

WORSHIP

January 10, 2021

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 34:1-8, 22

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame

Leader: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him from all his troubles.

People: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

All: The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise

O Worship the King

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Confession of Sin Unison

Blessed are the poor in spirit, but we have been rich in pride. Blessed are those who mourn, but we have not much sorrow for our sin. Blessed are the meek, but we are a stiff-necked people. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, but we are easily satisfied with earthly delights. Blessed are the merciful, but we are harsh and impatient. Blessed are the pure in heart, but we possess and conceal our impure hearts. Blessed are the peacemakers, but we have not sought reconciliation. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, but we seek safety and our lives do not challenge the world. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me, but we have hardly made it known that we are yours. Your law is holy and your blessings are perfect, but they are both too great for us. You alone are blessed. We plead with you to forgive our sins and give us the blessing of your righteousness.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us .

Leader: 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 [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

Ginger Ketzell

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My comforter, my all in all—
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh:
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid—
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me:
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home—
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Scripture

Matthew 5-7

Sermon

Up There, Down Here—The Sermon on the Mount
“An Overview”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone, I've been set free;
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Refrain x2

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine,
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine

*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.

For healing of our divided nation. Pray that in the midst of a divided country there would be an openness for all people to embrace the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our country.

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners, esp. Faustino Martinez. Curtis Whiteman for recovery from stomach surgery.

Emily Sommermann, for healing of a broken wrist from a biking accident.

Monica Eiler, for recovery and pain relief from a back injury.

Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.

Marilyn Nichols, for strength and the ability to function safely at home on her own.

Lynette Johnson, for her continued cancer treatment plan.

Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver.

George Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, for perseverance, strength and healing from cancer.

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.

Bereavement, pray for the family and friends of Twila Fender, Shirley Fender's mother, and Jan Tornquist.

A memorial site has been created for Jan in lieu of a service: <https://www.forevermissed.com/jan-myrtle-tornquist/about>

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series: Up There, Down Here - Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, Jan. 10 - Feb. 28, 2021

"The Sermon on the Mount is not a set of principles to be obeyed apart from identification with Jesus Christ. The Sermon on the Mount is a statement of the life we will live when the Holy Spirit is getting his way with us." *Oswald Chambers*. In the greatest sermon ever preached, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his followers what life looks like when heaven and earth come together, when up there comes down here. There is a reason Jesus taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." This winter let's dive into the best known but least understood part of the teachings of Jesus as we explore what up there, down here looks like at El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

Covenant Partner/New Member Class: January 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 2021

Want to get connected? Join our church family? Learn about ECO? Where do you begin? El Montecito Presbyterian Covenant Partner/Member Class is a four-week class on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM over Zoom. RSVP to Maryann at: admin@elmopres.org with your names and phone # to join. Tom will be sending out the Zoom invite.

2021 Virtual ECO National Gathering: January 29-31, 2021

One of the silver linings of our current circumstance is that we all have the opportunity to attend the ECO National Gathering from the comfort of your home. Join this weekend of leadership development, encouragement and a deep dive into God's flourishing next step for your life and ministry - at no cost - by registering at: econationalgathering.org. The entire event will be livestreamed from ELMO!

Christmas Offering Update:

We collected \$3,695 to be equally distributed between the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission and the Transition House. Thank you for all of your generous giving to support these important community organizations!

**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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