

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Scattered Together

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

*Call to Worship Psalm 86:4-12

Leader: Bring joy to your servant, LORD, for I put my trust in you. You, LORD are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

People: Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Leader: Among the gods, there is none like you, LORD; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, LORD; they will bring glory to your name.

All: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, LORD, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, LORD my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise [Joyful, Joyful](#) Matthew Roy

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother —
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Go to our website or 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 trusting all of our lives to Jesus as we join God in his work in our community and around the world.

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology

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.

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostle's Creed

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

All In—Unexpected Encounters with Jesus, "Surprise"

Tom Haugen

Hymn of Response

And Can It Be?

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?
*Refrain: Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?*
2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:
I woke — the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Refrain
4. No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.
Refrain

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

O most merciful God, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to you: we humbly confess our sins. We have not loved you with a pure heart. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with your Spirit. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

Take a moment to confess your sins, knowing that God hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Thanks be to God!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art 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, forever. Amen

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Dismissal by rows

Postlude

Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Direct Prayer Requests to elmoprayers@gmail.com.

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith.

Praise for our new Assistant Pastor to Families, Rev. Lauri Haugen!

Dr. Curtis Whiteman and others in assisted living, for their spirits during isolation away from family.

Shelley Fogg, for recovery from her ACL and MCL knee surgery.

Tom Svoboda, Jean's son, for hospitalization due to a high fever and kidney stones.

Jan Tornquist, praise that her cancer is in remission.

Brian Johnson, for his safe return to work on August 3rd.

Lynette Johnson, for her continued 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, for continued cancer treatment.

Gordon Reising, for a full recovery from surgery on his brain.

Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

Connecting & Serving

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Courtyard

A study of the Gospel according to Matthew will begin this week on September 10th. Please bring your Bible, a cup of coffee and a mask.

Family Ministry Events in September: Bring your family & friends and join us for some long overdue face time (or at least partial, socially distanced, and masked face time). All ages welcome!

September 11th, 7-9 PM: Outside Movie Night in the Elmo Courtyard

BYO snacks, chairs, and blankets. We'll provide the movie!

September 25th, 6-7 PM: Sunset Stroll at Santa Claus Beach

Meet us on the beach in front of Padaro Beach Grill.

Sermon Series and Bible Study: Starting September 13th through the month of October join us for "Cup o' Joe" **God's Providence and Promises - Genesis 37-50.** The Preaching schedule and weekly Bible reading will be sent to you in an email or can be found on our website [Click Here](#).

Women in the Word: "Rebounding Faith" a study of the Gospel of John

Women in the Word Bible study will begin again when the Parish Hall reopens. We look forward to Breakfast, Worship Music, Small Friendship Groups, and Teaching. The Gospel of John speaks to us, with great vigor, as we "Rebound in Christ and renew our spirit from within...together!" You matter to Him.

GriefShare: Montecito Covenant church, along with several facilitators from multiple churches are offering a grief support group to the community. In light of how Covid has impacted our community, they are starting a new online session, meeting Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, from Sept. 14th through Dec. 7th. Please share with anyone you think could benefit from this program. Are you in the midst of navigating loss or grief? GriefShare is a nondenominational support group that meets weekly. You are welcome to begin attending at any point. Each session is self-contained and it is not required to attend in sequence. Register by contacting Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 or pbeebe@westmont.edu. For more information, please visit www.griefshare.org.

Marriage Bootcamp: Westmont Professor, Dr. Andrea Gurney is offering a Marriage Bootcamp workshop to help couples strengthen their marriage. Please go to: <https://andreagurney.com/marriagebootcamp/> for more information and registration.

During this time of social distancing, God is with you!

And, we're here for you by phone or online.

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked.

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