

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's Scattered Together worship gathering online. Today we begin a new series "All In - Unexpected Encounters with Jesus." We're exploring interactions with Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke that radically altered the lives of the men and women Jesus encountered. God is still in the business of changing lives. May we experience God redeeming and transforming our lives as we encounter and surrender our lives to Jesus. 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 121 (Read in unison)

I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

I Will Follow
I Surrender All
My Lighthouse

Prayers for the Church & the World

Kirk Gilbert

Almighty God and most merciful Father, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you show us. You sent your Son, the Lord Jesus, to save us from our sins. You sent your Spirit of truth, who guides us and is our Advocate and Counsellor. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us.

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

Confession

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and trying to forge ahead on our own. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world.

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

God, you alone are worthy of honor, glory and praise. With you, we can overcome every storm - including the global pandemic. Heal those who are sick and protect those who are most vulnerable. Give health care professionals and researchers extra wisdom as they treat patients and develop a vaccine. Calm our fears and fill us with your hope, joy and peace as we continue to trust in you. Strengthen your global church. We lift up the men, women and children in Beirut, Lebanon as they recover from a horrific explosion. Lord please bring your everlasting peace, aid and relieve in their time of deep pain and need. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us. Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want your glory and power to be visible.

Take a moment to pray for individuals we know.

We pray for our leaders whose decisions and policies impact the lives of millions around the world. God, we pray that your Spirit will fill their hearts and minds that they might hear the voices of the impoverished, the oppressed and the vulnerable. God help these leaders see the impact of their actions and dispose them to launch healing and hope through just policies.

Take a moment to pray for these leaders by name.

In these uncertain times with the changes in our lives due to social distancing and limitations of interaction with others, speak to us, Spirit of Grace; of that hope which is our anchor; of that peace which is our rock; of that grace which is our refuge.

Take a moment to pray for our family and friends. Pray for El Montecito, Pastor Tom, the staff, the Early School and our elders and deacons. Pray for the Reopening Campus Team as we move forward with Church in the Courtyard. Pray for 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 with his health and for the family.
Bereavement, for the family and friends of Art Clarke, Karen Cooper and Joyce Enright.

Loving God, you have called forth disciples and prophets to live and speak your Word. Give us ears to hear, lives to respond and voices to proclaim the Good News and salvation which we know in Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading [Luke 5:1-11](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon [All In—Unexpected Encounters with Jesus “Called”](#) Tom Haugen
(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

Take My Life and Let it Be [Click here for music & lyrics](#) Matthew Roy

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 Jude 24-25 (Read in unison)

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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

Our offices are closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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