



TODAY'S WORSHIP

June 27, 2021, 10 am

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might." Ecc. 9:10a

Yes I Will

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

I Have Decided

Pastoral Prayer

*How Far Love Goes
Great Are You, Lord **

Sermon Scripture Reading

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" - Ecc. 9:7-10 — Dr. James D. Smith III

Yes I Will (reprise)

Benediction

Postlude

** Children (ages 3 through 5th grade) are dismissed 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: FATHER'S DAY

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

10 am Worship Service (in person and on Facebook) James D Smith, guest speaker
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>

10:20 am Children's Church

7 pm Young Adults Prayer and Praise Night

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#

Tues: 10-11:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study on Book of James
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)
6:30-8 pm Women's Evening Bible Study on Book of James
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above or in person.)

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:

~~ Fri-Sun, July 9-11, 2021	ECY Ham Lake Retreat
~~ Sun, July 11, 2021	Newcomers' Brunch after church
~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021	Family Camp at Ham Lake
~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021	"Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer

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.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

E-CLASS - Wanting to join Elim? This class covers the history, theology, and values of Elim Church and is required for spiritual membership at Elim. Class includes all materials and lunch. Please email Pastor Paul@elimchurch.com to find out more info.

Hope Avenue Clothes Clothing would welcome your donations of new or gently used adult underwear, sox, jeans, and shorts.

The Kidz Klozet is open to receive summer clothing donations for children 0-12yo. No toys or large items. Please help us get the word out that on July 8, the Kidz Klozet and Hope Avenue will bless those in need with a clothing giveaway on the Madison Street sidewalk. Please connect with Erin Hernick (603-326-9440) or Candy Gislason, 612.789.3591, if you're available to help accomplish this.

ECY will be having a 3 day Elim Youth retreat to Ham Lake Camp from Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11. There will be a mixture of campsite activities as well as visiting local venues for additional fun. Youth should register by July 5th, so contact Andy if you are interested in joining!

Marion Brundell: her graveside service will be at Hillside on Thursday, July 8, 11 am. Afterward, there will be a time of conversation and refreshment in Hillside's community room.

Randall and Rory Gwin's 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 need lodging and/or a spare vehicle for 6 to use while they are here. Please connect with Carolyn Pinke if you're able to help.

Adult Volunteers are needed for the ECY Ham Lake Retreat July 9-11th. Van drivers, food prep, activity helpers (on-site and off), stay on-site overnight or come and go! Something for everyone. Contact Andy for more information.

Prayerful Pause

"If 'in everything give thanks,' is God's call to us, then in every situation, there is a reason for thanks and blessing in doing so." *Paul David Tripp*

SERMON NOTES

“Life Under the Sun: Part 15 - Celebrating God’s Favor”

Dr. James D. Smith III (Elim '73-'76, '85-'91)

Last Week: Chapter 9:13-18 *A heroic tale of a poor man’s wisdom that saves an entire city, yet he was not remembered. Qohelet concludes: “Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one bungler destroys much good.”*

Today’s Scripture Passage: Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

The Firm Foundation: God’s “Yes” (v.7)

Stewardship of life’s stew – faithful to God’s Word & Spirit. Gladness & joy in daily blessings.

Quote: “Well done, good & faithful servant... enter into the Lord’s joy.” Matt. 25:23 IJLC

The Hour of Decision: My “Yes” (v.8)

We have a choice. Habits shape habitat. White garments (purity), anointed life (purpose).

Quotes: “Before you are life & death, blessings & curses...so choose life! (Deut. 30:19) DWP

“*Carpe diem* = pluck the moment” Eccl. 2:24-26, 3:12-13, 5:8-20, 8:15, 9:7-10, 11:9-12:1

The Shared Celebration: Our “Yes” (v.9)

Enjoy life, woven together in love: husbands & wives, fellow-laborers, unbroken (Eccl. 4:9-12)

Quote: “L’Chaim” (Heb) literally “To Lives!” (Ours & beloved neighbors, time & eternity) FOR

The Loving Vocation: Forever “Yes” (v.10)

What’s chosen wisely, do whole-heartedly! Animated by your *koach*: ability, strength, vigor.“

Quote: “God’s promises are “Yes” in Christ; thru him Amen – to God’s glory!” (2Cor.1:20) COF

“Life under God must be taken & enjoyed in all its mystery.” Graham Ogden, Qoheleth (2007)

Contentment (Lat. *contenere*) = my life contains all I need to be fully alive, serving God today!

This is realized in prayer. Geo. Washington’s navy cruisers flag motto: “An Appeal to Heaven.”

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