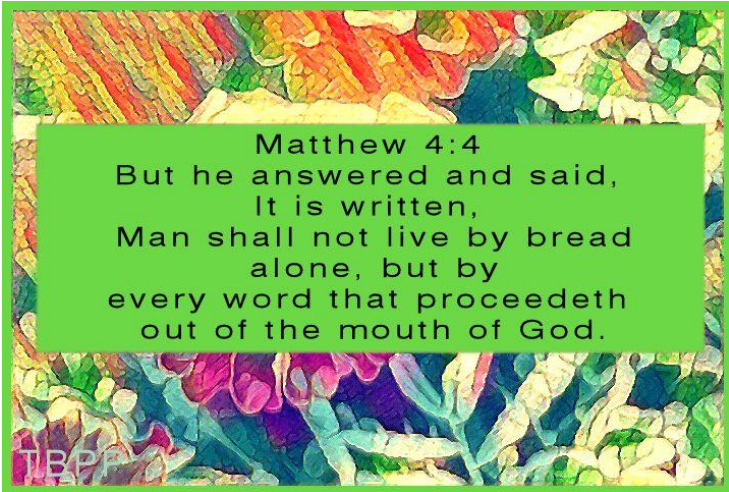


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

June 7, 2020



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

June 7, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Elim's mission statement:

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

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

We are invited into the presence of God!

Please turn your cell phones off

*The service has also been recorded and will be available
for viewing at elimqc.org/eoo*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

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 4:1-11

MESSAGE

**“Isolation: What Do You Do
When No One is Looking?”**

By Scott Fowler

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

WORSHIP SONG

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>1 Samuel 2:9</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:3</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>James 5:15</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Romans 8:30</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Hebrews 3:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 91:1</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 1:9</i>

June Birthdays

8 – Ashley Parrott
8 – Abigail Peterson
8 – Scott Fowler
10 – Jeff Parrott
10 – Greta Wiborg
11 – Maxine Barnes
14 – Carson Crabb
14 – Dori Cosgrove
16 – Rodney Ouder Kirk
16 – Ralene Luong
16 – Oriane Akpla
17 – Lynsey Hennings
17 – Terry Fowler

June Anniversaries

11 – Timothy and Amanda Le
13 – Tim and Amy Hennings
13 – Junior and Cathy Bear
15 – Mike and Natalie Hermann
16 – Donavon and Diana Wood
17 – Dave and Dora Beth Christy

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PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Our first Sunday back to church and for all who have made it possible for our congregation to stay connected and cared for.

Prayer Concerns: The turmoil, violence, and destruction in our country in recent days.

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	Gary Wells	

Families that have lost loved ones, caregivers, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Kristi & Christopher Johnson

Kristi and Christopher serve in Thailand. Their ministry focus is education.

For our first year of marriage, there will be a lot of changes and transitions to adjust to! I (Kristi) would appreciate prayer as I begin life in a new part of Thailand and serve in this new ministry context and for Chris as he begins language study.



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.

I am deeply convinced that the necessity of prayer, and to pray unceasingly, is not as much based on our desire for God as on God's desire for us.

It is God's passionate pursuit of us that calls us to prayer.

– Henri Nouwen

Looking Ahead

Sunday	June 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	June 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	June 9	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	June 10	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	June 11	9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	June 14	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Monday	June 15	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	June 16	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	June 17	8:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting
Thursday	June 18	9:15 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Worship Service

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

To accommodate for safe social distancing on Sunday mornings, we will be offering a secondary worship service on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m., beginning this Thursday, June 11. We hope the smaller number on Thursdays would benefit those who need to be more cautious.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

The women's Bible study that formerly met on Wednesday nights will resume their studies on **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**, from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** We will practice social distancing and wear facemasks. Questions? Contact Julie Wells.

THANKS!

Dear Elim Family,

I'm missing everyone and I have you in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the pink heart that is still standing in my yard and in excellent condition. What a nice thing to do! Praying it won't be long before we are together again. God bless all.

– *Lorraine Carsell*

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to the family of **Lee Kinney**, who went to be with the Lord on May 29, and to **Pennie Knary** and her family at the unexpected death of her brother **Ken "Dym" Anderson** on June 2.

Covenant Companion

The Value of Sacrifice

by Mike Guerrero | May 7, 2020

For many years, Philippians 2:3 bothered me. In a previous edition of the NIV, it read, “Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.” The phrase “count others better than yourselves” particularly bothered me and it even offended me. Was Paul saying we are to lift others up by putting ourselves down?

My reaction may have been a reflection of our culture’s tendency to consider it a virtue to “watch out for number one” and to view self-denial as an admirable but quaint oddity. Even so, what does Paul mean with this instruction? And how do we do that in everyday life?

The next verse “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” gave me some clarity. It also helped to read Philippians 2:3-4 in the newer edition of the NIV: “In humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” Valuing others above ourselves seemed much more encouraging and motivating than *counting* others better than ourselves.

But I still got hung up on how to value others above myself in the practicalities of everyday life.

I had that question on my mind when my wife, Judi, and I went to the grocery store recently. While pushing a cart and browsing the vegetables, I surprisingly found one answer.

***People were being protective.
But who were they trying to protect?***

We are living under our governor’s “Stay home, stay safe” mandate here in the state of Washington. Most businesses are closed but grocery stores remain open. As we walked the aisles, it seemed to me that well over half the shoppers were wearing masks and almost all were earnestly trying to maintain the prescribed social distancing.

People were being protective. But who were they trying to protect? Certainly, many were appropriately and understandably trying to protect themselves. But wearing a mask and staying six feet apart are not only, or even primarily, about self-protection—they are also about protecting others.

For those who seek to see life through the prism of God’s Word, this protection of others can be an embodiment of “valuing others above yourselves” and a practical counterpoint to our culture’s value of looking out for number one.

Do social distancing and mask-wearing rise to the level of Mother Teresa-like self-denial and sacrificial love? No, they do not. But they do rise to the level of sacrificially loving our neighbor in the practicalities of living in the time of coronavirus—by willingly and conscientiously embracing the challenges of awkward disciplines, disrupted routines, and compounding inconveniences, specifically for the good of others. And, not to be forgotten, these small sacrifices reject that self-serving claim that “No one is going to tell me what to do,” along with all its cousins.

When we see mask-wearing and social distancing as a fulfillment of Philippians 2:3-4, perhaps these behaviors can be transformed from a civic responsibility to something higher—a holy imperative.

I choose to believe that this way of understanding the protection of others, this way of valuing others above ourselves, is pleasing to God and worthy of a “well done, good and faithful servant.”

About the Author

Mike Guerrero served as lead pastor of Shoreline (Washington) Covenant Church for 40 years until his retirement in 2017. He was recently the transitional pastor at Highland Covenant Church in Bellevue, Washington, and is now retired again and hopes to remain so. He and his wife, Judi, have two daughters and two grandchildren.