

Sunday, July 5, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements

[Click here for Gordon Smith's video](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today we are looking at praise and gratitude to God as essential and central to life in Christ. We are to turn our attention and affection towards God as we focus on obedience and reverence. 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

From Psalm 46:1-11 (Read in unison)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts; The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes war cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Worship in Song

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Matthew & Jess Roy

**O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Before the Throne
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Prayers for the Church & the World

Kirk Gilbert

Most gracious Heavenly Father, you are the one true and great God, the creator of all and the Rock of our salvation. You have made the heavens and the earth and all that is within it. It all belongs to you and you are sovereign. You made each one of us, you care for us, provide us all we need; we are your flock. Yet, we go astray and wander from your ways. You sent your Son, the good shepherd, to bring us back. Your Spirit is our guide and comforter. Thus, it is with true reverence that we kneel and bow down to you, our Lord and maker.

Forgive us, Lord, for we continue to stray and wander. We do what we should not do and we leave undone what we should do. We do not love you with all of our heart, soul and mind, and we forget to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, help us to refocus by putting You and Your will first. Help us to seek Your kingdom and righteousness and then let all else fall into its rightful place. Help us to make choices for eternity; give us a spirit to focus our efforts, time, care and concern on walking in your ways and according to your commands.

Lord, there is so much suffering in the world today. We pray for the world leaders that they will seek your divine will and direction to lead justly and wisely. We pray for the medical providers, researchers and caregivers as they battle the virus pandemic. We pray for those impacted by the pandemic. We pray for the unrest in our communities. Where there is division, may we bring restoration. Where there is inequality, may we bring justice. Where there is powerlessness, may we lift up the broken hearted. Where there is damage, may we bring healing. Lord, strengthen and guide us to be your ambassadors, proclaiming the good news.

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
Brian Johnson, for recovery from a heart attack and successful stent placement
Lynette Johnson, for her ongoing cancer treatment and seeking a second opinion
Ben Spradley, for recovery from hand surgery
Josiah, Crystal Jordan's grandson, entering the Merchant Marine Academy
Matt, the Marbles grandson, for recovery from extensive burns
Shirley Fender's niece, Katie, recovery from and praise for liver transplant surgery

Bill Gowler, for the success of his new weekly 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
Reverend George W. Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, praise for successful cancer surgery and that it has not spread. Prayers for his follow-up radiation treatment.
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 Alice Favor and Peggy Cochrane

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

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Psalm 95:1-11 NIV](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[Inner Health Made Audible](#)
(Click on link for Sermon)

Ben Patterson

Song of Response

Our Great God

[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.

Celebrating our Common Union in Christ Together as One

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

(Read 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, for ever. Amen.

Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21 (Read aloud)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever 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

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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