

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements

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Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's Scattered Together worship gathering online. Today in our "All In - Unexpected Encounters with Jesus" sermon series we're looking at another interaction with Jesus in Luke that radically altered the lives of the men and women Jesus encountered. Let's remember God is still very much in the business of changing lives. May we experience God redeeming and transforming our lives as we encounter 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 96:1-9 (Read in unison)

**Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.**

Worship in Song

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

Matthew & Jess Roy

**We Fall Down
I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Prayers for the Church & the World

Kirk Gilbert

Adoration

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. (Psalm 145:1-7)

You are a loving God. You are constantly by my side in every walk of life. Wherever I go, you are waiting to show yourself to me.

Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:1-4,10)

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

Thanksgiving

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:8-12)

You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalms 118:28-29)

Supplication

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalms 91:1-4)

Take a moment to pray for the leaders, medical professionals and researchers dealing with COVID19. Pray for those afflicted by the virus and their caregivers.

Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will arise, says the LORD. I will protect them from those who malign them. (Psalm 12:5)

He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. (Psalm 72:12-14)

Take a moment to pray for the widows, the orphans, the poor and the oppressed. Pray for Lebanon's heartbroken people suffering from a financial crisis, COVID19 and a devastating explosion.

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and fortress; for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. (Psalm 31:1-5)

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 Bill & Dolores Gowler's 71st wedding anniversary and Bill's completed radiation treatment. 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 his safely returning to work on August 3rd.
Lynette Johnson, for wisdom as the doctor's decide on her next cancer treatment plan.
Ann Marie King, for treatment of AFib and sleep apnea during these stressful times.
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 health challenges for him and for the family.
Bereavement, for the family and friends of Art Clarke, Karen Cooper and Joyce Enright.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:13, 17-18)

We pray all of this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Luke 5:17-26](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[All In—Unexpected Encounters with Jesus "Undaunted"](#)
(Click on link for Sermon)

Tom Haugen

Song of Response

Hungry

[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

Romans 15:5-6 (Read in unison)

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind towards each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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.