

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements [Click here for morning announcements](#) The Fogg Family

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church interactive worship gathering online. Today is our second Sunday in our sermon series through Philippians. This morning we will witness how God used suffering in Paul's life to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. What a great reminder to us that even in our suffering and physical isolation, God is able to advance the gospel in and through us. As we worship, may your hearts be encouraged, may your love abound in knowledge and depth of insight, and may your hands be equipped to produce the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God!

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-8 (Read in unison)

Praise the LORD, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the LORD, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits —
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

Worship in Song

[Click here for all 3 worship songs](#)

Matthew Roy

And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?
This Is Amazing Grace
The Solid Rock

Prayer

Tom Haugen

Adoration

Almighty and eternal God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (B.C.P.)

Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the fullness of life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. *Take a moment to silently confess your sins to God knowing that he hears and forgives you.*

Intercession

Heavenly Father we ask for you to bring an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus across the globe. Give the medical teams success in finding cures and speed and accuracy in developing a vaccine. In this moment of great need please bring the healing and comfort of Christ for those who are sick, anxious, grieving and suffering. Watch over, protect, and strengthen our healthcare professionals, first responders, armed forces, and essential workers even as they put themselves in harms way. *We take a moment to pray for the individuals we know personally who serve in these positions.*

We pray for our world, country, state and city leaders to have great wisdom and calm as they make difficult decisions. Give pastors and church leaders courage and wisdom to lead with love, grace and creativity during this time of social distancing. *We take a moment to pray by name for leaders who serve in these positions.*

We also pray for patience and joy in our homes as we spend lots of time together. We are also mindful of those who are alone during this season. Please help them to find safe ways of connecting with people and meet them in their loneliness. *We take a moment to pray for our family and friends and some of our ELMO family with specific needs:*

Frank Phillips, for recovery from hip replacement surgery
Gordon Reising, for strength while receiving at home care and physical therapy to walk again
Lynette Johnson, for recovery from surgery to remove a brain tumor
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
Bereavement, for the families of Eva Cruickshank, Bob Mannon, Al Clark and Bill Randolph

Finally, Lord, we know that you can use all things for your glory. We ask you to use this challenging season to turn hearts towards you and bring people into a relationship with you through your Son Jesus Christ. *We take a moment to pray by name for our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Preschool Children's Message [Click here for video message](#)

Uriah Venegas

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Philippians 1:12-30](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[Together As One – Purpose](#)
(Click on link for Sermon)

Tom Haugen

Song of Response

It is Well with My Soul [Click here for music & lyrics](#)

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.

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

Romans 15:5-6 (Read in unison)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

And, we're here for you by phone or online. Please direct prayer requests to: elmoprayers@gmail.com

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