

WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church

Scattered Together



Welcome & Announcements

Happy Easter! Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive Easter Sunday worship gathering online. As we worship the Lord today, be encouraged that we are not alone. We are joined by about a billion people around the world celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We're all in this together, even when we're apart. I know the world is longing for connection, and we are looking forward to being together once again. But, in spite of our circumstances, God is still very much God and we are still his people. So, let's throw open our windows, sing out praises to God, and worship our resurrected and living Savior!

Prelude

[Meditation](#)

(Click on link for music)

Emily Sommermann, violin &
Matthew Roy, piano

Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (Read in Unison)

**Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Hallelujah, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!**

Worship in Song (click on link for music & lyrics)

Matthew & Jess Roy

[Christ the Lord Has Risen Today](#)

[Living Hope](#)

[How Deep the Father's Love for Us](#)

Prayer

Kirk Gilbert

Mighty and life-giving God, by your wondrous love for us, you raised your Son Jesus Christ from the dead. With his resurrection, you have forever trampled the force and sting of death. You have given us the gift of abundant and everlasting life. Up from the grave he arose, showing us the truth of your Gospel, revealing for us and all of creation, the blessed hope of promise amid suffering, the light of life amid the shadows of death, the persistent joy that sounds amid the silence of despair. We praise you. We thank you. You are a God of power, love, mercy and grace; a God who makes all things new.

Take a moment to praise God for who He is and what He has done.

We confess our need for you Lord. Like the disciples, we have our fears and doubts. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; we have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. We are truly sorry and humbly repent; have mercy on us and forgive us.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins to God knowing that He hears and forgives you.

Lord, please comfort and bring relief to all who are in trouble, sorrow, poverty, sickness, grief and anxiety, especially those known to us, whom we name before you now. Heal them in body, mind and spirit, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

Take a moment to pray for those God places on your heart.

We pray for the Church in these current times with the virus impacting globally. We pray for the global church, that God's people would be a vessel of healing, comfort and care. Shine your light in us, through us and over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purpose. May we reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing. Inspire us to be witnesses to the presence of the Risen Christ.

Thanks be to you, God, for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honor, on the Resurrection Day, and forever. In Jesus name, AMEN.

Prayer Requests & Praises

Lynette Johnson, for recovery from brain tumor surgery and for Brian as caregiver
Suzy Dobreski, for recovery from foot surgery & managing our Early School during closure
Ron Gouger, praise for answered prayer that he is now cancer free!
Ken Working, for wisdom and guidance for his falls and health for the family
Don Rhodes, for recovery from a broken arm and surgery
Jan Tornquist, for continued strength after chemotherapy treatment
Bill Gowler, for continued strength during cancer treatment
Eva Cruickshank's family in a time of bereavement after her passing

Children's Message

[\(click here for the Easter Lesson\)](#)

Uriah Venegas

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[John 20:1-18](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[A Living Hope](#)
(click on link for Sermon)

Tom Haugen

Song of Response (click on link for music & lyrics)

[King of Kings](#)

Matthew & Jess Roy

Tithes & Offerings

Follow this [link to give online](#). You can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors. Please designate an Easter offering by noting it on your check or emailing us at: accounting@elmopres.org.

Remember our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of entrusting all of our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

Doxology

[Click here for music & lyrics](#)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21 (Read aloud)

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Postlude

[Wesley Medley](#)
(Click on link for music)

Matthew Roy

During this time of social distancing, God is with you!

And, we're here for you by phone or online.

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