

WORSHIP

February 28, 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**

from Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

People: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children.

People: With those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.

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***Hymn Of Praise**

How Firm a Foundation

Jess Roy

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress."
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design Your dross
to consume, and your gold to refine."
5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart nor our neighbors as ourselves. Please change within us: our negative attitude, our critical spirit, our lustful thoughts, our biting sarcasm, our jealousy, our ingratitude, our defensiveness, our selfishness, our anger, our intolerance and our self-righteousness. Forgive us most merciful Lord; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 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.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

To give, go to our website or follow this [link to give online](#). There are baskets near the entrance to the Courtyard, or you can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors.

This year, our Lenten Offering will assist Cleveland School as part of our Love Local outreach. Please note your Lenten Offering on your check or offering envelope.

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Melia Haugen

Music of Reflection

Build My Life

*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

Cornerstone

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Chorus:
Christ alone, Cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus

Scripture

Matthew 7:13-29

Sermon

Up There, Down Here—The Sermon on the Mount

Tom Haugen

“A Firm Foundation”

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Steadfast

1. I will build my house whether storm or drought,
On the rock that does not move.

I will set my hope in your love, O Lord
And your faithfulness will prove:

2. By the word you spoke all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.

In your watchful care, I will rest secure
As you lead us with your light.

Chorus

Chorus:

You are steadfast, steadfast.

3. I will not trust in the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.

I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!

Chorus

Bridge:

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled,
In the hour of darkness your light was revealed,
In the presence of death your life was affirmed,
In the absence of holiness, you are still God.

Chorus

*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 prayers@elmopres.org

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

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

Roots of the Faith/Confirmation starts today, 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.

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.

Love Local: Cleveland School Outreach Project

This year, our Lenten Offering is Love Local: Cleveland School Project. The Friends of Cleveland School are helping in tangible ways where the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting children and families in our backyard. Funds will go to needed educational tools and equipment. Please note this on your check, in the memo, or on your offering envelope.

**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
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Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator
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Janet Gates, Clerk of Session
Terry Foil, Early School
Nathan Gates, Outreach
Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer
Susan Hughes, Congregational Life
Ginger Ketzal, 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

Five Covenant Partner Questions

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the ECO Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

February 2021 ELMO Covenant Partners

It is with great joy that we welcome these men and women to the El Montecito Presbyterian Church family! May we continue to glorify God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth, to affirm the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's only divine Son, our Lord, and to acknowledge the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Erin and Kersten Barr	John and Kathy Eichler
Rob and Christine Hale	Wes Haystead
Chad and Melissa (Malone) Moore	Jim and Ingrid Watson