



**Elim Church**

October 16, 2022, 10:00 am

# “Seek First the Kingdom”

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## **Welcome to Worship!**

*King of Glory*

### **Announcements and [Offering](#)**

*Be Thou My Vision*

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*This Is The Kingdom \**

### **“Seek First the Kingdom” (SOTM, Part 6)**

Pastor Stephanie O’Brien  
Lead Pastor, Mill City Church

*For The Honor*

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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



**SERMON**  
ON THE  
**MOUNT**  
SERMON SERIES

Join us next week in-person or online at 10 am  
at [facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live)

Check out audio sermons from past weeks  
at [www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive](http://www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive)

## SERMON NOTES

### “Seek First The Kingdom” (SOTM Part 6)

Rev. Stephanie O'Brien

#### Text: Matthew 6

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

What is something in life you find yourself craving?

#### The Kingdom of God/Heaven

- The reign of God breaking into the world.
- Compared to the “little kingdoms” of the works it is “the great reversal”...
- Reversal of values, status and situation.

#### Three practices for seeking the Kingdom:

1. Giving to those in need: *Matthew 6:2 So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*
  
2. Prayer: *Matthew 6:5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*
  
3. Fasting: *Matthew 6:16 “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.*

**“Jesus calls his disciples to an undivided and primary allegiance to God and the Kingdom, which will lead to trust in God for their needs.”**

- Dr. Jeannine Brown, Bethel Seminary, Commentary on Matthew

**Next Week (10/23):** Matt 5:17-26 Jesus teaches us about right relationships (righteousness).

**EVENTS Today** Masks are not required for attendees at Elim. As always, please take any precautions to protect your health and the health of others

**WELCOME TO ELIM THIS MORNING!**

- TODAY:**
- 9:30 am The Gathering with Light Breakfast/Beverages (Dining Room)
  - 9:15 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
  - 10 am **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)  
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
  - 11:15 am-12 pm Sunday Connections: Adult, Youth, and Children's Ministry Options.  
Adult Connections:
    - The Chosen: unplugged (Dining Room)
    - Practicing the King's Economy (Room 401)
  - 6:30 pm Both churches are invited to praise and worship led in the Elim sanctuary by Mill City. Fellowship time before and afterward in the dining room. Bring cookies and bars if you'd like to share.

**UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS**

Interested in Membership? Pastor Paul is hosting an in-person class on **Sunday, October 23**, 12:15-2:30 pm. This required class is the first step towards full membership at Elim. Contact the church office to sign up.

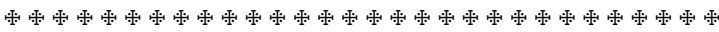
**NEW BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesday ~ weekly, 6:30-8 pm, **begins October 25**

In-person in the lounge and Online (see link below)

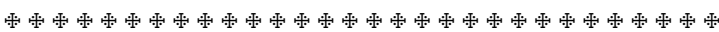
Leader: Pastor Becky Hanson

Join us each week as we work through Jennie Allen's *Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World*. "You Aren't Alone in Feeling Alone: Jennie looks at the original community in Genesis, the Trinity, and the creation of people to see what God had planned for us all along, Jennie offers practical solutions for creating true community in a world that's both more connected and more isolating than ever before. Because while the ache of loneliness is real, it doesn't have to be your reality."

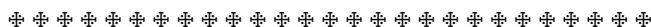
The Meeting URL is <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> or by phone at 1-401-684-3085, PIN: 724 649 481#.



GriefShare meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Elim Lounge. (The class runs for 13 weeks.)

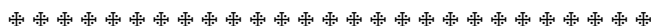


**Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited Donations:** We are currently not in need of donations. Thank you!



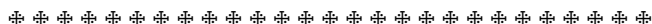
**Hope Avenue Twin Cities:** The day shelter has been open for six months, serving men and women in need. As we move into the fall, we share our needs with you:

- We welcome your financial partnership in this important work of the Lord. We are moving into a fundraising campaign to open an overnight men's shelter this winter.
- You may designate your tax-deductible gift to *Hope Avenue Twin Cities*, and just put it in the offering or mail it to the shelter. Together we can make it happen!! Or you can click on: [www.hope-avenue.org](http://www.hope-avenue.org) and click on donate.
- Needed items include coats, boots, gloves, large cast iron pans to cook for crowds, room-size heating units, towels, men's Tshirts in S M Lg, men's long-sleeved shirts all sizes, men's jeans 28-36, women's jean 2-8.



