

# WORSHIP

Communion Sunday, May 2, 2021

*Church in the Courtyard*

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,  
so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. **Galatians 3:14**

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## 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**

Isaiah 40:27-31

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name

**People: Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.**

Leader: Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"?

**People: Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.**

Leader: He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**All: Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.**

**\*Hymn Of Praise**

*Rock of Ages*

Jess Roy

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| 1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br>Let me hide myself in Thee;<br>Let the water and the blood,<br>From Thy riven side which glowed,<br>Be of sin the double cure,<br>Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. | 3. Nothing in my hand I bring,<br>Simply to Thy cross I cling;<br>Naked, come to Thee for dress,<br>Helpless, look to Thee for grace;<br>Foul, I to the fountain fly,<br>Wash me, Savior, or I die!             |
| 2. Not the labors of my hands<br>Can fulfill Thy law's demands;<br>Could my zeal no respite know,<br>Could my tears forever flow,<br>All for sin could not atone;<br>Thou must save and Thou alone.      | 4. While I draw this fleeting breath,<br>When my eyes shall close in death,<br>When I soar to worlds unknown,<br>See Thee on Thy judgment throne,<br>Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br>Let me hide myself in Thee. |

## 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.

**\*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.

**Affirmation of Faith** Unison

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD****\*Hymn of Preparation***My Savior's Love*

1. I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

**Refrain:**

How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me.

2. For me it was in the garden  
He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine";  
He had no tears for His own griefs,  
But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

**Refrain**

3. In pity angels beheld Him,  
And came from the world of light  
To comfort Him in the sorrows  
He bore for my soul that night. **Refrain**

4. He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calv'ry,  
And suffered and died alone. **Refrain**

5. When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy thru the ages  
To sing of His love for me. **Refrain**

**Scripture**

Galatians 3:1-14

**Sermon**Always an Adventure—*"Foolish Followers"*

Tom Haugen

**\*Hymn of Response***Before the Throne of God Above*

1. Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### Confession of Sin Unison

**God of grace, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. By our actions and our attitudes, we praise what you condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith - and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Thanks be to God!**

### The Celebration of Communion

*We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and our common union in Christ. If you didn't receive an individual prepackaged communion kit, the kits are available at the table near the entrance to Church in the Courtyard.*

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

### The Lord's Prayer Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### \*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](mailto:prayers@elmopres.org).

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.

Marty Smith, Jeffrey Smith's mother who is being monitored after suffering a stroke.

Betsy Knight, praise for recovery from pneumonia, pray for strength to return home.

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 their family while he is on hospice care at home.

Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

Bereavement, pray for the family and friends of Stan Ekstrand.

## Connecting & Serving

### Faith Milestone: Growing in God's Word, May 16th & 23rd

All kindergarten through 2nd grade students (parents welcome, too) will have an opportunity to learn Bible Tools to enjoy daily time in God's Word. Classes will be held in the outside space below the playground during the second half of the worship hour (10:20-11:00 AM). On Sunday, June 6th, we'll have a special presentation at Church in the Courtyard to gift each child a Bible for their lifelong journey of abiding in Christ and His Word. If you have questions, please contact Lauri at: [laurihaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:laurihaugen@elmopres.org)

### Women's Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00AM starting April 12th

Women in the Word is doing a 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. Bring your Bible and a mask, study guides are available for \$10.

### 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.

### Connect with our Missionaries

Send an email of encouragement and support to our missionaries, near and far:

James and Renata Bultema: [jamesbultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:jamesbultema@spccturkey.com), [renatabultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:renatabultema@spccturkey.com); Greg and Chris Callison: [gregandchris@callison.net](mailto:gregandchris@callison.net); Alex Smith: [alex.smith@e3partners.org](mailto:alex.smith@e3partners.org)

## Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian

**Welcome visitors!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today in the courtyard and online. Please fill out the Visitor Card that can be found at the entrance or email us at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) so that we can get to know you better and send you our weekly emails. You can also connect with us on our website at: [elmopres.org](http://elmopres.org), on Instagram @elmopres and 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*  
*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*  
*Suzy Dobreski, Early School Director*  
*Dr. Matthew Roy, Music Director*  
*Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator*  
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### Elders

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*  
*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*  
*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*