

WORSHIP



Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021

Church in the Courtyard

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again
by a yoke of slavery. **Galatians 5:1**

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**

Psalm 104

Leader: How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number — living things both large and small.

People: There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

Leader: When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

People: When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works — he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

***Hymn Of Praise**

For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Jess Roy

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| 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace. | 3. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me. |
| 2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace. | 4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, he dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy. |
| 5. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name. | |

Confession of Sin Unison

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Pastor: 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

*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.</p> | <p>3. Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.</p> | <p>4. Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!</p> |

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone. I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Refrain x2

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

*Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

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 so that we can get to know you better and send you 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.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth! Childcare available for age 0-5 during worship. Drop off: outside Early School before worship. Pick up: playground after worship. Nursery care (birth to 1.5 years) will remain in the Early School outside space. Our elementary kids and youth are invited to Church in the Courtyard. Pick up a Sermon Scavenger Hunt on your way into worship and complete it for a prize!

Connecting & Serving

Faith Milestone: Growing in God’s Word, last class today!

All kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students will have an opportunity to learn Bible tools to enjoy daily time in God’s Word. Classes will be held during the second half of the worship hour (10:20-11:00 AM). During the offertory, meet Lauri at the Courtyard entrance to walk together to the outside classroom. Please pick up your child on the playground. On 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 God’s Word. Questions? laurihaugen@elmopres.org

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

Join us for a Bible study on *Hope, Your Heart’s Deepest Longings*. This Bible Class is an opportunity to reset and revive your soul and enjoy God’s Word. Bring your Bible and a mask, study guides are available for \$10.

Men’s Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:00 AM 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 a note of encouragement and support to our Missionaries: Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

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
Praise for the birth of Skylar Grace Dohm, May 13th to Tessa and Paul.

Betsy Knight, praise for her recovery move back home.

Ruth Perry, for healing and strength to return to her 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 the family while he is on hospice care at home.

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

Bereavement for the Smith family in the passing of Jeffrey's mother, Marty Smith.

During this time of social distancing, God is with you!

And, we're here for you by phone or online.

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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