

WORSHIP

Communion Sunday, July 4, 2021

Church in the Courtyard

Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. **Psalm 73:25**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Suzy Dobreski, Jim George & Andy Patterson

Welcome to Our Life Together

Jeffrey Smith

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Psalm 5

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

People: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

Leader: They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

People: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates, lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - he is the King of glory.

***Hymn Of Praise**

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

Suzy Dobreski

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| 1. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord | 2. I will sing praises to the Lord forever
I will sing, I will sing
I will sing praises to the Lord forever
I will sing – praises to the Lord |
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Chorus

Chorus:

With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness,
With my mouth will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations

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| 3. I will worship thy Father who art in Heaven
I will sing, I will sing
I will worship thy Father who art in Heaven
I will sing – praises to the Lord |
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Chorus

Repeat verse 1

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**

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Repeat verse 1.

Scripture

Psalm 73

¹Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ²But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. ³For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ⁴They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. ⁵They are free from burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills. ⁶Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. ⁷From their callous hearts comes iniquity; their evil conceits of their minds know no limits. ⁸They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression. ⁹Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. ¹⁰Therefore their people turn to them and drink up waters in abundance. ¹¹They say, "How would God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?" ¹²This is what the wicked are like—always carefree, they increase in wealth. ¹³Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure and have washed my hands in innocence. ¹⁴All day long I have been plagued; I have been punished every morning. ¹⁵If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed your children. ¹⁶When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me ¹⁷till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny. ¹⁸Surely you place them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. ¹⁹How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! ²⁰As a dream when one awakes; so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies. ²¹When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, ²²I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. ²³Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. ²⁴You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. ²⁵Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. ²⁶My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. ²⁷Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. ²⁸But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.

Sermon

The Fulfillment of All Desire—Part 3

Ben Patterson

*Hymn Of Praise

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

2. Thro' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. [Refrain x2]

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out my iniquity. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. 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, they are available at the table near the entrance to 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

Postlude

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 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, on Instagram @elmopres and subscribe to our YouTube Channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth! Childcare available for ages 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 Bible Activity Pack and July Bible Reading Plan on your way into worship.

Connecting & Serving

Summer Family Events: Outdoor Movie Night, Friday, July 16th, 7:30 PM in the Courtyard

All are welcome to attend an Outdoor Movie Night featuring Disney's *Moana*. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket.

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, coffee is provided.

Worship Team: Sunday mornings

The Worship Team is looking for vocalists to sing hymns and praise songs on Sunday mornings & Praise Band Members to fill out our Church in the Courtyard instruments, including: guitarists, keyboardists and percussionists. If you are interested, contact Matthew Roy at: music@elmopres.org

Kitchen Ministry: Times TBD

We are looking for volunteers to help manage our kitchen. This ministry includes those who love to be in the kitchen, have the gift of hospitality, enjoy preparing & serving food and a knack for keeping things neat and organized. If this sounds like you, please contact the church office or email: admin@elmopres.org

Connect with our Missionaries

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

James and Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; 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, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.

Jeanne Thayer, for healing and recovery from illness.

Ruth Perry for healing and strength.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.

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 for the friends and family of Lynette Johnson and David Atkinson.

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

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

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Tom Haugen, Moderator
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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, Youth Ministry

Deacons

Betty Delk, Co-Moderator
Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator
Bob Aguirre, At-Large
Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation
Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts
Chase Enright Throop, At-Large
Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation
Pam Jepson, Care Notes
Paul Jepson, Early School Committee
Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship
Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution
Barbara Kennedy, At-Large