

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements [Click here for Jay Nader's video announcements](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today is the fifth Sunday in our Together as One sermon series through Philipians. In this section of Philipians we get a glimpse of Paul's beyond-impressive resume and learn that it is all "rubbish" compared to knowing Jesus. When all is said and done, praise the Lord, none of us can or should place any confidence in the flesh. As we worship today, may our hearts be encouraged, may our love abound in knowledge and depth of insight, and may our hands be equipped to produce the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God!

Call to Worship

1 Peter 1:3-5 (Read in unison)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

**My Hope is in the Lord
Knowing You Jesus
Cornerstone**

Guided Prayer

Nathan Gates

Heavenly Father, during this time of stay at home isolation and fearful turmoil, thank you that we can say along with the songwriter Edward Mote who composed, My Hope is Built:

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Father everything but Christ has failed us and we say aloud

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

We look around us and are near despair as the songwriter says

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

We remind ourselves at this time

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

Again we compare our situation with our mighty Savior

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

And we say with even firmer conviction

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

Rejoicing in this hope we proclaim to one another

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.

Because we know and loudly proclaim

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

*Thank you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
that you hold our future in your hands. Amen.*

Take some time to intercede for your family, friends and neighbors. Pray for our world leaders, medical professionals, and first responders as they deal with the COVID-19 virus. Pray for the worldwide church and missionaries serving in kingdom work. Pray for Pastor Tom, Elders, Deacons and staff as we serve and prepare for reopening our church campus. Pray for our ELMO family with specific needs:

Our Mission partners, the Bultemas, Callisons and Alex Smith
Bill Gowler, for continued strength during ongoing cancer care
Gordon Reisig, for a full recovery from surgery on his brain
Frank Phillips, for recovery from hip replacement surgery
Lynette Johnson, for recovery from surgery to remove a brain tumor
Ken Working, for wisdom and guidance for his falls and health for the family
Jan Tornquist, for continued strength after chemotherapy treatment
Bereavement, for the families of Al Clark, Bill Randolph and Charles "Chuck" Arnold

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Children's Sermon

[Click here for the video](#)

Annie Haugen

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Philippians 3:1-21](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[Together As One – Hope](#)

Tom Haugen

(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

There is a Redeemer

[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](#)

with Emily Sommermann

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

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (Read in unison)

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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