

El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 20, 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 40

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.

Leader: Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

People: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Leader: Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

All: None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Matthew Roy

- A mighty fortress is our God,
 A bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing.
 For still our ancient foe
 Doth seek to work us woe—
 His craft and pow'r are great,
 And, armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide,
 Our striving would be losing,
 Were not the right man on our side,
 The man of God's own choosing,
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is He—
 Lord Sabaoth His name,
 From age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.
- 3. And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him—His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:

 One little word shall fell him.
- 4. That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
 No thanks to them, abideth;
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours
 Thru Him who with us sideth.
 Let goods and kindred go,
 This mortal life also—
 The body they may kill;
 God's truth abideth still:
 His kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin Unison

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 my 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; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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

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

*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

How Firm a Foundation

Matthew Roy

- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2. Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply: The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
- 4. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!

Scripture Genesis 39

Sermon <u>Cup o' Joe, God's Providence and Promises — Tempted</u>

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Lord I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess,
 Bowing here I find my rest.
 And without You I fall apart,
 You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. And where you are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me. Yes where you are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

3. Teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Chorus (2 times)

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

*Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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.

Lisa Salgado, Early School teacher, for recovery from eye surgery and for her class will she is out.

Dr. Curtis Whiteman and others in assisted living, for their spirits during isolation 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 continued cancer treatment.

Gordon Reisig, 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 continues this week. 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 socially distanced and masked face time). All ages welcome!

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: Join us through the month of October 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 by <u>Clicking Here</u>.

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

Women in the Word Bible study will begin again when the state mandates change so we can gather inside. 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 with-in...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 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.

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