



TODAY'S WORSHIP

May 23, 2021, 10am

*Better is the end of a thing than its beginning;
the patient in spirit are better than the proud in spirit. Ecc 7:8*

Everlasting God

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Pastoral Prayer

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) **

Sermon — “Life Under the Sun” - Ecc. 7:1-12 — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Benediction

Postlude

* Children (ages 3 - 5th grade) are released to Children's Church.

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/

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

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

10:20 am Children's Church

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

7 pm Praise and Worship with young adults leading

Mon-Fri: 12 noon Noon 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 NT using *The Story* by Randy Frazee.
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

Tues: 6:45 pm Leadership Team meeting

Wed: 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.

Save the date:

~~ Monday, May 31

~~ Sunday, June 6, 2021

~~ Fri-Sat, June 11-12, 2021

~~ Fri-Sun, July 9-11, 2021

~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021

~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

Office is closed

Graduation Sunday

Staff retreat

ECY Ham Lake Retreat

Family Camp at Ham Lake

"Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer

Children's Program: Children ages 3 to 5th grade will be released before the sermon to a special program run by Heather Olson, on our 3rd Floor. Families can register their children in person before the service begins or pre-register through the Church Center app on their phones (go to churchcenter.com on your mobile device to download the app, but you will still need to complete the check-in in person each week). If you don't have the app, we can help you get registered. If you have attended Elim Kids in the past two years, you are likely already in the system; please sign in to the app using your existing email address. If you aren't able to sign in before the service begins, please accompany your child to the 3rd floor to register them when they are released from the service.

Volunteers are needed for Elim Kids for our Sunday morning ministries. We need people to assist Heather in the lesson and craft time; and also people to help with the checking in and out before and after the service ends. If you are interested please email anissa@elimchurch.com for more details.

Volunteers are needed this Summer for the Elim Youth events. We have some great activities planned and we need more adult volunteers to come help. Please contact Andy if you are interested.

Volunteer Needed to Answer Office Phones. Until a person is hired, we need help answering the office phones. Please connect with Gloria Metz for further information.

Help Wanted: Elim is hiring for a front-office position for 15 hours per week. We would like to hire a Receptionist, OR have an Office Assistant, who must have strong computer skills and be detail-oriented. Both positions have a job description. You may stop by, call the office, or email info@elimchurch.com for the job description and application.

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

WEEKLY after church (weather permitting), **Chris and Leslie Smith** invite everyone from the Elim congregation to gather for laughter, conversation, and refreshments in their backyard at 1535 Jefferson Street NE. Stop by for a moment, or stay and linger for a while.

Randall and Rory Gwin family will be in the Twin Cities area from Aug 6- Sept. 17 to bring their son, Sam, to college and to have some medical visits. They are in need of lodging and/or a spare vehicle for 6 to use while they are here. **Elizabeth Lee** will be collecting Children's gummy multi-vitamins, and cash donations or money donated to the church but marked for the Gwin's. Please bring these items to the church office.

CALLING ALL ELIM GRADUATES! If you, or someone you know, recently graduated or will be graduating this Spring, please contact the church office by June 1 with the graduate's name, school, and degree (if applicable). Elim will recognize its graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 6. Let us know of any open house dates.

Hope Avenue welcomes your **seasonal donations** of men's and women's clothing and underwear, especially in large and small sizes.

Thank you, Elim, for participating in the GoFundMe for the down payment for a house for Anja Foard's family Jeff Alvord, MeiQi Zhang, and April). To date, \$6,590 of \$20,000 has been raised. Thank you, Lord!

*The Alvord's are applying for a state grant to cover part of their down payment and need to raise the rest. If you would like to give towards this need, please follow the link: <https://gofund.me/7d503de4>
Your contribution will be a blessing to the Alvord family! Thank you!*

Prayerful Pause

*In spite of your circumstances, Jesus never leaves you.
He wants to be your Comforter, your Hero. Allow Him to be that for you today!*

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“Life Under the Sun: Part 10 - Better is the End of a Thing...”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

We continue in our series from the book of Ecclesiastes. In the central chapters of this book the author offers practical life for wise living in the realm of temporality and vanity “under the sun”. The opposite of the foolish and evil life is to choose a life of “tov” - the better/good life. Choosing ‘tov’ encompasses all of life including our attitudes, thoughts, feelings, and outlook. Living a tov life impacts our decisions about money, relationships, marriage, work, joy, and even death.

Today's Scripture: Ecc. 7:1-12, summary statement - verse 8:

“Better is the end of a thing than its beginning...”

Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892): “And, Christians, as you think of the losses, crosses, sufferings, and bereavements which you have had during this year, can you feel any regrets that it is gone? Must not each one of you say, “I thank God that stormy voyage is over and I have not those tempests to endure”? (Sermon on Christmas Day, 1864)

Let us meditate on this text today in order...

To Stop your _____.

To Strengthen your _____.

To Shape your _____.

To Suggest _____.

To Make Solemn _____.