

WORSHIP



Sunday, January 9, 2022

Church in the Courtyard

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault,
and it will be given to you. James 1:5*

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: What is Sin?

Answer: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law - resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

People: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

All: Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

***Hymn of Praise**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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

Rob Hale

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.

Children Kindergarten – 5th grade dismissed for Sunday School

Prayers for the Church & the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight,
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His prom - is - es shall last;
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

¹⁸ Refrain (Last time x2)
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Scripture

James 1

Sermon

Real Faith, Real Life "Persevering Faith"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

It is Well with My Soul

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea-billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

*Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you chose to worship with us today in the courtyard or online. Please fill out a Visitor Card that can be found at the entrance or email us at admin@elmopres.org so 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.

Sermon Series: James - Real Faith, Real Life. James gives us a vivid and practical look at real Christian faith and real life. Authored by the half-brother of Jesus, and the leader of the early Jerusalem Church, James provides rich insight on a great number of issues including persecution, relationships, finances, faith and works. In all of these things, James gives us a renewed sense of the depth of our sinfulness and the sufficiency of Jesus. Join us over the next weeks as we begin the new year discovering what it looks like to put real faith into action in real life as we grow in our love for God and one another.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!

Sunday School for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship gathering. Please check-in at the courtyard entrance. Elementary age children remain in worship until dismissed for ELMO Pres Kids Sunday.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30-8:30 on the lower patio at ELMO Pres. Games, pizza, Bible study and fun! Bring a friend!

High School after worship from 11:30 to 12:30 on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Meet at the Courtyard entrance and bring \$ for lunch at a local outside restaurant.

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, Warners, Alex Smith and Mexico Mission Partners.

Bereavement for Greta Fairchild, family and friends of Dick Fairchild.

Pamela Arneson, for peace and healing while in a nursing care facility.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition, recent visit to the ER and wisdom for the doctors help.

Linda Allan, for recovery and healing while in a nursing care facility.

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

Carol Gillis, for continued recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

Ken Working, for his recent diagnosis of ALS and continued health issues with Miji and for the family.

Connecting & Serving

El Montecito Presbyterian Church Covenant Partner/New Member Class, January 12-30, 2022

Want to get connected? Join our church family? Learn about ECO? Where do you begin? El Montecito Presbyterian Covenant Partner/Member Class is a four-week class beginning in January 2022! **Class times: Wednesday, January 12, 19, 26 from 7-8 PM via Zoom and Sunday January 30 after worship for a meeting with our Pastors and Elders.** Please email Maryann Spradley at admin@elmopres.org to sign up.

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

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.

Men's Bible Study: Thursday 9:00 AM in the Courtyard

You're invited to join us in a study of the Book of Hebrews. Please bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

Santa Barbara Mission Conference, January 28-29, 2022

Students admission is Free! A generous donor has just provided \$1,000 in student scholarships. The \$15 in-person and \$10 virtual student admission prices will be waived for all students until the donation is depleted. Registration is open for the 20th annual Santa Barbara Mission Conference, "Called to Reconcile". Register by going online at sbmissionconference.org or by downloading the form from the website.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James and Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com, Dana and Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; Ryan and Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

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

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Mary Slater, Human Resources
Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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