

WORSHIP

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements

[Click here for Carlos Garcia & Adam Spradley's video](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today we're looking at God's presence in human crises. We will look at why Isaiah felt he was doomed and how God responded. 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 fruits of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory of God.

Prayer of Invocation

From 1 Peter and James 1

Eternal God, you have called each one of us to offer spiritual sacrifices as holy priests in your service: empower our worship by your Spirit so that our praises and prayers may be acceptable to you; and grant that we may be doers of your word so that we are transformed into the image of your Son. To the Glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

Call to Worship

From Psalm 107 (Read in unison)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered from the lands. We give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron. Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! Let us extol him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Worship in Song

[Click here for music and lyrics](#)

Matthew & Jess Roy

O Mighty God
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Surrender

Prayers for the Church & the World

Mary Slater

Holy, Holy, Holy God in three persons. We are humbled and awestruck at your majesty and glory of which we only see glimpses. You have revealed yourself in your creation which surrounds us. You have revealed yourself in your word which you have given to us. You have revealed yourself in the person of your son Jesus who saved us from our sinful lives.

We are a sinful, fallen people living in a sinful, fallen world and a fractured country. We want change God, but we want other people to change. We know Lord Jesus that you are the Lord and Savior of this world not us. Help us, we pray, to commit ourselves to you so that you might change us and make us your servants for change in the world. Help us to ask what changes you would have us make in our lives for your glory. In a nation of racial inequality help us to see others as you see them. In a divided nation help us to be peacemakers. In a world that is fallen, help us to spread your truth. Give us, we pray, the courage and boldness to be your people, willing to respond to your voice.

Thank you, Jesus, that you are the common link that we share. Thank you that you gave your life that we might have eternal life with you. Thank you for sending your Spirit to guide us here on earth. In our current pandemic influenced lives, we thank you that although we long to be together you have blessed us with a pastor who has been a shepherd to our flock keeping us focused on you while we have been physically distanced. We would ask a special blessing on Tom while he is on his study leave. Give him clarity and concentration as he writes his dissertation. Thank you for all those who have worked to make our times worship so rich. We are truly blessed to be part of this body of believers and we thank you for the bond we share.

We ask your blessing on those who grieve, those who are sick and those who are caregivers.

We continue to pray for all those who continue to work during the pandemic, and we ask for your protection for them and their families.

We pray especially for our missionaries at home and abroad. Please keep them safe and let them have an extra measure of joy in their lives.

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 Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith
Lynette Johnson, for her cancer treatment and seeking a second opinion
Josiah, Crystal Jordan's grandson, entering the Merchant Marine Academy
Alice Favor, for her heart condition
Matt, the Marbles grandson, for recovery from extensive burns
Shirley Fender's niece, Katie, in need of a liver transplant
Bill Gowler, for a new 4 to 7 week radiation treatment for his cancer
Ann Marie King, for recent diagnosis of atrial fibrillation and recovery from shock treatment
Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver
Reverend George W. Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, for cancer surgery and that it has not spread
Gordon Reisig, for a full recovery from surgery on his brain
Frank Phillips, for recovery from hip replacement surgery
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 family and friends of Peggy Cochrane

We pray all these things in the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

Children's Sermon

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Jocelyn Haugen

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[Our Response to Human Crisis](#)
(Click on link for Sermon)

Pastor Anton Hoffmann

Song of Response

Here I am, Lord

[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

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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.

Benediction

(Read aloud)

May the grace of Jesus our brother, and the love of God our Father, be made real in you by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Filled with his fullness, live as his ambassador. Amen.

Sunday Virtual Coffee and Doughnut Holes

Please join us for a time of fellowship via Zoom at 11:00 am Sundays—if you are able.

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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