**ADDICTION RECOVERY CLASSES** -- beginning Monday, October 17, and then offered M, T, W, Th from 10-11:30 am at the shelter at 1229 Logan Ave N. We'd love to have you join us! *Are you struggling with sin? No? The words in 1 John 1:10 state, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Sin comes in many forms: idolatry (placing anything before God whether it's work, relationships, family, drugs, alcohol, sex, food, etc.), anger, unforgiveness, gossip, complaining, dishonesty, seeing the speck in your brother's eye while missing the log in your own. Sin is our universal problem and Freedom in Christ is the Solution!*

- Mondays: the focus is on character building - led by JZ
- Tuesdays: the 12 Steps of AA to be "Doers of the Word" (James 1:22) - led by Rayce and Will Work for Recovery
- Wednesdays: will round out the week with Freedom in Christ, where we learn from Jay how to live into our solution - Christ!
- Thursdays: DVD sturdy from Louie Giglio's entitled "Goliath Must Fall," winning the battle against your Giants - led by Pastor Becky



## *Elim's Trunk or Treat Party*



MONDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup> - 4-7 PM  
OUTDOORS - ELIM'S PARKING LOT

Trunk-or-Treating (candy/snacks)  
FREE hot cider and chili-to-go  
Games, and more!

Volunteers needed for:

- Greeters
- Decorating your trunk
- Donating candy
- Game coordinator
- Making/Serving chili & cider
- Clean-up

Online Response  
To Volunteer →



**PRAYERFUL PAUSE:**

“Lord Jesus, set me free to be the person you have destined me to be. Help me pause to hear your voice today and to leave behind the ‘baggage’ I am carrying as I seek to follow you. Help me discern your hand at work in and through my life, both in the past and the future. In Jesus’ name, amen.” Peter Scazzero

## This Week (Oct. 16-23)

<b>Mon-Fri:</b>	12 noon	Noon Online Prayer Meeting URL: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk">https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk</a> Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#
<b>Mon:</b>	10 am	Women's Bible Study on Mark 8 at the online link above
<b>Wed:</b>	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30-8 pm	Youth Group meeting
	6:30-8 pm	GriefShare in the Lounge
	6:45 pm	Elim is invited to take a tour of the Mill City Commons at 3023 Randolph Street NE
<b>Thurs:</b>	10:30 am	Merry Makers Walk at Rice Creek & Lunch
<b>Fri:</b>	8-9:30 am	Men's Bible Study online
<b>Sun:</b>	12:00 pm	Elim Staff Meeting

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

~~ Tues, 10/25, 6:30-8 pm	Bible Study on <i>Find Your People</i> at the online link above
~~ Mon, 10/31, 3:30-6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat in church parking lot
~~ Tues, 11/1, 6-8:30 pm	Building Maintenance Meeting
~~ Thurs, 11/3, 9-11 am	Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited Open
~~ Sun, 11/6, 10 am	Elim joins Mill City at Las Estrellas for worship and connecting time after the service
~~ Sun, 11/6, 5-8 pm	Worship Night: worship & reflection on Better Together
~~ Tues, 11/8, 9 am	Merry Makers Breakfast (place TBD)
~~ Wed, 11/16	Leadership teams meet for Discernment Meeting
~~ Tues, 11/8, 6:30 pm	Elim Leadership Team meeting
~~ Wed, 11/9, 6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live w/supper by Hot Wok
~~ Fri, 11/18, 5:30-8:30 pm	Parents Night Out
~~ Thurs-Fri, 11/24-25	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
~~ Sat, 11/26, 4:30 pm	Hanging of the Greens

## Giving at a Glance

### August Giving:

Needed – \$ 39,500  
Received – \$ 74,373

### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 197,500  
Received – \$ 202,255

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