

# WORSHIP

November 29, 2020 **First Sunday of Advent—Hope** Church in the Courtyard

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

\*Call to Worship Isaiah 40:27-31

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name.

**People: 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 youths grow tired and weary, and young men 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 be faint.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope Melia, Annie and Jocelyn Haugen

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

\*\*Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Jess & Matthew Roy

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| 1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,<br>Born to set Thy people free;<br>From our fears and sins release us;<br>Let us find our rest in Thee.<br>Israel's strength and consolation,<br>Hope of all the earth Thou art;<br>Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,<br>Joy of ev'ry longing heart. | 2. Born Thy people to deliver,<br>Born a Child, and yet a King,<br>Born to reign in us forever,<br>Now thy gracious kingdom bring.<br>By Thine own eternal Spirit,<br>Rule in all our hearts alone;<br>By Thine all-sufficient merit<br>Raise us to Thy glorious throne. |
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Confession of Sin Unison

**We confess gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us for when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine brightly on us this Advent season so we may be restored and renewed. Guide us into your time and way, so that we may be at one with you when all your glory is revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Please 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

Kirk Gilbert

### 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.

### Prayers for the Church & the World

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

#### \*\*Hymn of Preparation

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

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| 1. It came upon the midnight clear,<br>That glorious song of old,<br>From angels bending near the earth<br>To touch their harps of gold;<br>"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,<br>From heav'n's all-gracious King!"<br>The world in solemn stillness lay<br>To hear the angels sing. | 3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load,<br>Whose forms are bending low,<br>Who toil along the climbing way<br>With painful steps and slow,<br>Look now! for glad and golden hours<br>Come swiftly on the wing:<br>O rest beside the weary road<br>And hear the angels sing                      |
| 2. Still thru the cloven skies they come<br>With peaceful wings unfurled,<br>And still their heav'nly music floats<br>O'er all the weary world;<br>Above its sad and lowly plains<br>They bend on hov'ring wing,<br>And ever o'er its Babel sounds<br>The blessed angels sing."          | 4. For lo, the days are hast'ning on,<br>By prophets seen of old,<br>When with the ever-circling years<br>Shall come the time foretold,<br>When the new heav'n and earth shall own<br>The Prince of Peace their King,<br>And the whole world give back the song<br>Which now the angels sing us. |

### Scripture

Exodus 19-20

### Sermon

**Mountain Peaks of Promise: Israel**

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

#### \*\*Reflection of Response

*He Who is Mighty*

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| 1. Oh, the mercy our God has shown<br>To those who sit in death's shadow.<br>The sun on high pierced the night;<br>Born was the Cornerstone<br>Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born. | <b>Refrain:</b><br>He Who is mighty has done a great thing;<br>Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,<br>Shattered the darkness and lifted our shame.<br>Holy is His name. |
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2. Oh, the freedom our Savior won;  
The yoke of sin has been broken.  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation.  
Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born.

3. Now my soul magnifies the Lord;  
I rejoice in the God Who saves,  
I will trust His unfailing love,  
I will sing His praises all my days. X2

#### Refrain

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#### \*Benediction

#### Dismissal by Rows

#### Postlude

\* Stand if you are able.

\*\* Due to Santa Barbara County restrictions singing is not permitted during outdoor gatherings.

## 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. Preaching Schedule at: <http://elmopres.org/sermons/>

**Advent Devotional:** To help your children build Christmas traditions around Jesus, we have a gift for you to take home. Pick up your free copy today in the Courtyard. [Prepare Him Room](#), by Marty Mackowski.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services in the Courtyard:** Dec. 24th, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00 pm

Candlelight Lessons and Carols in the Courtyard will be held at three different times for your convenience. RSVPs are available NOW through our website at: [elmopres.org/Christmas-eve-service/](http://elmopres.org/Christmas-eve-service/)

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

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:** A total of 40 Shoeboxes were collected by ELMO this year! Thank you to everyone who helped to bless children in need around the world through this ministry.

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

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](http://sbrm.org) or pick up a flyer from the front table.

**Santa Barbara Mission Conference:** January 29 - 30, 2021 Online

The virtual conference takes place Friday evening, Jan. 29, and all-day Saturday, Jan. 30. Register by going online at [sbmissionconference.org](http://sbmissionconference.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 at any point. Register by contacting Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 or [pbeebe@westmont.edu](mailto:pbeebe@westmont.edu). For more information, please visit [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Check out the Newsletter page at:** [elmopres.org/newsletters/](http://elmopres.org/newsletters/) for the Thanksgiving update.

## 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](mailto:elmoprayers@gmail.com).

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith.  
Monica Eiler, for recovery and pain relief from a back injury.  
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 for treatment of stomach issues and is in the hospital.  
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.

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

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### **Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*  
*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*  
*Terry Foil, Early School*  
*Nathan Gates, Outreach*  
*Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer*  
*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*  
*Ginger Ketzler, Nominating*  
*Carl Perry, Finance & Property*  
*Mary Slater, Human Resources*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries*

### **Deacons**

*Betty Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator*  
*Bob Aguirre, At-Large*  
*Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation*  
*Anita Allmon*  
*Errin Cecil-Smith, Secretary, Treasurer*  
*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 & Distribu-*