

Sunday, August 2, 2020

*Scattered Together*

## Welcome & Announcements

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Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's Scattered Together worship gathering online. Today we're in our fourth and final week of our sermon series on Ruth. This story of love and redemption shows us God's loving kindness, compassion, mercy and grace for his people. It shows us that God provides and redeems; foreshadowing the greatest redemption when God saved us from our sin by sacrificing his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.

## Call to Worship

Psalm 98 (Read in unison)

**Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn shout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge with righteousness and the people with equity.**

## Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

**We Will Glorify  
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
My Jesus, I Love Thee**

## Prayers for the Church & the World

Kirk Gilbert

Sovereign and eternal God, you spoke and created the heavens and the earth. You made humankind in your image and gave us breath. You revealed yourself supremely through Jesus in his incarnation, his life, death, resurrection and ascension. You sent us the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. We bow down before you and worship you.

*Spend some time in reverence and worship of the holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, our Creator, Redeemer and Friend.*

### Confession

Holy and most merciful God, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how we have sinned by wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts and forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us live in your light and walk in your ways.

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

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.

### Intercession

Most merciful and Triune God, we ask for you to bring an end to the pandemic. Stop the spread of infection, give wisdom to doctors, give understanding to scientists, endow caregivers with compassion. Bring healing to the ill and protect those at risk. Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one. Unite us in compassion and remove fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence in your care.

*Take a moment to pray for individuals we know.*

We pray that local, state, national and global leaders lead with compassion and mercy. We ask that You lavish them with wisdom to heal and strengthen communities.

*Take a moment to pray for these leaders by name.*

"But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children" (Psalm 103:17). We ask for your hand of blessing on all households. Bless us with strength and attendance with those we love, and wisdom to know what to say to bring comfort and encouragement. For those living alone, may your Holy Spirit give them inner strength, courage and joy.

*We take a moment to pray for our family, friends and some of our ELMO family with specific needs:*

Praise for the birth of Paige Elaine Raymond 7-20-20 to Melinda and Kent, siblings Luke and Avery.  
Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith  
Jan Tornquist, praise that her cancer is in remission.  
Judy Cooper-Ashford, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.  
Brian Johnson, for recovery from a heart attack and successful stent placement.  
Lynette Johnson, for her ongoing cancer treatment and seeking a second opinion.  
Bill Gowler, for the new radiation treatment for his cancer.  
Ann Marie King, for recent diagnosis of atrial fibrillation and treatment.  
Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver.  
George Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, praise for successful cancer surgery, pray for follow-up treatment.  
Gordon Reisig, for a full recovery from surgery on his brain.  
Ken Working, for wisdom and guidance for his falls and health for the family.  
Bereavement, for the family and friends of Art Clarke and Joyce Enright.

Finally, as you taught us to pray "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," instill in us a walk worthy of the gospel; may we be your instruments in fulfilling the Great Commission. Empower us with words of hope and equip us to love and serve those around us. We pray all this in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

## God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Ruth 4](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[The Best is Yet to Come](#)

Tom Haugen

(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

King of Kings

[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.**

## Remembering our Common Union in Christ Together as One

We celebrate the sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month at ELMO, but 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 Lord's Supper is a tangible way to remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection until he returns. 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

Ephesians 3:20-21 (Read in unison)

Now to him that is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. 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](mailto:elmoprayers@gmail.com)

Our offices are closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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