

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 12, 2021



Church in the Courtyard

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

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 27:1-5

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

Leader: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

All: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Malia Yim

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and
love.

3. To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small,
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Confession of Sin Unison

from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions; wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, cleanse us from our sin. For we are well aware of our transgressions, our sins are constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. God, create in us a clean heart, renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, uphold us with a willing spirit. Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hebrews 10:14

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

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

Jeffrey Smith

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

Yet Not I, But Christ In Me

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| <p>1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus,
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing, "All is mine!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</p> <p>2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side, the Saviour, He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me;
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won,
And I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</p> | <p>3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released,
I can sing, "I am free!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</p> <p>4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete,
Still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.</p> |
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Scripture

Daniel 1

Sermon

"Stand Your Ground"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Sovereign Over Us

1. There is strength within the sorrow.
 There is beauty in our tears.
 And You meet us in our mourning
 With a love that casts out fear.
 You are working in our waiting.
 You're sanctifying us.
 When beyond our understanding,
 You're teaching us to trust.

2. You are wisdom unimagined.
 Who could understand Your ways?
 Reigning high above the heavens,
 Reaching down in endless grace.
 You're the lifter of the lowly,
 Compassionate and kind.
 You surround, and You uphold me,
 And Your promises are my delight.
Refrain x2

Refrain:

Your plans are still to prosper,
 You have not forgotten us.
 You're with us in the fire and the flood.
 You're faithful forever,
 Perfect in love,
 You are sov'reign over us.

Bridge:

Even what the enemy means for evil,
 You turn it for our good,
 You turn it for our good and for Your glory.
 Even in the valley, You are faithful.
 You're working for our good,
 You're working for our good and Your glory.
x2

Refrain

*Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today in the courtyard or online. Please fill out a Visitor Card or email us at admin@elmopres.org so that we can get to know you better and send you our weekly email. You can also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org or on Instagram [@elmopres](https://www.instagram.com/elmopres) or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth: Sunday School begins Today! for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship hour.

Middle School Kick Off September 19th after worship from 11:00 to 11:30 AM, lower patio.

High School Lunch & Bible Study begins September 19th after worship from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, meet at the courtyard entrance.

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 Ministry Partners the Bultemas, Callisons, Ostbys, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.

Our Early School Teachers, Jenna Thompson for complications with her pregnancy and Melissa Toth, for recovery from surgery.

Janet Gates as she recovers from surgery.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Dorothea (Dokey) Dunlap.

Carol Gillis, for a speedy recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.

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.

Connecting & Serving

Second Sundays, begins TODAY, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Courtyard

Join us after worship from for a time of fellowship, food and fun in the courtyard. Sandwich lunch provided, all are invited!

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, and we provide the coffee.

Women in the Word Bible Study, Mondays beginning October 4th, 9:30 to 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall

"Because we Believe!" is an in-depth study of the Book of John. This bible study gives women an opportunity for group study and discussion as well as teaching by Patty Wilson. Sign up at the table near the entrance to the courtyard or contact Patty Wilson: pattywjoy@gmail.com

Connect with our Ministry Partners Please continue praying for and sending your notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners. Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James and Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

Santa Barbara Sending Mission Conference, September 15-18

Westmont College is co-hosting a conference with ELMO and other local churches. Speakers will explore topics related to medicine, business education, women refugees and more. \$50 admission, \$10 students. For tickets go to sbsending.com.

God is with you! And, we're here for you by phone or online.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

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