

# WORSHIP

February 21, 2021

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 33:1-11

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

**People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**

Leader: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

**People: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

Leader: The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

**All: But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

**\*Hymn Of Praise**

*Immortal, Invisible*

Deborah Bertling

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and  
love.
3. To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth  
Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render—O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

**Confession of Sin** Unison

From Micah 6 and Psalm 51

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Psalm 34:22

The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

**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**

Susan Hughes

**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**

*Hallelujah! What a Savior!*

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| <p>1. “Man of Sorrows!” what a name<br/>For the Son of God, who came<br/>Ruined sinners to reclaim!<br/>Hallelujah, what a Savior!</p>             | <p>2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,<br/>In my place condemned He stood—<br/>Sealed my pardon with His blood:<br/>Hallelujah, what a Savior!</p> |
| <p>3. Guilty, vile and helpless we,<br/>Spotless Lamb of God was He;<br/>Full atonement! Can it be?<br/>Hallelujah, what a Savior!</p>             | <p>4. Lifted up was He to die,<br/>“It is finished!” was His cry;<br/>Now in heav’n exalted high:<br/>Hallelujah, what a Savior!</p>               |
| <p>5. When He comes, our glorious King,<br/>All His ransomed home to bring,<br/>Then anew this song we’ll sing:<br/>Hallelujah, what a Savior!</p> |  |

**Scripture**

**Matthew 7:1-12**

**Sermon**

**Up There, Down Here—The Sermon on the Mount**  
“Golden Rule Saturday”

Tom Haugen

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

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| 1. How deep the Father's love for us<br>How vast beyond all measure<br>That He should give His only Son<br>To make a wretch His treasure<br>How great the pain of searing loss<br>The Father turns His face away<br>As wounds which mar the Chosen One<br>Bring many sons to glory | 2. Behold the man upon a cross<br>My sin upon His shoulders<br>Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice<br>Call out among the scoffers<br>It was my sin that held Him there<br>Until it was accomplished<br>His dying breath has brought me life<br>I know that it is finished |
| 3. I will not boast in anything<br>No gifts, no power, no wisdom<br>But I will boast in Jesus Christ<br>His death and resurrection<br>Why should I gain from His reward?<br>I cannot give an answer<br>But this I know with all my heart<br>His wounds have paid my ransom         |  |

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

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners, and Alex Smith  
Judith Wilson, praise for a healthy outcome and prayer for recovery from recent surgery.  
Betsy Knight, for recovery from treatment for atrial fibrillation and strength to return to her apartment.  
Monica Eiler, for recovery from back surgery.  
Curtis Whiteman, for continued recovery.  
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.  
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 his family.  
Bereavement, pray for the family and friends of Tom Smith, Marlene Sheehan and LouAnn Treloar.  
Jeff and Erin Smith, comfort for the loss of George Smith, Jeff's dad.

## Connecting & Serving

### **Sermon Series: Up There, Down Here - Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, Jan. - Feb., 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.

### **Sanctuary is available for Prayer**

Lent is an important season to reflect on Scripture, pray, and allow ourselves the space to lament and cling tightly to the cross in a way that causes our souls to grieve and hope. If you would like to spend some time praying in the sanctuary, please contact Maryann Spradley (admin@elmopres.org) to reserve your time.

### **Roots of the Faith: A Confirmation Class for 6th-8th grade**

Roots of the Faith/Confirmation starts on Sunday, February 28th, with a parent and student meeting in the Courtyard from 11:15-11:30 AM directly after worship. At that time, we will discuss the course outline and requirements. Classes for students begin on Sunday, March 7th, and run through June 6th from 3:00-5:00 PM, followed by a celebration during worship on June 13th for all students and families. The class will be taught by Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families, and Jeffrey Smith, Children/Youth/Families Elder. If you have any questions or would like to register your child, please contact Lauri at laurihaugen@elmopres.org.

### **Substitute Teachers Needed!**

The Early School is looking for Christian, qualified preschool substitute teachers. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please contact Suzy Dobreski for more information. Cell phone number: 805-729-1323. Email: suzy@elmopres.org. The Early School is a great place to work!

**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*  
*Suzy Dobreski, Early School Director*  
*Dr. Matthew Roy, Music Director*  
*Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator*  
*Michele Sullivan, Accountant*  
*Shawn Monroe, Facilities*  
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### **Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*  
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*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 & Distribution*