



“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

Romans 6:3-4

October 17, 2021

TODAY'S WORSHIP

October 17, 2021, 10 am

Reckless Love

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

It Is Well With My Soul

Pastoral Prayer

*This I Believe (The Creed) **

Sermon — “*Blossom: Basics in Faith, Part 1*” — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

'Tis So Sweet

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](https://www.facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live)
Check out audio sermons from past weeks at www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/

EVENTS TODAY

- TODAY:** 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels / Ice Water and Coffee (Dining Room)
9:45 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer w/ Pastor Paul
10 am **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
10:20 am Children's Church
11 am-Noon Sunday Connections, Adult, Youth and Children's Ministry Options

OCTOBER's ADULT CONNECTION CLASS

Race, Racism and the Church

Carl Nelson, Facilitator

In the Dining Room at 11:15 am

In these discussions, we will look at the Bible, remember our history, and discuss how Christians work towards racial justice and reconciliation today. Questions we will discuss are: How do Christians reconcile with our past? How has historic racism shaped our city today? And whose voices are you listening to? We will use video segments from Christian leaders like Jemar Tisby and Nicole Martin; learn about racial covenants in Hennepin County from the Mapping Prejudice Project; and discuss how the prophets Daniel, Ezra, and Nehemiah, the first New Testament Deacons, and the Apostle Peter guide the way Christians respond.

October 17: In this weeks' Sunday Connections series on Race, Racism, and the Church, the key question we will discuss is: Whose voices are we listening to? We will include a video from Nicole Martin called Seeing Color, and reflect on Peter's "second conversion" in Acts 10 to help us assess our primary identity.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Pick up a copy of the Fall Ministries Brochure in the Sanctuary and front entrance. It is a helpful resource that captures how God is moving in and through Elim Church.

- 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** 9 am Merry Makers Breakfast at Denny's, 2045 Twin Lakes Parkway, Roseville.
 10 am Women's study on the Book of Mark - at the online link above
 7-8 pm *Freedom in Christ* w/Jay Cope (Third Tuesday of the month)
<https://zoom.us/j/98924511537?pwd=U3R2RHlwK3BoWHhpaTNXVk94eDE0QT09>
 Meeting ID: 989 2451 1537 Passcode: 112233
 Phone: +1 312-626-6799 Passcode: 112233#
- Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study.
 6:30-8 pm Youth Group
 6:30-8 pm Songwriting/Poetry Night in the Sanctuary
- Fri:** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom.
- Sat:** 8-11 am Hope Avenue Ministry
- Sun** 12:15 pm Newcomer's Brunch

Save the date (check the events page for information that may be available):

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| ~~ Mon, 10/25, 6:30 pm | Women's study on Spiritual Gifts- in-person (Lounge) or online at the link above |
| ~~ Tues, 10/26, 6:30-8:30 pm | Leadership Team Meeting |
| ~~ Fri, 10/29, 6:30-9:30 pm | ECY Among Us LIVE, part 2 |
| ~~ Sat, 10/30, 8-11 am | Hope Avenue Ministry with Kidz Klozet |
| ~~ Sat, 10/30, 11 am | Bible Study on the Book of Mark, Room 106 |
| ~~ Sun, 10/31, 11 am | Quarterly Business Mtg. (No adult connection classes) |
| ~~ Sun, 10/31, 5-8 pm | Harvest Party: Trunk or Treat! |

Thank You Elim Church Family and Members!

I surely want to thank you for your showing of being Christ's hands and feet to me during these long weeks and months. Your love and caring have been overwhelming. You will always have a place in my heart and prayers. Thank you and may the Lord richly bless you. Love, Virginia Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Elim Young Adults - *New!* "Ki•ne•tic" - College students plus late 20's, singles, and married couples seeking meaningful connections with others. To get connected to this group, contact Brandon Martinez-Luhmann, 763-245-2193. We will meet in Room 403.



HARVEST PARTY!



Online

Volunteer Form

Sunday, 10/31 - 5-8pm
Everyone is invited!

[OUTDOORS @ Elim's Parking Lot]
You and your family will get to enjoy:

- Trunk-or-Treating (candy/snacks)
- yard games
- FREE hot cider and chili-to-go!
- Face painting
- music and games!
- Harvest store w/Food & Gift Items

Sign up to Serve ([Online Volunteer Form](#))

Volunteers Needed:

With moving to Saturdays 8a-11am, Hope Avenue is recruiting volunteers available to help us. Feel free to sign up for a single date or multiple times. You can access the sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EA4AB2FA2F94-91121> or feel free to connect with Pastor Becky. Thank you so much!

