

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

March 19, 2023

To see as a child sees ...
the hope, the joy,
the wonder!

“Truly I tell you, unless you
change and become like little
children, you will never enter
the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 18:3



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

March 19, 2023

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 is also being live-streamed and recorded for immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at elimqc.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tabatha Estes

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
(Colossians 3:2)*

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

"Great Are You Lord"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Luke 7:1-35

MESSAGE

“Faith, Doubts & Rejection”

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

“Evidence”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Karen Bagatelas and Sandy Parrott

March Anniversaries

19 – Terry and Diane Snipes

24 – Ryan and Kelly Wood

29 – Jon and Tabatha Estes

March Birthdays

20 – Ellie Wildermuth

24 – David Cespedes

24 – Joseph Hennings

26 – Claudine Patton

28 – Jon Estes

29 – Tracey Garcia

31 – Larene Paul

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

March 19	Psalm 88
March 20	Psalm 90
March 21	Psalm 91
March 22	Psalm 120
March 23	Psalm 122
March 24	Psalm 126
March 25	Psalm 127

The full Bible reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.

Sermon Notes
March 19, 2023
“Faith, Doubts & Rejection”
Luke 7:1-35

Key Text: *“Blessed is anyone who does not give up their faith because of me”*
(v. 23)

Key Thought: There is great wisdom in having a child-like faith in Jesus

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Amazing **FAITH** (vv. 1-10) (cf. Mt. 17:20-21; 21:21; Lk. 8:48; 17:19; 18:42; Acts 14:9; Ja. 5:15)
- 3) Great **COMPASSION** (vv. 11-17) (cf. Deut. 10:18; 24:19; 27:19; Ruth; 1 Kgs. 17:7-24; Ja. 1:27)
- 4) Sincere **DOUBT** (vv. 18-23) (cf. Mt. 14:31; Mk. 9:24; Jn. 20:27; Ja. 1:6)
- 5) Kingdom **GREATNESS** (vv. 24-28) (cf. Mt. 5:3-12; 18:1-4; Mk. 9:33-37; Ja. 1:9)
- 6) **REJECTING** Jesus (vv. 29-30) (cf. Mt. 21:42; Jn. 1:11; 12:48; 1 Jn. 5:11-12)
- 7) The **FRUIT** of wisdom (vv. 31-35) (cf. 2 Sam. 6:12-23; Lk. 6:37; Rom. 14:4; Col. 2:16-23)
- 8) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- How strong is your faith in Jesus?
- What doubts do you have about Jesus?
- What or who do you reject?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: Spring is on its way!

Prayer Concerns: Families who have recently lost loved ones.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva Van Norman
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Curt Jackson	Sandy Winthurst
Madeline Lumpkin	Jeff Parrott	Tabatha Estes

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Gary and Pauline Carlson

Gary and Pauline serve in Japan. Their mission is in planting missional churches.

We feel at home in our country of service when. . . we were welcomed by the believers we met in Japan Covenant churches.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.



Happy 100th Birthday Katie!

You are invited to come and celebrate Katie Clarke's 100th birthday at her home **today** from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Her address is 265
5th Street, Silvis,

Illinois. John, Cathy and Junior will be there to greet you. Come and have a slice of cake and help her celebrate! No gifts, please. Your presence is “present” enough!



Easter Lilies



There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter lily to beautify our church for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$11.00 and may be turned in to the church office or left in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies.

GriefShare

GriefShare's topic this week is “Lessons of Grief – Part One.” It will help you become more aware of an often-overlooked reason that grief is painful, why going to church can be so difficult, and the benefits of helping others. We are a small, caring group who will make you feel welcomed, cared for, and understood. Join us on ***Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*** Note the time change. You are welcome to bring a friend.

Pray 4 Me Prayer Basket

Our prayer basket has been refreshed. Let's continue to love and support each other through this prayer ministry. Take a name or more, as many as you like, and remember our church family in your prayers on a regular basis. Thank you!

Youth Hope

Next Sunday, March 26, we will be taking a door offering after the service to support YouthHope and the construction of a new building out at Camp Summit. This new building will provide much-needed housing for both camp staff and campers.

Daytime Trivia

Join us **Tuesday, March 21**, at **11:30 a.m.** for Daytime Trivia. What a great time of fellowship and fun! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. \$5.00 per person. Don't forget your sack lunch.

S.P.L.A.S.H.

Ladies — just a reminder — **S.P.L.A.S.H.** is on **Saturday, March 25**, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All women are invited. Please join us!!



Girls Night Out!



The ladies of Elim Covenant Church are bringing Girls Night Out back. It will be **Friday, April 21, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Cindy and her crew are looking for label-free glass jars with lids for a craft. Any size will do. Just bring them to church and they will take it from there.

We need help from all the ladies of Elim. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area with needed donations. Thanks!

Iron Sharpens Iron

For the Men of Elim: The Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will be **Saturday April 1, 2023**, at the Coram Deo Bible Church (formerly Harvest Bible Chapel) in Davenport, Iowa. A sign-up sheet and a flyer providing information about this conference are on the table in the gathering area. If you have questions, please contact Don Peterson at 309-755-6249 (home) or 309-781-2995 (cell).

Looking Ahead

Sunday	March 19	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	March 20	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	March 21	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		11:00 a.m.	Daytime Trivia
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	March 22	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 a.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	March 23	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers Bible Study
Saturday	March 25	9:00 a.m.	S.P.L.A.S.H.
Sunday	March 26	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 65 Views on YouTube = 26

Sunday School/Confirmation = 27 Children's Church = 3

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, March 19:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sandy Parrott and Rachel Lyon

NEXT WEEK, March 26:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

Christian Care Current Needs

- Cleaning Supplies
 - Bleach
 - Bathroom
 - All-purpose
- 13-gallon Kitchen Trash Bags
- Trash Bags (33 & 39-gallon bags)
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels

They currently are not taking donations for women and children. The outpour of support has left Martha's House with plenty at the moment. Thank you to those who have contributed.