

WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday, November 1, 2020 *Church in the Courtyard*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation Matthew Roy & Emily Sommermann

*Call to Worship Isaiah 40:26-31

Leader: Lift your eyes up and look to the heavens. Who created all of these?

People: He brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Leader: Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?"

People: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

All: Even youth grow tired and weary, and young people stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Matthew Roy

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| <p>1. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through 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.</p> <p>4. That word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through 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.</p> |
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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

Nathan Gates

Music of Reflection

*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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

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Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Scripture

Genesis 1-3

Sermon

Mountain Peaks of Promise: The Garden

Tom Haugen

Hymn of Response

The Love of God

1. The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.

Refrain

O, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song!

2. When years of time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—The saints' and angels' song.

Refrain

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Refrain

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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 to God, knowing that he hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious.

People: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

All: 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.

The Celebration of Communion

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

*Hymn of Praise

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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

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.
Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.
Shari Isaac, for recovery from hip replacement surgery
Marilyn Nichols, for strength and the ability to function safely at home on her own.
Cathy Clemens, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.
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, while home schooling.
Jan Tornquist, praise that her cancer is in remission.
Lynette Johnson, for her continued cancer treatment plan.
Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver.
George Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, praise for receiving a grant for his prescription medication.
Gordon Reisig, for peace for him Darlene and the family while he is on hospice care at home.
Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series: Mountain Peaks of Promise: A Journey Through the Old Testament. This Advent season we're taking the 30,000-foot view of Scripture as we explore six of the Mountain Peaks of Promise in the Old Testament as they point us to the fulfillment of God's promises through Jesus Christ. Join us as we journey through God's unfolding promise plan of salvation to see the big picture of who God is and what he has done.

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:00 am in the Courtyard (unless otherwise specified)

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

Operation Christmas Child: Now through November 15th

Each October our church packs shoeboxes full of gifts to bless children in need around the world through this ministry. Shoebox forms and boxes are available at the entrance to Church in the Courtyard! Please return your packed boxes by Sunday November 15th. You may even pack a box online at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

M-4 Turkey Drive 2020: Now through November 20th

The M-4 Churches are asking for cash donations instead of turkeys and chickens this year. If you would like to donate please make your check payable to our church and include "Turkey Drive" in the memo.

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission Clothing Giveaway: Now through December 14th

Please donate winter clothing for the homeless to be distributed at the SBRM Christmas feast. Due to COVID-19 this year we will not be collecting clothing at the church, however you can still participate in this wonderful outreach! For more details please contact SBRM at (805)966-1316 or go to their website: sbrm.org.

GriefShare: Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, from Sept.14th through Dec. 7th online

Montecito Covenant church, is hosting online sessions each Monday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. GriefShare is a nondenominational support group that meets weekly. You may 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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