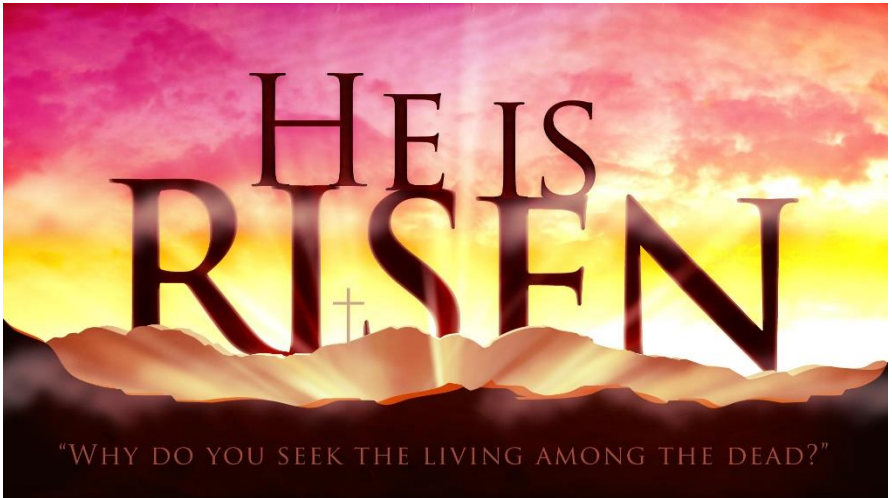


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 12, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 12, 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

"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"

"Old Rugged Cross"

"Were You There?"

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

John 20:1-18; Colossians 3:1-4

MESSAGE

“Courageous Devotion to Christ”

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

“He Lives”

“Because He Lives”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>John 15:5</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 6:17-18</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 25:4</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 147:6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:13</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 37:11</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:8-9</i>

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

12 – Jacob Laird
17 – Jayvan Fowler
18 – Cindy Minard
19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Cora Swanson
20 – Tim Hennings
20 – Pat Hansen
24 – Pennie Knary
24 – Jane Peterson
29 – Chip Hesler

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

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Sermon Notes
April 12, 2020
“Courageous Devotion to Christ”
John 20:1-18; Colossians 3:1-4

Key Text: *“Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold”*
(2 Cor. 3:12)

Key Thought: In the inspiring witness of Mary Magdalene, we are challenged to love and serve Jesus faithfully and courageously

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Mary’s Story (cf. Mt. 27:61; Mk. 15:47; 16:9; Lk. 8:1-3; 24:10; Jn. 19:25; 20:1-18)

- 3) Our Story (Col. 3:1-4) (cf. Rom. 6:2-5; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:4; 1 Jn. 3:2)

- 4) Our Mandate (cf. Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15; Jn. 20:21; Acts 1:8)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Have you truly died to yourself, that Christ may live His life through you? Does anything still hold you back from that?
- Does Mary’s story inspire you to love Jesus more deeply, and serve Him more faithfully, and witness more courageously?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Praise God for our essential workers that continue to work to meet our basic needs.

Prayer Concerns: For Rollie Potts and his family in the loss of his son, Rick, and sister, Joann, this past week.

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:

Phillip & Stephanie Voland

Serving in Germany. Their ministries include Evangelism and Outreach, Christian Formation, and Discipleship Refugee Support

If you visited us in our country we would be excited to show you the beautiful cultures of German nationals and refugees. We are proud of the country we call home because of how open and generous they are toward displaced peoples.



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.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado



THANK YOU!

Thank you everyone who made hearts for Elim's windows and doors. There's room for more. Keep them coming!

CHRISTIAN CARE

Also, thank you for your donations to Christian Care. They continue to need supplies for their sack lunches – bread, sandwich meat, sliced cheese, small bags of chips/pretzels, fruit, and granola bars. High priority needs also include Clorox wipes, bleach, coffee, and dryer sheets.

YOUTH HOPE UPDATE

YouthHope will have their first-ever At-Home Banquet on **Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m.** You can register online at www.cfyouthhope.org. Why not virtually join them for a night of celebrating youth. Hear student testimonies, stories of hope, and learn how you can help bring youth HOPE!

You can also help by praying for them. Write a note of encouragement for their youth!

Or you can provide:

- crayons,
- kids and teen coloring books,
- colored pencils with sharpener,
- sidewalk chalk,
- journals,
- games,
- craft supplies, and
- Bibles!

You're welcome to drop off your donations for both of these ministries at the 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.



Check out: <https://covchurch.org/covid-19/> for some COVID-19 resources. There is a message from John Weinrich, President of ECC and a beautiful rendition of “It is Well” on that page.

Below is an article from “Preparing Your Church for Coronavirus (COVID-19)”:

COVID-19 HANDOUT: CHOICES YOU CAN MAKE TO STAY EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY

Pay Attention to Your Body and Your Emotions

It’s natural to experience stress and anxiety in the face of a threat we cannot control. Because every person reacts differently, notice what your body and emotions are telling you:

- Listen to your emotions, noticing any anxiety, sadness, anger, or detachment;
- Listen to your body, noticing any change in appetite, new aches and pains, or feeling particularly hot or cool; and,
- When you notice troubling symptoms, pause to care for your body and mind. If you become unable to manage or function well, seek the assistance of a professional.

Embrace Best Health Practices

Though there’s much about the COVID-19 outbreak over which you have no control, you can choose to embrace the kinds of practices that will keep you and your loved ones safe. The Center for Disease Control suggests:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC’s recommendations for using a facemask.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Access Reliable Resources

You can choose how you will receive and consume information about the outbreak. If you rely on panicked phone calls from your anxious loved ones, you're likely to suffer more than if you choose to rely on credible sources. Two reliable sources for health news include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization. Also, if you become consumed by breaking news about the spread of COVID-19, you can also choose to step away from media reports for a time.

Share Reliable Information

Another way to care for yourself is to care for others by sharing the best information you've discovered. When you find a reputable resource that's particularly helpful, share it with a loved one. When you learn about practices that keep people safe, let a relative who is vulnerable to illness know. In a culture where people are feeling anxious, you can be a gift to others

Practice Self-Care

In the midst of a stressful season or situation, many self-care practices are the same ones that prove helpful in everyday living:

- Maintain your normal routines.
- Connect with family and friends.
- Eat well.
- Stay active.
- Get adequate rest.
- Do enjoyable activities.
- Employ coping skills that nurture your spirit, like mindfulness exercises or prayer.

Support Each Other

We aren't created to go through extreme stress alone, so this is also a time as part of God's family to care for each other. Here are two questions to keep asking yourself:

- What opportunities do I have to help others?
- What is overwhelming right now that I should ask someone for help with?

While it feels like there is a lot we can't control amidst concerns over COVID-19, every one of us can make choices to stay emotionally healthy.