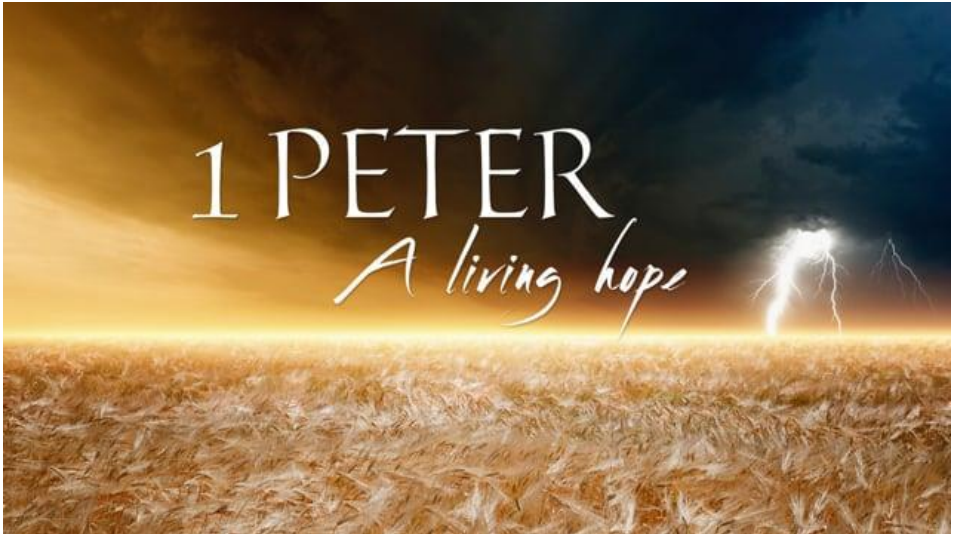


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 19, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 19, 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, Praise is Rising"

"What a Beautiful Name"

"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 2:4-8

MESSAGE

“A Spiritual House”

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

“There is a Redeemer”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Philippians 1:29</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 8:12</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 8:31-32</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Zechariah 4:6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:13</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 149:4</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Acts 16:31</i>

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

19 – Rachel Luong
20 – Cora Swanson
20 – Tim Hennings
20 – Pat Hansen
24 – Pennie Knary
24 – Jane Peterson
29 – Chip Hesler
30 – Nick Wagner

April Anniversaries

27 – Amakoe and Abigail Akpla
30 – Gary and Pat Hansen

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Sermon Notes
April 19, 2020
“A Spiritual House”
1 Peter 2:4-8

Key Text: *“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”* (1 Cor. 3:16)

Key Thought: Our identity is in Christ, and together we are a holy temple, called to live holy lives.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) A spiritual house (vv. 4-8) (cf. 1 Cor. 3:10-16; Eph. 2:20; Rev. 1:6)
 - a. Jesus, the Living Cornerstone (cf. Isa. 28:16; Eph. 2:20)
 - b. We are as living stones (cf. Isa. 61:6; Rev. 1:6; 5:10)
 - c. Those not included (cf. Isa. 8:15; Rom. 11:20; Heb. 3:19)

- 3) Our identity in Christ (vv. 9-10) (cf. Ex. 19:6; Titus 2:14; 1 Pt. 1:1-2; Rev. 1:6)

- 4) Expectation: A call to holiness (vv. 6, 9) (cf. 1 Cor. 1:2; Gal. 5:16; 1 Pt. 1:14-16)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How does this text inform you of your core identity, in Christ?
- Are you living out of that identity? Or are you still stuck in your old, sin-distorted identity?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: For Jesus' resurrection and forgiveness of sins. Help us, Lord, to never take that for granted.

Prayer Concerns: For those ravaged by the recent tornadoes and COVID-19.

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:

Janet & Ronald Ziegelbaur

Serving in Cameroon. Their ministries include Education, Technical Services, Financial Training, Counseling

This is our first term serving as empty-nesters, so we're curious to see how ministry will look without our own children living with us.



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.

“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” – Luke 22:42



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support of Christian Care and YouthHope. We will continue to collect and deliver supplies to these ministries as long as you keep them coming. What a wonderful opportunity to be a positive influence in these difficult days.

From Christian Care's current newsletter:

"We continue to find ways to ensure the hungry in our community are being fed even while we protect ourselves from this pandemic. Our building is currently closed to the public but we are continuing to provide meals by serving sack lunches at our front door. We are not able to serve breakfast at this time. Lunch is available Monday- Friday at 12:00 p.m., and dinner is available every day at 6:30 p.m."

Supplies needed: 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.

YouthHope

We can also help support YouthHope by praying for their youth, write a note of encouragement to them, or provide supplies.

Current supplies needed:

- 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.

NEWS FROM THE RESTREPOS

Below is an excerpt from Lisandro and Patty Restrepo's recent newsletter.

For the past year and a half, we have been in solitude and prayer, individually, as a family, and as a team. We have listened to one another, talked to our leaders in Chicago, and even talked to the leaders at the national level here in Mexico. We arrived to the



conclusion, that those we have walked with, mentored, resourced, and discipled for the past seven years, are ready to continue with their calling to serve through the ministries in which they have been

involved with us here in Oaxaca. That is at the heart of our missionary calling: to empower people in Jesus' name so that they themselves become instruments of transformation and restoration.

We have been invited to support a ministry in Leon, Guanajuato, oriented to serve a vulnerable community where a church with an integrated approach to share the Good News is being planted. After careful consideration and discernment, the Lord led us to happily accept this invitation, for this opportunity not only will allow us to serve locally but also to continue providing support to the MAEM ministry at a national level (Ministering to the Abused and Exploited in Mexico) and also to provide advice to other emergent holistic ministries in the central area of Mexico. We are committed to be with those the Lord gave us to share our lives with while here in Oaxaca, until the very end. And with many of those who participate in MAEM, we will continue working together but at a national level.

Although we do not know for sure the date we will leave Oaxaca, we estimate it will be around June. Nevertheless, with the current contingency, the dates may change. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, please, continue praying hard for us! We value and feel blessed by your support.

Joy

By Kat Leffler

From the online Covenant Companion
<https://covenantcompanion.com/2020/04/14/joy/>

Read: [Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

Picture little kids playing in a sprinkler, hydrant, or fountain. Add a puppy to the scene if you'd like. Think about what they look like, how they run and splash and squeal with joy. A favorite word: joy.

Joy in all situations can be hard to find and even harder to keep. We become sad, frustrated, or angry, and our behavior reflects this, both to others and to God. We focus on our own situation and what we can or cannot do in it. We forget that Christ is with us in all things, times, and places and that he loves us unconditionally.

There will be times when the path is difficult. Our life in Christ contains no guarantee of ease. When we reflect on the wonder and beauty of the world God has created for us, we can find his joy. Trusting that he loves and is always with us puts us on the solid ground we need to face any storm.

Jesus, remind me to seek your love and find your joy in all times and places. Amen.



About the Author

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