

# WORSHIP



Sunday, March 27, 2022

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 3:14**

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Prelude**

Matthew Roy

**Welcome to Our Life Together**

Kirk Gilbert

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Music of Preparation**

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Question: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?*

*Answer: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 34

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**People: My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

Leader: Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

**People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.**

**Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

Leader: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of his troubles.

**People: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.**

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

**All: Fear the LORD, you his saints. For those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*And Can It Be?*

1. And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

**Refrain:**

Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

2. He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.

**Refrain**

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:  
I woke — the dungeon flamed with  
light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

**Refrain**

4. No condemnation now I dread:  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, thru Christ my  
own.

**Refrain**

**Confession of Sin** Unison

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.**

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

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 Peter 1:3-4

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.

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

Pamela 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

*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, Live in me from day to day, By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling  
3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther, Rule my life in ev - 'ry - thing, That I may be calm to com - fort  
5. May I run the race be - fore me, Strong and brave to face the foe, And may they for - get the chan - nel,

All I do and say. 2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly  
Sick and sor - row - ing. 4. May the love of Je - sus fill me  
As I on - ward go. 6. May His beau - ty rest up - on me

In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph On - ly through His pow'r.  
As the wa - ters fill the sea; Him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: This is vic - to - ry.  
As I seek the lost to win, And may they for - get the chan - nel, See - ing on - ly Him.

Scripture

Philippians 3:7-14

Sermon

"The Prize"

Ben Patterson

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*In Christ Alone*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All:  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid:  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine:  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home:  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

Linda Allan, for recovery and healing.

Sylvia Hamilton, praise for a successful surgery and prayer for her recovery.

Gordon Smith, for continued health challenges.

Pamela Arneson, for continued healing and strength.

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

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](mailto:accounting@elmopres.org) of the amount you donated for this ministry.

### **Nominate a Covenant Partner for Consideration as Elder or Deacon, by Monday March 28**

The Nominating Team invites you to recommend spiritually mature Covenant Partners whom you believe should be considered to serve in leadership positions as Elders or Deacons of our church. Please pick up a form at the entrance for nomination information.

### **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](mailto: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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## Easter at ELMO

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14th in the Courtyard**

5:30 PM: Light meal, Worship and Communion for the whole family.

### **Good Friday, April 15th in the Sanctuary**

12:30 PM: A time of reflection on the cross of Christ.

### **Palm Sunday, April 10th & Easter Sunday, April 17th**

9:00 AM in the Sanctuary (Livestream) & 10:30 AM in the Courtyard

**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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*Terry Foil, Early School*

*Nathan Gates, Outreach*

*Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer*

*Susan Hughes, Congregational Life*

*Ginger Ketzler, Nominating*

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*Mary Slater, Human Resources*

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### **Deacons**

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*Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator*

*Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation*

*Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts*

*Chase Enright, Greeters*

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