

WORSHIP

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 16, 2022

Church in the Courtyard

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 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 idolatry?

Answer: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 139:7-17

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Leader: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

All: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

*Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful

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| 1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day. | 3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother —
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine. |
| 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee. | 4. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life. |

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, giver and sustainer of life. Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life. Our behaviors that lead to violence, or hate, or fear; decisions that lead to dread and darkness. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We cheapen life by condoning prejudice, greed, selfishness and discrimination. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal. God of grace, forgive us and turn us to the right path. Let your love and grace flow over us so that we may uphold all life as precious throughout the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesian 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

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, scan the QR code or follow [the online link](#). 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

Wes Haystead

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

Christ Our Hope

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and good-ness
 3. Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven
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 dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our days with-ing His hand? What comes, a-
 known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-
 11 bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin an
 part from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 17 bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the Rock of Christ.
 death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.
 22 O sing Ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O
 sing Ha-le-lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

We Are God’s People

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| <p>1. We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.</p> | <p>3. We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall His work on earth be done.</p> |
| <p>2. We are God’s loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once giv’n:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.</p> | <p>4. We are a Temple, the Spirit’s dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God’s grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.</p> |

*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 school.

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 Miji Working, family and friends of Rev. Ken Working, 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.

Connecting & Serving

Today is Sanctity of Life Sunday

The third Sunday of January has been declared Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. God is the Author and Creator of all life. Every person, from the moment of conception until natural death, is made in God's image and precious in God's eyes. Two local pro-life resources where you can help are Villa Majella www.villamajella.org and Medical Network: www.medicalnetwork.org. Also, Pathway Family Services is a local, faith-based foster family agency: www.pfsffa.org. Join in is praying for every life to be respected, valued, and rescued.

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

Will resume on Monday, January 24th. 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, a mask and coffee is provided.

Santa Barbara Mission Conference, January 28-29, 2022

Student admission is Free! \$1,000 in student scholarships available. 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". Early Bird pricing available through Jan. 18th. 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:

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

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

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