Prayerful Pause

“Peter’s words pierced their hearts,... “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away^[a]—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” Acts 4:37-39

“Blossom: Basics In Faith”, Pt. 1

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

The ‘Basics In Faith’ series focuses on the distinctive practices of our church and the church worldwide. These are the things that both bring us together and set us apart as a people ‘in Christ’.

Baptism - 'baptism' (washing, dipping in water) spans many cultures and religions throughout history and is understood as a spiritual purification that has profound implications on someone's daily life. (see Egyptian religion, Judaism, Hinduism and other Eastern Religions) The almost universal practice of baptism, washing or cleansing demonstrates that human beings recognize that life is inherently messy.

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John (Matt 3:5-11) and expected his followers to *“make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”* Matt 28:26

The Drama of Christian Baptism**...as a Death (1st Act)**

a symbol of a follower's commitment to live a ‘Christ-shaped life’. Christian Baptism is modeled after the death of Jesus. Down into the water (death)... Rom. 6:3

....as New Life (2nd Act)

The drama of re-enactment continues! A ‘Christ-shaped life’ is then resurrected by the power of God... Rom. 6:4 ...but what are we baptized for????

Baptism as Resistance - the people of Israel came out to be baptized by John because they believed their identity had been compromised by the idolatry of King Herod and Rome.

Idolatry - a social phenomenon in which people give something or someone god-like power.

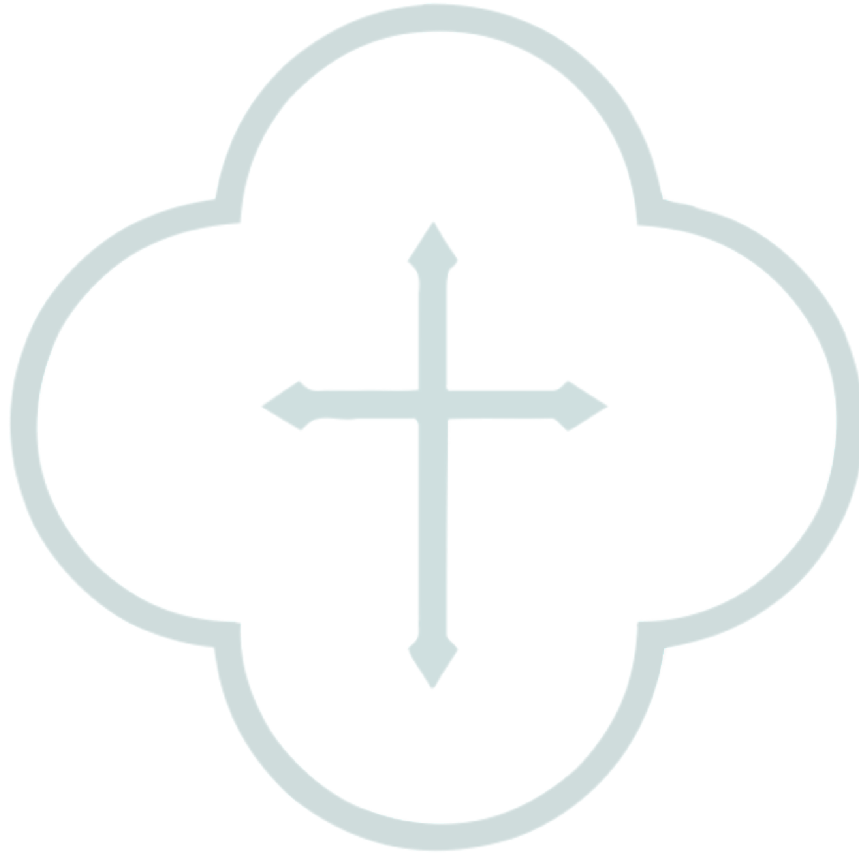
The baptized are dead to the power of idolatry, shame and guilt and alive to Christ. (Rom. 6:5-11, 1 Peter 3:18)

Baptism as Social Justice - The movement of Jesus is a restorative force that heals societal and cultural divides. The forgiveness movement of Jesus purifies the ongoing work of justice.

Injustice - a violation of wrongdoing toward others. Anger, pride, greed drive injustice. The baptized are a sign -- “my life is hidden with Christ in God” and I live for others. (Colossians 3:1-3) What would happen to society if all people were baptized and lived accordingly?

Idolatry and Injustice are violent impersonal forces. Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit instructs us into faith -- intimacy and peace with God and others. The call of the Good News: *“repent and be baptized!”* (Acts 2:38)

Next Week: ‘Blossom!: Basics in Faith’, Part 2 Future topics include the Lord's Supper, and Christian Marriage and Relationships, and more!



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