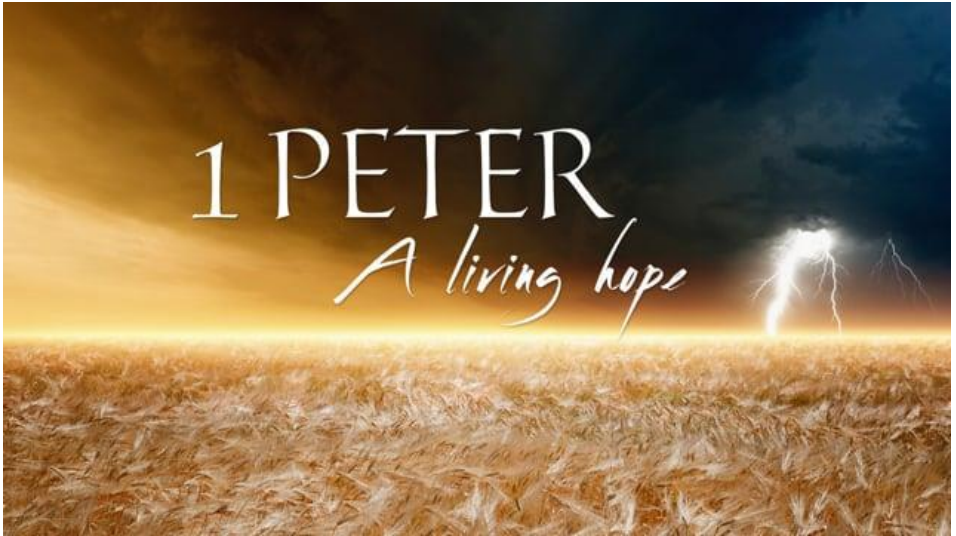


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

May 24, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 24, 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

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed"

1 Peter 2:24

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Be Thou My Vision"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"Reckless Love"

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 2:18-25

Scripture Reader, Ethel Hesler

MESSAGE

“Unjust Suffering”

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

“It is Well”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Revelation 21:7</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Exodus 19:5</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalms 61:6-7</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>1 Peter 5:7</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Nahum 1:7</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Matthew 7:11</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>James 1:12</i>

May Birthdays

28 – Jim Ogden
29 – Jay Stanley
30 – Kate Schaechter

June Anniversaries

11 – Timothy and Amanda Le
13 – Tim and Amy Hennings
13 – Junior and Cathy Bear
15 – Mike and Natalie Hermann

June Birthdays

1 – Elsa Nelson
3 – Karen Johnson
4 – David Cespedes II
8 – Ashley Parrott

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A spiritual life without prayer is like the Gospel without Christ.

– Henri Nouwen

Sermon Notes
May 24, 2020
“Unjust Suffering”
1 Peter 2:18-25

Key Text: “So then, those who suffer according to God’s will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good” (1 Pt. 4:19)

Key Thought: As God’s slaves, we are called to suffer for the sake of the gospel, to help save others from eternal suffering.

1. Intro & Context

2. Slaves shall submit (cf. Eph. 6:5-9; Col. 3:22-4:1; 1 Tim. 6:1-2; Titus 2:9-10)

3. Suffering for the sake of the gospel (cf. Acts 9:16; Php. 1:29; 1 Pt. 3:9)

4. Jesus, our example (cf. Isa. 53:1-10; Mt. 16:21; 1 Pt. 4:1)

5. Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- As God’s slave, do you understand you are called to forego certain rights you may otherwise have?
- Do you understand that the cause of the gospel is of higher priority than any other earthly cause?
- Are you willing to suffer for the cause of Christ?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The “go-fund-me” goal for Pastor Steve’s friend, Javi, was met!

Prayer Concerns: Reopening America and getting back to church.

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	
Lee Kinney	unspoken concerns.	

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Heidi & Konroy Boeckel

Heidi and Konroy serve in Cameroon. Their ministries include Education of Missionary Children and Community Outreach

In the coming year they are looking forward to not having to go on home assignment! Thanks to our amazing supporters, we were able to extend our term from 1.5 to 3 years.



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.

Why is it so important that you are with God and God alone on the mountain top? It's important because it's the place in which you can listen to the voice of the One who calls you the beloved. To pray is to listen to the One who calls you my beloved daughter, my beloved son, my beloved child. To pray is to let that voice speak to the center of your being, to your guts, and let that voice resound in your whole being. – Henry Nouwen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IVA!

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, **Judy Martel, Mike and Laura Martel, and Linda Cutler** celebrated Iva Cutler's 95th birthday. Happy birthday **Iva!**



OUR GRADUATES



Congratulations to **Ralene Luong** and **Rebecca Christy**. We celebrated Rebecca's graduation before the Christys moved to Kentucky.

Unfortunately, due to the virus we won't be able to celebrate Ralene in the same way, but what we're doing is providing a cake for her family to enjoy. We would also ask you to send her cards to congratulate her.

Her address is: 1920 Welshire Drive, Davenport, IA 52806

Hotel Corona

Every day we receive an email from the Serve Globally Prayer Calendar. On May 24, one of Nancy Jo Hoover's prayer requests especially caught my eye:

"Please listen to this NPR podcast about God's peacemaking in Jerusalem during the COVID-19 outbreak.

<https://www.npr.org/2020/05/13/855237010/hotel-corona>"

So, I took her up on it, clicked on the link, and there I found the podcast along with the story of "Hotel Corona" in Jerusalem. This will give you a taste of the content of the podcast and their amazing, inspiring story.

"When the Dan Hotel in Jerusalem was leased by the government to house recovering COVID-19 patients, the new guests gave it the nickname, "Hotel Corona." The nearly 200 patients inside already had the coronavirus; and so, unlike the outside world on



strict lockdown, they could give each other high fives and hugs and hang out together.

"What was even more surprising than what they could do was what they were doing.

Patients from all walks of life - Israelis, Palestinians, religious, secular, groups that don't normally mix - were getting along and having fun. They were eating together, sharing jokes, even doing Zumba. And because they were documenting themselves on social media, the whole country was tuning in to watch, like a real life reality TV show."

Check it out. It will warm your heart. -Sandy

STAYING CONNECTED WITH OUR ELIM FAMILY!



For this week I asked the question: What is some of the best advice you have received to maintain your peace through this time of sheltering in place. Here are your responses:

Slow down and smell the flowers. Enjoy life!! You don't have to know everything, my precious child. Jesus — ***Dori Cosgrove***

Felipe Cantu tells us that family, his relationship with God, praying, and friendships help him to maintain peace. He thanks God for everything despite his situation. (He awaits the call to find out when they will schedule his back surgery.) He reminds us that there were pandemics in the Bible and that the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. He said that certainly we can live through this for a couple of months. Thanks for your wisdom, Felipe!

Despite the cloudiness of recent days, ***John Clarke's*** favorite season is spring. The beauty of nature, the flowers, and flowering trees, especially the lilacs, helps him to keep his spirits up. The fact that the weather is warmer and watching a minimal amount of news has also been key to maintaining his peace.

Every morning when I wake up, I thank God for His protection through the night and for a new day. I open my book of devotions and read a passage as I have my coffee. I ask God to make me a blessing to someone. I am thankful to still be living in my own home at age 97 and to have John and Cathy and Junior nearby. God is good! – ***Katie Clarke***

Before I fall asleep, I think of 10 things to be thankful for that happened during the day. I find comfort in music. It's the universal language. – ***Jeanne Laird***

For next week's "Staying Connected": What Scriptures have been the most meaningful for you through this time of sheltering in place. Email, message, or call me at the church office with your response.

Thanks! Sandy