

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements [Click here for Melinda Raymond's video announcements](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today is the sixth Sunday in our Together as One sermon series through Philippians. In this section of Philippians 4, Paul highlights the relationship between our unity and our joy. Our unity in Christ creates joy and joy in Christ creates unity. True joy is found in the presence of God, as we stand firm in the Lord, together as one. 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

Psalm 62:5-8 (Read in unison)

**Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.
Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
My salvation and my honor depend on God.
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

**We Will Glorify
The Joy of the Lord is My Strength
Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken**

Prayers for the Church & the World

Janet Gates

Heavenly Father and Lord of all, we come together in spirit with our ELMO brothers and sisters in Christ in joyful praise and adoration. You are the one true God, eternal, all powerful, all knowing and everywhere fully present. You are all that is pure, right, noble and exalted. All your acts are excellent and worthy of praise. You are the one true source of joy, security and peace. We cling to you as our Rock in this time of uncertainty, anxiety and loss. Even more, you are our Great Shepherd, who made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture so we turn to you now as our Guide and our Comforter, knowing you will listen to all our concerns and petitions.

We confess that all too often we wander from your presence, following our own desires and purposes. Forgive us for putting our own plans before yours. We know that we fall far short of your goal for our lives. We do not do or say what you command and instead do and say what we want. We neglect to love you first and foremost with all our heart, soul and mind, and we often forget to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and restore a right spirit within us, so that we may walk in your ways according to your commands.

Father, 1 John 1:9 assures us if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. What a wonderful confirmation of your mercy, grace and unfailing love and compassion. Thank you for Paul's assurance that we may come to you anytime and anywhere with our prayers and petitions and know that you will always listen and always answer according to your goodness. Thank you for your constant care and protection. And especially thank you for the sacrifice of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died in our place and has covered us with his righteousness so that we may have your peace guarding our hearts and minds.

We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are suffering persecution and hardship, especially those in China and Africa. Protect and sustain them with a renewed awareness of your presence with them. We pray for our leaders, those in our nation's capital and those closer to home, that you would protect and guide them. Grant them wisdom during this pandemic to achieve the delicate balance between protection and beginning to relax restrictions. We pray for the researchers working on a vaccine and on treatments, that you would lead them to productive, effective results. We pray as well for those caring for the ill, that you would protect them and grant them renewed purpose and stamina.

We pray for our own church family, that you would help those who have recently undergone surgery to recover quickly and completely. For those who are being treated for cancer or other health issues, guide their doctors and help their treatments to be effective. We pray as well for those who have been impacted by the pandemic either financially, emotionally or physically, that your Spirit would embrace them with His peace and comfort. And we pray for Pastor Tom and the rest of the staff, that you would inspire and sustain them during this time of sheltering at home.

Take some time to intercede for your family, friends and neighbors. Pray for our ELMO family with specific needs:

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith
Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver
Reverend George W. Smith, dad of Jeffrey Smith, for cancer surgery and that it has not spread
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

Dear Lord, we present all these prayers and petitions to you, knowing that your peace, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. On this Memorial Day Sunday, we take time to remember, and are grateful for the men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Thank you for our freedom and those who have bravely served our nation. Amen.

Children's Sermon [Click here for the video](#) Melia, Annie & Jocelyn Haugen

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading [Philippians 4:1-9](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon [Together As One – Joy](#) Tom Haugen
(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

Build Your Kingdom Here [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 [Philippians 4:7](#) (Read in unison)

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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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