



Welcome & Announcements

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church's interactive worship gathering online. Or as we're calling it "Scattered Together." As you worship this morning, be encouraged that you are not alone. Christians from our congregation and around Santa Barbara are also gathering virtually alongside you to give God praise and honor. So, break out those guitars, dust off the piano, or just throw open your doors and windows and sing out God's praise! Appoint family/friends to lead each movement of worship or read it out loud yourself. We apologize for the adds with the songs...the first link is for hymn/song lyrics, the second link is for guitar/piano music.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7 (Read in Unison)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Worship in Song

[When Morning Gilds the Sky](#) (YouTube with lyrics) [Piano Music](#) (with lyrics)

[Amazing Grace \(My Chains are Gone\)](#) - Chris Tomlin (YouTube with lyrics) [Guitar Chords](#)

[King of Kings - Hillsong Worship](#) (YouTube with lyrics) [Guitar Chords](#)

Prayer

Take some time to pray using the A.C.T.S model and the Lord's Prayer as a guide.

Adoration: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Adore God and give him all praise and honor).

Confession: And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (Confess your sins both corporately and silently).

Thanksgiving: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. (Thank God for his forgiveness and grace. Thank God for his provision and presence this week in both good and painful circumstances).

Supplication: And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.... Give us this day our daily bread. (Pray for our world, for our nation, for our community & church, and for ourselves).

Prayer Requests & Praises

Suzy Dobreski, for recovery from foot surgery

Ron Gouger, praise for answered prayer that he is now cancer free!

Ken Working, for wisdom and guidance for his falls and health for the family

Don Rhodes, for recovery from a broken arm and surgery

Lynette Johnson, for diagnosis and wisdom of new symptoms and treatment

Jan Tornquist, for continued strength after chemotherapy treatment

Bill Gowler, for continued strength during cancer treatment

Bereavement

For the family and friends of Eva Cruickshank who went to be with the Lord on March 13th

Listen to God's Word

Read **Romans 8:18-39** (You may choose to listen to the sermon or use the discussion questions to dig deeper into Romans 8).

Sermon Suggestion: [Randy Alcorn, Romans 8:28](#) (YouTube)

Discussion Questions

- What does the word "glory" mean? How does it help to know we share Christ's suffering so we may share his glory? (Romans 8:18)
- How is creation "groaning," and how will it be set free? (Romans 8:19-22)
- What steps are you taking to wait patiently during this time of social distancing? (Romans 8:23-25)
- Have you ever been unable to pray or just not known what to pray? How is Romans 8:26-27 an encouragement to you?
- What is some of "the good" that God is working together in what we are experiencing right now? (Romans 8:28)
- What is God doing to make you like Jesus Christ? (Romans 8:29-30)
- Paul asks a string of questions in Romans 8:31-35. What are they and how does he answer them?
- What hardship have you experienced this year and how has Jesus' love helped you? (Romans 8:35-39)

Song of Response

[He Will Hold Me Fast](#)—Shane & Shane (YouTube) [Guitar chords and lyrics](#)

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast;
'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast. (2x)

He began a work in me, He began a work in me.
He'll complete a work in me, He'll complete a work in me.

Tithes & Offerings

Follow the [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.

Benediction

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (Read in unison)

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word."

**During this time of social distancing, God is with you!
And, we're here for you by phone or online.**

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