

El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 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 105:1-12

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

People: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Leader: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

All: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

- Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet,
 Sung by flaming tongues above;
 Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it,
 Name of God's redeeming love.
- 2. Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
 Thou hast bro't me to this place;
 And I know Thy hand will bring me
 Safely home by Thy good grace.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wandering from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Bought me with His precious blood.
- 3. O to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
 Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
 Prone to leave the God I love;
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
 Seal it for Thy courts above.

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. 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. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7

Pastor: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Go to our website or follow this <u>link to give online</u>. 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

Lauri Haugen

*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.

Prayers for the Church & the World

For those of you worshiping at home, please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Matthew & Jess Roy

- My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
 For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- I love Thee because Thou has first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
 I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death; And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
- 4. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Scripture Genesis 40-41

Sermon <u>Cup o' Joe, God's Providence and Promises – Lifted</u> Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn of Response

It is Well with my Soul

Matthew & Jess Roy

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

3. My sin—O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin-not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,

Refrain

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"—it is well with my soul. Refrain

2. Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

*Benediction Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may over- flow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

Jan Tornquist, praise that her cancer is in remission.

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 a grant for an expensive script for a chemo pill as his numbers go up.

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

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

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series and Bible Study: Sundays 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 can be found on our website or <u>Click Here</u>.

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

You're invited to join us on Thursdays for a study of the Gospel according to Matthew. Please bring your Bible, a cup of coffee and a mask.

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

The Women in the Word Bible study will begin once the Santa Barbara County Covid-19 restrictions allow us to safely meet inside. We look forward to Breakfast, Worship Music, Small Friendship Groups, and Bible 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. For more information please contact Patty Wilson at 805-689-4496.

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-19 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.

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.

Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor

Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families

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Carl Perry, Finance & Property
Mary Slater, Human Resources
Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries

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Betty Delk, Co-Moderator
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Bob Aguirre, At-Large
Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation
Anita Allmon
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Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts
Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation
Pam Jepson, Care Notes
Paul Jepson, Early School Committee
Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship
Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers



Church Financial Status

July and August 2020

Let us all praise, honor and thank God for all he has given us!

To our faithful Congregation we thank you for your tithes and offerings to the church to meet our goals. For the past two months we have been blessed by your generous giving, and the results are very encouraging with our net income positive at \$35,187.

ELMO Church Budget Presentation for July and August 2020

July		August	
Revenue	\$48,232	Revenue	\$69,291
Expense	\$40,441	Expense	\$41,625
Net Income	\$7,791	Net Income	\$27,666
Year to Date-Two Month Totals			
	Revenue	\$117,523	
	Expenses	\$82,336	
	Net Income	\$35,187	

While this income is encouraging, we pray you will continue with your generous tithes and offerings to support the strong ministries we have for our growing church. In understanding the responsibility, we have in Christian giving, J. I. Packer writes, "Our money is a trust from God to be used for his glory...the ministry of giving in all its forms aims to advance the Kingdom of God."

In order to keep you fully informed on our church financials, we plan to send you a status report on a regular basis.

With Gratitude,

The ELMO Finance Team

Finance Team members are: Carl Perry, Chair, Barbara Mendelson, ELMO Treasurer, Terry Foil, Ron Gouger, Susan Hughes, George Isaac, Barbara Kennedy, Ray Ketzel, Jeffery Smith and Kelly Vandever