TODAY'S WORSHIP

February 28, 2021, 10am

"What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?
Ecclesiastes 1:3 (NRSV)

Sky and Sea

All Creatures of Our God and King

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Children's Message: "Good-Better-Best: Make Choices That Stand The Test!"

Lenten Prayer

Beautiful Things

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Vapor

Benediction

Postlude

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY: 7:15-9:45am Hope Avenue (in front of the church)

10 am Sunday Worship Service (in person and on Facebook)
https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live

4 pm Sunday Discipleship Class: This is a study on the book of Mark.
You can join the class by:URL: https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

7 pm Night of Worship and Testimony (Elim sanctuary)

M-Sat: 12 noon Daily Online Prayer Meeting
URL: https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

Mon: 10 am Ladies' Monday Bible Study is on the Bible using *The Story* by Randy Frazee.
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

Wed: 5:30 pm Wednesday Wave with Mrs S (online)
https://meet.google.com/qgh-rjyr-zae

5:30 pm Live Podcast w/ Pastor Paul, Professors Samuel Zalanga, Harley Schreck
ElimChurchMPLS Youtube: shorturl.at/bjqLQ

6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study. Contact Sue Watlov Phillips
(suewatlovp@aol.com) for more information.

6:30-8 pm Youth Group

Fri: 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck (smurck@gmail.com)
for connection information.

Sat: 10 am Kids Ministry Ice Skating at Central Park in Maple Grove. Skate rental is $6.00.
No reservations needed.

March 16th 7-8 pm Freedom in Christ recovery event with Jay Cope

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Hope Avenue has a **food giveaway** today only by the Madison Street entrance. Stop by and take a sack or two! Also today only, through noon, the free **adult clothing** racks are in front of the church. Need jeans or a sweatshirt? Please stop by.

Live Podcast w/ Pastor Paul w/guests Samuel Zalanga and Harley Schreck: Join us on Youtube this Wednesday, March 3, 5:30pm with two of Bethel's Sociology Professors! We'll be talking about how our experiences shape our faith as well as the Church's role in responding to the challenges of reconciliation in a broken world. Youtube: shorturl.at/bjqLQ

Children's Ministry: *Join Ms. S. for Wednesday Wave at 5:30 online.* Sign on to the google meet to connect. https://meet.google.com/qgh-rjyr-zae Any questions, please contact Deb@elimchurch.com
ICE SKATING at Central Park in Maple Grove this Saturday March 6th at 10:00 am. Skate Rental if needed is $6.00. No charge to skate if you have your own skates.

Sumner Library has a new partnership with Farmhouse Catering!

Every Sunday from 2:00-4:00pm, families can stop by to pick up a week's worth of free fresh groceries - fruits, vegetables, milk, eggs, cereals and grains. Look for the truck in our parking lot **beginning Sunday, February 28, 2021.**

No paperwork or ID needed. The only requirement is that the receiving household has at least one child under the age of 18. Drive-through and walk-ups are welcome. Don't forget to wear a mask!

That's not all! Sumner Library continues to offer a variety of shelf-ready food from our partner Every Meal. Everyone is eligible. No questions asked. Available in the library during all of our open hours. See you at the library!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 'A Day of Hope and Healing': an online retreat, with personal break-out sessions, for the women of Elim will be held Saturday, April 17, 9-12noon, with Pastor Jane Spriggs. The theme is from Psalm 42:2a: "I thirst for God, my living God." Mark your calendars and watch for more information! Please connect with Pastor Becky with your questions or if you'd like to be on the retreat team.

Daily Prayer and Scripture: Reminders for daily prayer will be sent out using the prayer email list prayerweb@elimchurch.com. If you would like to receive these reminders, please send an email to join to info@elimchurch.com

Prayer for the Week

"I thirst for God, my living God."
Psalm 42:2a

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Join us next week in person or online at 10:00 am at facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live
Check out audio sermons from past weeks at www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/

SERMON NOTES

“Life Under the Sun - Life Lessons from the Book of Ecclesiastes”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

This week’s text: Ecclesiastes/Qohelet 1:1-11 (NRSV, notes added)

1 The words of the Teacher,[a] ~~the~~ son of David, king in Jerusalem.
(Hebrew: Dibare Qohelet, ben-David, melech beh Jerusalem)

2 Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity [b].
3 What do people gain [c] from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?
4 A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.
5 The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hurries to the place where it rises.
6 The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.
7 All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they continue to flow.
8 All things are wearisome [c]; more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, or the ear filled with hearing.
9 What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun. [d]
10 Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”? It has already been, in the ages before us.
11 The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance of people yet to come
by those who come after them.

[a] heb. ‘Qohelet’, one who convenes a gathering, or one who gathers
[b] heb. ‘HVL - Hevel or Habel, temporality, fleeting, vapor
[c] heb. ‘Yaga’ - gain product of labor, ‘Yagea - toilsome, wearisome
[d] heb. ‘Tahat ha shemesh’ - under the sun

Who is a ‘son of David’ and who is writing this poem?
What is the main question our author is seeking to answer?
Why is nature (earth, sun, wind, streams, etc.) a good example of ‘yaga/yagea’?
What is ‘gain’ in the eyes of the author? (hint: verse 10-11)
What does “under the sun” mean in the poem?
“God” is not mentioned in this first poem, what truth is the author speaking?