

# WORSHIP

Sunday, July 12, 2020

*Scattered Together*

## Welcome & Announcements

[Click here for Alice Amspoker's video](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Today we begin our sermon series on Ruth. We will examine how God is involved in the day to day joys and hardships of our lives. 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

Psalms 105:1-9 (Read in unison)

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done.  
Sing to him, sing praise to him;  
tell of all his wonderful acts.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
Look to the LORD and his strength;  
seek his face always.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,  
you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,  
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.  
He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He remembers his covenant forever,  
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac.

## Worship in Song

[Click here for music and lyrics](#)

Matthew & Jess Roy

**Come Thou Almighty King**  
**It is Well**  
**Day by Day**

## Prayers for the Church & the World

Kirk Gilbert

Heavenly Father, you are our God and we are the people of your pasture, the flock under your tender loving care. You search for your sheep when we wander from your loving arms. We thank you that you love us so much that you sent your son, the Lord Jesus as our kinsman-redeemer who brings us back from the slavery of sin into the family of God. We are grateful for the Holy Spirit's comfort, guidance and revelation of truth. We thank you for your Word which reminds us what a faithful God you are.

Lord, we confess that we often stray from you and fail to do your will. You know our hearts and you know our lives. We do not live as we ought, we turn away from you and from our neighbors. We dim your light within us. Forgive us, we pray, help us do better, turn to you and surrender to your will through the love of Jesus.

Father, we see the collective suffering in the world that needs your intervention. We ask for your guidance as we deal with the coronavirus. We ask you to bless the medical professionals, researchers and all caregivers called to give of themselves in battling the virus. We pray for the orphaned, widowed, poor and vulnerable. Let us not just speak justice but let us act in just ways. May we restore hope where hope has been smashed, may we sow compassion where there has been fear. We pray for the church to reflect the love of Jesus, so that the oppressed and needy see true justice and equality. May we serve, may we be generous. May we live our lives in a manner worthy of the sacrifice your son made for us.

Father, we now pray for the needs of our congregation and for our personal concerns:

*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  
Barbara Mendelson, 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  
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 Tomquist, for continued strength after chemotherapy treatment  
Bereavement, for the family and friends of Peggy Fuller and Alice Favor

We pray all these things in the precious and powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

## God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Ruth 1](#)

Sermon

[A Bittersweet Story](#)

Tom Haugen

(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

[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

Numbers 6:24-26 (Read aloud)

**The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

## 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)

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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*Ginger Ketzel, Nominating*

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*Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries*

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