

WORSHIP



Sunday, March 13, 2022

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

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: Does Christ's death mean all our sins are forgiven?

Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.

Leader: Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

All: But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Build My Life

1. Wor - thy of ev' - ry song__ we could ev - er sing. Wor - thy of all the praise__ we could ev - er bring.
2. Je - sus, the name a - bove__ ev' - ry oth - er name. Je - sus, the on - ly One__ who could ev - er save.

Wor - thy of ev' ry breath__ we could ev - er breathe. And we live for You.__ And we live for You.

Chorus
Ho - ly, there is no one like You, there is none be - side You. O - pen up my eyes in won - der. And
show me who You are and fill me with Your heart and lead me in Your love to those a - round me.__

Bridge
I will build my life up - on Your love, It is a firm foun - da - tion.
I will put my trust in You a - lone, And I will not be sha - ken.

Confession of Sin Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, we see ourselves as pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected injustice and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Order our lives by your Holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: 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

Kirk Gilbert

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 are dismissed to Sunday School.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious. way His won - ders to per - form; _____ He
2. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age_ take! The clouds ye so much dread _____ Are
3. His pur - pos - es will ri - pen_ fast, un - fold - ing eve - ry hour, _____ The

plants His foot - steps in the_ sea and rides up - on the storm! _____ Deep
big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on Your head! _____ Judge
bud may have a bit - ter_ taste, but sweet will be the flow'r! _____ Blind

in un - fath - om - a - ble_ mines of nev - er fail - ing skill, _____ He
not the Lord by fee - ble_ sense, but trust Him for His grace; _____ Be -
un - be - lief is sure to_ err and scan His work in vain; _____ God

treas - ures up His bright de - signs and works His sov - 'reign will. _____
hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence He hides a smil - ing face. _____
is His own in - ter - pret - er, and He will make it plain. _____

God of mer - cy!_ God of_ grace! Give us eyes to see! _____

Eyes to see Your smil - ing_ face with - in the mys - ter - y, _____ with - in the mys - ter - y.

Scripture

Acts 6-8:1

Sermon

“Stephen: A Man Full of Faith, Grace and the Holy Spirit”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most—
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

***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 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, grandson of Susan and Bruce Wennerstrom.

Alex Barr, U.S. Navy, son of Erin Barr, and VFA 151 squadron while they are deployed.

James Wentzel, U.S. Airforce Lt. Col. And F-16 pilot, son of Nancy and Bob Phinney.

Gordon Smith, for continued health challenges.

Pamela Arneson, for continued healing and strength.

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

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

Carol Gillis, for continued recovery.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

The people of Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

2022 El Montecito Lenten/Easter Offering

Through Easter the Lenten/Easter special offering is directed to 'God's Hidden Treasures' whose mission is to "serve the needs of the poor, afflicted and the orphaned of Ukraine; and to bring God's love through personal relationships in the name of Jesus Christ." To donate, please write Easter Offering on your check or if giving online, notify Michele at accounting@elmopres.org of the amount you donated for this ministry.

Nominate a Covenant Partner for Consideration as Elder or Deacon

Please see insert for nomination information.

Middle School Youth Group, Friday March 18, 6:30-8:30 PM, Lower Patio

Join us for some games, pizza, friends and God's Word! Tell a Middle Schooler that you know to come!

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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Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer

Susan Hughes, Congregational Life

Ginger Ketzler, Nominating

Finance & Property

Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Chase Enright, Greeters

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