

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Church in the Courtyard

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

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

Question: How can we glorify God?

Answer: By loving him and by obeying his commands and law.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 145:1-13

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Leader: They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

People: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

***Hymn of Praise**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God,
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad,
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command,
And all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the sky!

3. There's not a plant or flow'r below,
But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And ev'rywhere that man can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we can now draw near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, and delighting in your Word. We joyfully long to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Take a moment to silently confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears you.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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

My Song in the Night

Choir

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.*

*O why should I wander, an alien from Thee,
Or cry in the desert Thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.*

*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.

Children Kindergarten—5th grade dismissed for Sunday School

Prayers for the Church & the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Oceans

1. You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery;
In oceans deep my faith will stand.

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov' reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.

Chorus:

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves;
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your
embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Chorus

Bridge:

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders:
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior

Chorus

Scripture

Daniel 6

Sermon

"Muzzling Lions"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Jesus Shall Reign

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc - cess - ive jour - neys run;
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less prais - es crown His head;
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His love with sweet - est song;
4. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring His grate - ful hon - ors to our King;

His king - dom spread from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
And in - fant voices shall proclaim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud "A - men!"

To our King be high - est praise Ris - ing through e - ter - nal days.

Just and faith - ful He shall reign: Je - sus shall reign!

*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 or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!

Sunday School for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship gathering. Please check-in at the courtyard entrance.

Middle School Gathering after worship from 11:00 to 11:30, lower patio. MS Youth Group is on the 1st and 3rd Friday Night of the month from 6:30-8:00 on the lower patio. Games, snacks, Bible study and fun! Bring a friend!

High School Lunch & Bible Study after worship from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Meet at the courtyard entrance. SBHS Young Life meets on the lower patio on Mondays from 7:30-9:00.

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.

Ann Marie King, for treatment of her heart condition which has worsened.

Judy Cooper Ashford, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Mary Stillman for treatment of a rare form of cancer and wisdom for her doctors in Houston, TX.

Jenna Thompson for complications with her pregnancy and Melissa Toth, for recovery from surgery.

Carol Gillis, for a speedy recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

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 family and friends of June Blakely.

Connecting & Serving

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

"Because we Believe!" is an in-depth study of the Gospel According to John. For more information contact Patty Wilson: pattyjoy@gmail.com. Masks are required while indoors.

Women's Bible Study: Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 AM at IHOP

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State Street. We are currently reading through and discussing "Reading Timothy and Titus" by John Stott.

Men's Bible Study: Thursday 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, coffee is provided.

Veteran's Breakfast, November 6th, in the Courtyard, 9:00-11:00 AM

All Veterans are invited to join at no charge. RSVP by November 1 to Bill Gowler: billgowler@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child, boxes available now! Collection is November 7th

Boxes are available to pick up at the entrance to the courtyard and can be completed between now and November 7th. Samaritan's Purse is offering their online option again this year, so if you want them to do the shopping and packaging, for \$25 per box, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Send a note 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

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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Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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