



## TODAY'S WORSHIP

July 11, 2021, 10 am

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*"[Oh] that we may lead tranquil and quiet lives in all godliness and dignity.  
This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,  
who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim 2:1b-4*

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*O Come To The Altar*

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

*Your Labor Is Not In Vain*

Pastoral Prayer

*Before the Throne of God Above \**

Sermon Scripture Reading

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" — Ecclesiastes 10:8-15 (page 614\*\*) — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Communion & Benevolence Offering

*Amazing Grace*

Benediction

Postlude

*\* Children (ages 3 through 5th grade) are dismissed to children's church.*

*\*\*Pew Bible page numbers*



You are invited to refreshments and conversation after the service  
outside the Madison Street entrance.

*If you are new to Elim and want to know more about who we are?  
join us after service today in the dining room for our Newcomers' Brunch.  
We'd love to get to know you better~ (Children welcome!)*

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

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

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

10:20 am Children's Church

11:15 am Refreshments and conversation on the sidewalk outside the church

11:30 am Newcomers' Brunch in the Dining Room

**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 James 2:1-13, "I Like You Better"  
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)  
6:30-8 pm Women's Evening Bible Study on James 2:1-13, "I Like You Better"  
(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](mailto: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](mailto:smurck@gmail.com))  
for connection information.

### Save the date:

~~ Tues, July 20, 2021	Recovery in Christ addiction recovery
~~ Sun, July 25, 2021	Quarterly Business Meeting
~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021	Family Camp at Ham Lake
~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021	"Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer
~~ Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2, 2021	New Church Directory Photo Shoot

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

**A group of Young Adults from Elim are traveling together** in Colorado for a time of rest and exploration. They left last Wednesday and will be gone until July 26. Please pray for their journeys, safety, and against getting lost. Their study time will focus on their identity in Christ

**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](mailto:Paul@elimchurch.com) to find out more info.

**Elim PreSchool** is hiring for a 10:00 am to 5:00 pm position for now and into the fall. Please contact Michelle Espelien at [michelle@elimpreschool.org](mailto:michelle@elimpreschool.org)

### Prayerful Pause

"Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

## SERMON NOTES

### “Life Under the Sun: Part 17 - Whoever Digs a Pit Will Fall Into It”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

*Last Week: Wisdom is not accessed through the high places and halls of power but is accessible to the poor and lowly. The story of Esther, Mordecai and Haman serve as a backdrop to Ecc. 10:5-7 showing that God’s wisdom leads to surprising reversals and a life of true freedom.*

**Today’s Sermon Passage:** Ecclesiastes 10:8-15

**Penitence:** *The state of being penitent; sorrow for having committed sin or for having offended; repentance; contrition.*

*“A childlike faith in the revelation of this God is possible, even if it is only as a prisoner sees the sun through the bars of his window.” The Institutes, John Calvin*

*Qohelet’s meditation moves us toward this thought: “Life is a tragedy...a perpetual struggle without victory... everything living is involved in this contradiction and is only alive as long as it is involved in it.” - J. Ellul (quoting J. Moltmann and Miguel de Unamuno)*

*A “mysterious link” to the heart of Jesus: “For the first time in this 11 years — I have come to love the darkness. — For I believe now that it is a part, a very, very small part of Jesus’ darkness and pain on earth.” - Mother Teresa*

Folk Wisdom is the tradition of wisdom “from below” and the practice of learning from the lowly:

Digging Pits    Breaking Walls    Quarrying Stones    Splitting Logs (vv. 8-9)

Properly sharpened tools and developed skills are necessary for success under the sun.

A Sharp Implement    A Snake Charmer (vv. 10-11)

A wise person works with purpose (v.12) --

A fools work wears them out (vv.13-15) --



*“Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.”*

**Next week:** Rick Dischinger will join Pastor Becky to speak on waiting...what it means to wait on the Lord when we want the answer now!

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