

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Scattered Together

Welcome & Announcements [Click here for morning announcements](#)

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church interactive worship gathering online. Today we're starting a new sermon series through Philippians. Paul's letter to the church in Philippi is one of my favorite books of the Bible. This short letter is filled with joy, celebrates the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives, and highlights the importance of unity for followers of Jesus. During this season of physical separation let's celebrate our partnership in God's Work. As we worship this morning, be encouraged that you are not alone. We are all in this together, even when we are apart.

Call to Worship

Psalms 133 (Read in unison)

How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Worship in Song

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

Matthew Roy

Holy, Holy, Holy
Oh Praise the Name
Church's One Foundation

Prayer

Janet Gates

Let's pray together using Jesus' Greatest Commandment as our guide...

In **Matthew 22:37** Jesus said, "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind".

*Take some time to Praise **God** for Who He is: Holy, Immortal, Almighty, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Great Shepherd, our Anchor and our Rock, and more*
*Take some time to praise **Jesus**: Prince of Peace, Bread of Life, Savior, Redeemer, the Way, the Truth and the Life.*
*Take some time to praise the **Holy Spirit**: Comforter, Advocate and Counselor.*

Jesus said in **John 14:15**, "If you love me, you will obey what I command".

Take some time to silently confess those times when you have not obeyed his commands and where you have not loved God according to the Greatest Commandment.

Jesus went on in **John 14:21** to say "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him".

Thank the Lord for how he has shown you himself and his love, including forgiving you for your sins and paying the penalty we owe by dying on the cross in our place, thereby redeeming all who trust in him.

Finally, in **Matthew 22:39** Jesus gives the second greatest commandment: "And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments".

Spend time praying for your own needs and your family's needs, but also and especially for the needs of our neighbors, including our leaders, our medical personnel who are working to treat the ill, those seeking a COVID-19 vaccine and effective treatments, for Pastor Tom and rest of the church staff as they minister to us all during this difficult time, for those who don't yet know Jesus and for our church family as follows:

Prayer Requests & Praises

Gordon Reisig, for strength while receiving at home care and physical therapy to walk again

Lynette Johnson, for recovery from surgery to remove a brain tumor

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

Jan Tomquist, for continued strength after chemotherapy treatment

Bill Gowler, for continued strength during cancer treatment

Bereavement, for the families of Eva Cruickshank, Bob Mannon, Al Clark and Bill Randolph

In the name of your precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Preschool Children's Message [Click here for the message](#)

Uriah Venegas

God's Word Read & Proclaimed

Scripture Reading

[Philippians 1:1-11](#) (Read aloud)

Sermon

[Together As One – Connection](#)

Tom Haugen

(Click on link for Sermon)

Song of Response

[Build Your Kingdom Here](#) (Click on link 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. Thank you for your generous donations towards our goal of \$4000 to support the Outreach Foundation's ministry to those impacted by COVID-19 in China. We still have a \$750 shortfall you can contribute to by designating "Easter Offering" on your check or emailing us at accounting@elmopres.org for your online giving.

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

From [Rev. John Schule](#) (Read in unison)

Go forth into the world in peace.

Be strong and courageous.

Do that which is just.

Love God and each other with a singleness of heart,

and rejoice always in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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