

***Seeking  
Spiritual  
Transformation:  
Pursuing God's  
Will Together***



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knock and the door will be opened to you. Matt. 7:7*

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Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

Pastoral Prayer

*Reckless Love*

*How Far Love Goes*

"1 Corinthians 13," recited by Elim Kids

Congregational Prayer

*By Our Love \**

Sermon — *"Seeking Spiritual Transformation: Pursuing God's Will Together"*

-- Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Communion & Benevolence Offering

Benediction Prayer

Postlude

*\* Children, ages 3-5th grade, will be dismissed to Children's Church.*

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**TODAY:** No Gathering or Connection Classes Today because of Covid

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- 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 am Women's Tuesday Study on the book of Mark at the online link above
- Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study  
6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting
- Fri:** 8-9:30 am Men's Bible Study online
- Tues:** 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#
- Sat:** 8-10 am Hope Avenue Ministry operating with updated hours
- Sun:** 11:15a-12p Connection Classes begin again!

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

- ~~ Tues, 2/22, 6:30-8:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting  
~~ Sun, 2/27, 12-1:30 pm Elim Staff Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

The church office is closed on **Fridays** through March 31 as we cut expenses across the church to balance the budget.

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**Connection Classes** will begin again on February 20th !!!

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### **UPDATE! Introducing the Online Elim Membership Class**

We are migrating our "E-class" to fit an online format. This takes time and a little extra effort on our part but this class has expanded teaching and information about what it means to be a 'member' at Elim and of the 'Body of Christ'.

"E" in E-class stands for Elim,  
the Ekklesia (church) and,  
Ephesians, a letter from the Bible we reference often in the class.

### **How long does it take?**

The class is designed to have 4 weeks online and a final meeting in person. By completing all the weeks and attending in person you will receive an Elim Church mug!

## What if I am a member already?

If you are already a member, please take the class!

[www.elimchurch.com/courses/e-class](http://www.elimchurch.com/courses/e-class)

## How do I get started?

- Register for the class with an email address at the address above as soon as possible, so that you can complete all four weeks by the in-person meeting on March 6, 2022, after the Sunday church service in Room 401.
- Start with week 1 (weeks 2-4 will be made available and an announcement will be made).
- You won't complete the course until you've finished all four weeks, including the in-person session!

I am excited to welcome you and new members to Elim through this class. It will cover the biblical basics of membership, theology, and values of our church, plus our origin stories and roots in pietism and the baptistic movement.

Don't wait any longer... Start your membership journey and complete all the e-class sessions before our in-person meeting on March 6th by coming to Room 401 after the service.

I hope to see many of you there! –Pastor Paul

On Valentine's Day, Monday the 14th, the church will **celebrate our widows/widowers** as we deliver "we love you" gift bags to them. Would you be willing to deliver a few gift bags? Please connect with Pastor Becky at 612.406.0427. Thank you!



### **Prayerful Pause**

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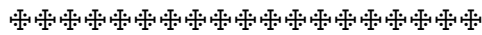
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“Seeking Spiritual Transformation: Pursuing God’s Will Together”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

Our goal: “...*finding God in all things in order that we might love and serve God in all*”  
- Ignatius of Loyola



What is Spiritual transformation?

The process of the examined life: “A leader is a person who must take special responsibility for what’s going on inside of him/herself, inside his or her consciousness.” - Parker Palmer

The role of **seeking**, **Scripture**, and **sacrifice** in the process of transformation.

Seeking God in Transformation: finding and being found

“Search me and know me.” - King David, Psalm 139

“Ask and it will be given to you...” - Jesus, Matt 7:7

Scriptures for Transformation: finding and being in truth

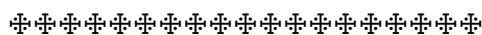
“...for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” - The Golden Rule, Jesus in Matt 7:12

Mindfulness vs. Meditation or Contemplative Thought

Sacrifice and Transformation: finding holiness and being holy

“Enter through the narrow gate...” - Matt 7:13

“Offer your body as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.” - Rom. 12:1-2



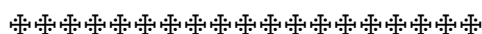
**Closing Prayer** (from the book *Pursuing God’s Will Together*, pgs. 48-49)

*O God, let something happen to me, something more than interesting or entertaining or thoughtful.*

*O God, let something essential happen to me, something awesome, something real. Speak to my condition, Lord, and change me somewhere inside where it matters,*

*a change that will burn and tremble and heal and explode me into tears or laughter, or love that throbs or screams or keeps a terrible cleansing silence and dares the dangerous deeds.*

*Let something happen in me which is my real self, O God.*



**Next Week:** *Seeking Spiritual Victory* in the series: Pursuing God’s Will Together.