

WORSHIP

Sunday April 18, 2021

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church 
Church in the Courtyard

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation Deborah Bertling
Alita Rhodes

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

*Hymn Of Praise *O Worship The King*

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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. | 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

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remained captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor and are often focused only on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of fullness of life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesian 1:3, 7-8

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on 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, 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

Ginger Ketzal

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

And Can It Be, That I Should Gain

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Refrain:

Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me. **Refrain**

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:
I woke — the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

4. No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

Refrain

Scripture

Galatians 1:13-2:10

Sermon

Always an Adventure — "Complete Transformation"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

3. Perfect submission—all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
Refrain

***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 procedures for her heart.
Monica Eiler, for recovery from back surgery.
Curtis Whiteman, for continued recovery.
Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.
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.

Connecting & Serving

Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00AM in the Parish Hall

Women in the Word is doing an 8 week Bible study on *Hope, Your Heart's Deepest Longings*. God's word speaks into our life with HOPE that uplifts and surprises us in places He alone understands. This Bible Class is an opportunity to reset and revive your soul and learn from God's word. You can still register by emailing Maryann Spradley at admin@elmopres.org.

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.

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.

Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor

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Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries

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Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

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