

Sunday, July 26, 2020

*Scattered Together*

## Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's Scattered Together interactive worship gathering online. Today we're in the third week of our sermon series on Ruth. On one level the Old Testament book of Ruth describes the love story of Ruth and Boaz, but it is so much more than an earthly love story. Ruth is about deep and loyal friendship, and most importantly it is all about God's provision, care and deep love for his people. Ruth is a love story taking us on a journey of extremes - from death to life, barrenness to fruitfulness, pain to joy, cursing to blessing, bitterness to worship, loneliness to community and emptiness to overflowing. Throughout this account God's love, mercy, and kindness shine brightly. 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 103:1-8 (Read in unison)

Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:  
The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

## Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

**Come, People of the Risen King**  
**There is a Redeemer**  
**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

## Prayers for the Church & the World

Tom Haugen

Almighty and eternal God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Book of Common Prayer*

### Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy.

*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

Heavenly Father we ask for you to bring an end to the spread of the COVID-19 virus across the globe. Give the medical teams success in finding treatments and speed and accuracy in developing a vaccine. In this moment of great need please bring the healing and comfort of Christ for those who are sick, anxious, grieving and suffering. Watch over, protect, and strengthen our healthcare professionals, first responders, armed forces, and essential workers even as they put themselves in harm's way.

*We take a moment to pray for the individuals we know personally who serve in these positions.*

We pray for our world, country, state and city leaders to have great wisdom and calm as they make difficult decisions. Give teachers, government officials, and church leaders courage and wisdom to lead with love, grace and creativity during this time of social distancing.

*We take a moment to pray by name for leaders who serve in these positions.*

We pray for patience and joy in our homes as we spend lots of time together. We are mindful of those who are alone during this season. Please help them to find safe ways of connecting with people and meet them in their loneliness.

*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.

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.

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.

Finally, Lord, we know that you can use all things for your glory. We ask you to use this challenging season to turn hearts towards you and bring people into a relationship with you through your Son Jesus Christ.

*We take a moment to pray by name for our neighbors, co-workers, friends and family who do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.*

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## God's Word Read & Proclaimed

### Scripture Reading

[Ruth 3](#) (Read aloud)

### Sermon

[From Emptiness to Overflowing](#)

Tom Haugen

(Click on link for Sermon)

### Song of Response

There is a Hope

[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

Ephesians 3:16-19 (Read in unison)

**I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

## 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)

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