

WORSHIP

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest! **Luke 19:38**

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 118

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

People: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

People: I will give thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

People: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

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

***Hymn Of Praise**

All Glory Laud and Honor
(Children bring palm branches forward)

Malia Yim

1. All glory, laud and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas sing:
Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One!
2. The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.
3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises—
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Confession of Sin Unison

Jesus rode into Jerusalem not as a conquering king but in humility, the Servant King, ready to complete the task for which he had walked this world. Forgive us those times when we think too highly of ourselves and remind us always that you ask from us lives dedicated to service, to you and to our neighbors, wherever and whoever they might be. Enable us to take off our cloaks of self-righteousness and lay them down at your feet.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 32:5

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" – and you forgave the guilt of my 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](#). This year, our Easter Offering will assist Cleveland School as part of our Love Local Outreach. Please note this on your check or use an Easter offering envelope. 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

Janet Gates

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

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

1. Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we Turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus 1. Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises!

2. Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make all things new.
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day.
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus 2. Hosanna, hosanna!
You are the God who saves us, Worthy of all our praises!
Hosanna, hosanna!
Come have Your way among us, We welcome You here Lord Jesus!

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Rejoice the Lord is King

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| <p>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:</p> <p>Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!</p> <p>3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Refrain</p> | <p>2. The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:
Refrain</p> <p>4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Refrain</p> |
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*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
Betsy Knight, for recovery from pneumonia and her irregular heart beat.
Judith Wilson, praise for a healthy outcome and prayer for recovery from recent surgery.
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 Reising, 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

Stations of the Cross: Monday - Saturday, 8:00AM to 9:00PM in the Sanctuary

The sanctuary will be open during Holy Week for you to walk through the Biblical account of Jesus' journey to the cross. 14 Stations are set up where you can take time to read each scripture passage, reflect and pray.

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:00AM 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 your mask.

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 on our website.

Easter Offering: Cleveland School Outreach Project

This year, our Easter 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 use an Easter offering envelope.

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: elmopres.org on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube Channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

**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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Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

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