

# WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3, 2020



Scattered Together

## Welcome & Announcements [Click here for Andy Patterson's video announcements](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today is our third Sunday in our sermon series on Philippians, Together as One. This morning we will hear Paul call the Philippians and all followers of Jesus Christ to unite in love and humility as we follow the perfect example of Christ. In all our relationships may we have the same mindset as that of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. 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 95:1-7 (Read in unison)

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;  
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before him with thanksgiving,  
and extol him with music and song.  
For the LORD is the great God,  
The great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
And his hands formed the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down in worship,  
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;  
for he is our God  
And we are the people of his pasture,  
The flock under his care.

## Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
What a Beautiful Name  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## Guided Prayer

Joy Clemens

Hebrews 10:19-22-23 says, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

*Take some time to praise and adore God for the blood of Jesus, the new life of salvation, the hope of heaven, and his faithfulness.*

Hebrews 12:1-2 reads, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let's us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Heavenly Father, we confess that our greatest, deepest, and most long-termed problem is sin. Self-preoccupation, self-sufficiency, self-love and the right to live as we wish, and be treated with deference and respect are all alive and well within us. Without your grace and mercy we have no desire to be burdened with a yoke or to be meek and lowly of heart. And yet it is your purpose to conform us to the image of your Son. We ask your forgiveness for the struggle within that is self will opposed to your will. Help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Thank you for the grace to obey your will revealed in your Word.

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

Hebrews 4:14-16 states, "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

*Take some time now to intercede for your family, neighbors, missionaries, ELMO and the church around the world. Include our leaders, the medical personnel treating the ill, for the ill themselves, for those working on a vaccine and effective treatment, for Pastor Tom and his family, and the church staff, and our church family as follows:*

Our Mission partners, the Bultemas, Callisons and Alex Smith  
Frank Phillips, for recovery from hip replacement surgery  
Gordon Reisig, for wisdom from the doctors after a recent visit to the ER  
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

In the name of our precious Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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

Uriah Venegas

## God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Philippians 2:1-18](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

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

Tom Haugen

Song of Response

O Come to the Altar

[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. On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. If you would like to do so, you can use the Deacon's Fund envelopes, note on your check or email [accounting@elmopres.org](mailto:accounting@elmopres.org) when giving online.

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

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**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.**

## Remembering our Common Union in Christ Together as One

As you know we celebrate the sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month at ELMO. Sadly, during this time of social distancing we are unable to gather together in person to celebrate this meal of remembrance given to us by Jesus. While we understand that it is possible to take Communion alone in our homes, the Elders and I have decided it is best to wait until we are gathered together in person to celebrate this sacred meal again.

The significance of this meal according to Jesus is a tangible way to remember his life, death and resurrection until he returns. As a way to remember during this season, we encourage you to affirm your Christian faith by reading the Apostle's Creed, praying the Lord's Prayer, and celebrating our common union together as one through Christ.

Affirmation of Faith by reading the Apostle's Creed

(Read in unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Pray in unison)

Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Jude 1:24-25 (Read in unison)

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

**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](mailto:elmoprayers@gmail.com)**

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