:2</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 136:25</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>2 Timothy 2:11-13</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 5:12</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 1:18</i>

### **April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **April Birthdays**

- 6 — Reagan Wood
- 7 – Burnie Sutter
- 8 – Dee Pritchard
- 8 – Will Wagner
- 9 – L.J. Cunningham
- 11 – Deanna Newton
- 12 – Jacob Laird
- 17 – Jayvan Fowler
- 18 – Cindy Minard
- 19 – Rachel Luong

#### **April Anniversaries**

- 7 — Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk
- 8 — Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Peterson
- 16 – Wiley and Maxine Barnes
- 27 – Amakoe and Abigail Akpla
- 30 – Gary and Pat Hansen

Church website: [elimqc.org](http://elimqc.org)

Pastor’s e-mail: [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)

Church office: [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)

Church Office Phone (309) 764-6920

**Sermon Notes**  
**April 5, 2020**  
**“Palm Sunday: A True Triumph”**  
**Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Key Text:** *“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:57).

**Key Thought:** In Christ we have our true triumph: The victory over sin and death.

- 1) Intro & Context
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Jesus’ Triumphal Entry (Mt. 21:1-11) (cf. Mk. 11:1-10; Lk. 19:29-38; Jn. 12:12-15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) A Triumphal Psalm (Ps. 118)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) God’s Ultimate Triumph (cf. 1 Cor. 15:50-57; Col. 2:15; Rev. 5:6-14)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Conclusion

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:**

- Do you understand wherein lies God’s true victory? Do you understand, then, where your true victory lies?
- Is your hope for Christ tied too strongly to this life? Is your focus in life one that reaches to eternity? (cf. 2 Cor. 4:18)

## 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 affected by the coronavirus, recent tornadoes and earthquakes.

### **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:**

#### **Melanie & Alex Viana**

Serving in Mozambique. Their ministries include Evangelism and Outreach, Leadership Development, Vocational Training, Community Care, Orphan Care, Church Planting



In the coming year we look forward to strengthening and encouraging our churches in the aftermath of Cyclone Idai, rebuilding the Melanie Center to provide even better care, and finding creative ways to care for and feed people facing hunger.

---

## **Prayer Opportunities**

**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.

*"God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil."*

—Mother Teresa

## PASTOR'S MISSIVE

Dear Elim family,

I hope this finds you well, and at peace. I continue praying for God's grace, protection, provision and PEACE in this time of uncertainty.

I've had several conversations with individuals that are struggling with anxiety. I thought it might be worthwhile to share with you what I've given to them as pastoral counsel:

1) A question: **Where and how do you find God's peace?** In other words, what "spiritual practices" help you connect deeply with God, and where you feel a strong connection with Him? (e.g. Reading His Word; a prayer walk; journaling; listening to Christian music; etc.). Make a list of the top 10 ways you connect best with God.

2) Now, fuel up! And keep your tank full! I only ran out of gas ONCE in my life. After that, I've made it a practice to never let my tank get too low. Many of us struggle with anxiety when our "spiritual tanks" get low. So, keep your tank full, and never allow it to even get close to low! Be proactive!

Here's how: From your list you made above, use it as a list of "fuel sites." Every day, schedule in time to engage in one (or, better yet, several!) spiritual practices. Fill that tank and keep it full! It will work wonders to whittle down your anxiety!

3) Now, another question: What practices (or even persons) ramp up your anxiety? Be honest! What people do it? What TV shows do it (even news programs)? What internet sites do it (e.g. Facebook)? As best you can, limit your time with those things/people that intensify your anxiety. C'mon! It makes sense, doesn't it? If you've got a fire that's getting out of control, it doesn't help to spray gasoline on it!

It's a simple formula (in life, it typically is!): **More of God's influence, less of negative influences.**

All I just said is proven truthful when we read **Isaiah 26:3-- "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!"**

It's one thing to read a Scripture verse. Another level up is memorizing it. And another level is to meditate on it. But the ultimate level is to live into it! That's when our faith really begins to work for us!

So live into that verse by practicing what I recommend above. Then enjoy God's "perfect peace!!" Even in the midst of life's greatest storms, like this current one, we can experience a peace from God that "transcends all understanding!" (Php. 4:7). May it be so for all of you! Yes, Lord! And so we all together say, "Amen!"

Love in Him,  
Pastor Steve

## **CONGRATULATIONS VELASCOS!**

***Samia Elizabeth Velasco*** was born to ***Alex and Amanda Velasco*** on March 27, 2020. She weighed in at 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well, and her three brothers are so excited to meet her!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES ONLINE

Hey kids! Be sure join in the activities your teachers have prepared for you online! And invite your friends! Go to:

[www.elimqc.org/eoo](http://www.elimqc.org/eoo) and join the fun!



## Helping During Quarantine

We continue to collect supplies for Christian Care as they prepare sack lunches to be given out at their front door Monday-Friday at noon, and every day at 6:30 p.m.

### Right now they especially need:

Sandwich meat

Sliced cheese

Small bags of chips/pretzels

Fruit

Granola Bars

Toilet paper

Hand sanitizer

Disinfecting wipes

Pillows

Cleaning supplies

You can either drop them off at Christian Care (2209 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Rock Island) or bring them to church during church office hours (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) and we will make deliveries on Thursday afternoons. Thank you to everyone for the donations to date.