

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, March 6, 2022

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3:6

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: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God.

***Call to Worship**

taken from Psalm 73

Leader: Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

People: But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Leader: When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

People: Surely you placed them on slippery ground; you cast them down to ruin. How suddenly are they destroyed, completely swept away by terrors! As a dream when one awakes, so when you arise, O Lord, you will despise them as fantasies.

Leader: When my heart was grieved and my spirit embittered, I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you.

People: Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Leader: Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

All: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. But 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.

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Rejoice the Lord is King

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
And triumph evermore:

3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:

Refrain

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Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

Refrain

2. The Lord, our Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:

Refrain

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](#). On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. If you wish to do so, there are Deacon's envelopes near the entrance. 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

Barbara Kennedy

*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.

Children Kindergarten—5th grade are dismissed for Sunday School.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

Scripture

Acts 3:1-5:42

Sermon

"Growing Witness and Opposition"

Tom Haugen

*Hymn of Response

His Mercy is More



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om - ni - scient, all know - ing, He
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What Fa - ther, so ten - der, is
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His blood was the pay - ment, His



counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore; _____ Our
call - ing us home. He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; _____
life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford; _____

Refrain



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord! _____ His mer - cy is more. _____



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev' - ry morn; Our sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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 sins. 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 us to the joy of your salvation, sustain within us a willing spirit. Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just 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 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.

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



Sermon Notes:

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 newsletter. 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. 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, friends and God's Word!

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 the family and friends of Matthew Wennerstrom, the grandson of Bruce Wennerstrom.

Gordon Smith, for continued health challenges.

Pamela Arneson, for healing and strength.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition and wisdom for the doctors.

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

Carol Gillis, for continued recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman, for continued recovery.

The Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

College/Young Adult Backyard Brunch, TODAY, 11:15 AM (after worship) to 1:30 ish

Skip out on the dining commons and join us in the Haugen's backyard for brunch today. Bring a friend! 1463 Hosmer Lane (behind the church).

Marriage Workshop for Married & Engaged Couples, Friday, March 11, 7-9 PM and Saturday, March 12, 9 AM—12 noon at Santa Barbara Community Church

Put the “Happily” back into Ever After. Dr. Andrea Gurney will lead couples through her Marriage Reboot class. \$30 per couple. To register go to:

<https://sbcommunity.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/320/responses/new>

Veterans Breakfast, Saturday March 26, 9:00 AM

Please join this time of fellowship and food at no charge. RSVP to Bill Gowler by Monday, March 14th. billgowler@gmail.com or call 805-845-3522.

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

For more information contact Patty Wilson: pattywjoy@gmail.com.

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

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State Street. Current study is “Reading Romans with John Stott”.

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays 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.

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.

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Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

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Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Chase Enright, Greeters

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