

WORSHIP

March 14, 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 107

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say this - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south.

Leader: They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

People: He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom and broke away their chains.

Leader: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for them.

People: Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Leader: The upright see and rejoice, but all the wicked shut their mouths.

All: Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.

***Hymn Of Praise**

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Malia Yim

1. I cast my mind to Calvary,
Where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.
My Savior on that cursed tree.

2. His body bound and drenched in tears,
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone,
Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus:
O praise the name of the Lord our God.
O praise His name forever more.
For endless days we will sing Your praise.
O Lord, O Lord our God.

3. Then on the third at break of dawn,
The Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King.

Chorus

4. He shall return in robes of white,
The blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.

Chorus x2

Confession of Sin Unison

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful in our relationship with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our relationship with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

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

As the Deer

*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

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

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| 1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In ev'ry change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend.
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. | 2. Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below. |
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Chorus:

In You I rest, in You I found my hope.
In You I trust, You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still my soul.

3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past.
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.

Chorus x2

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Weep With Me

1. Weep with me, Lord, will You weep with me.
 I don’t need answers,
 All I need is to know that You care for me.
 Hear my plea, Are You even listening;
 Lord, I will wrestle with Your heart,
 But I won’t let You go.
 You know I believe:
 Help my unbelief.

Chorus:

Yet I will praise You,
 yet I will sing of Your name.
 Here in the shadows, here I will offer my praise.
 What’s true in the light is still true in the dark;
 You’re good and You’re kind
 and You care for this heart.
 Lord, I believe that You weep with me.

2. Part the seas, Lord, make a way for me,
 Here in the midst of my lament;
 I have faith, yes, I still believe.
 You love me, Your plans are to prosper me.
 You’re working everything for good
 Even when I can’t see.
 You know I believe:
 Help my unbelief.

Bridge:

Turn my lament into a love song.
 From this lament raise up an anthem.

Chorus

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 peace and stamina as she continues her recovery.
- 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 Don Schmidt.

Connecting & Serving

Celebrating the Sacraments: A Faith Milestone Class for Kids (Age 8-11) & Parents

On March 14th and 21st from 9:15-9:30AM (before Church in the Courtyard), all 3rd-5th grade students and parents will have an opportunity to explore the theology and practice of baptism and communion. After completion of the class, your child may participate in a special communion celebration with our church family on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Lauri: 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.

Back to Basics: Returning Discipleship to the Church, Wednesdays April 7—28

After Easter, we're offering a 4 week discipleship class hosted by ECO's Synod Executive, Dr. Dana Allin. In this class we'll utilize the principles found in Dana's book, Simple Discipleship: Grow Your Faith Transform Your Community, to help create a clear and replicable discipleship plan for our lives and our church.

We'll meet via Zoom from 7-8 PM on Wednesday for four weeks beginning on April 7th. In order to make the most of our time, there will be an additional hour of work between sessions to focus on a personal discipleship plan and a pathway to get there. A flourishing church is a church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ. To register for this class please email Maryann Spradley at admin@elmopres.org. We hope you'll join us for this class! Class schedule is on our website.

Welcome to El Montecito

Welcome visitors! We are glad you chose to worship with us today in the Courtyard. Please fill out the Visitor Card that can be found at the entrance so that we can get to know you better and to receive our weekly emails. You can also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org or on Instagram @elmopres.

**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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