

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, April 3, 2022

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel." Acts 9:15

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

People: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Leader: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from old.

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Leader: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.

All: The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you.

* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Almighty King

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| 1. Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help Us to praise:
Father! all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days. | 3. Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty are,
Now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r. |
| 2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend!
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success:
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend. | 4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence evermore;
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore. |

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

Nathan Gates

*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

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone. I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Refrain x2

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Scripture

Acts 8-9:31

Sermon

"This is the Way"

Tom Haugen

*Hymn of Response

Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it,
Name of God's redeeming love.
2. Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast brought me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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 Chjrist, 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 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!

Easter at ELMO

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

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

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.

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 Linda Allan.

Alex Barr, US. Navy, son of Erin Barr, and VFA 151 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 healing and strength.

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

Carol Gillis, for continued recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman, for continued recovery.

The people of Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

College/Young Adult Backyard Brunch, TODAY, 11:30 AM to 1:00ish PM

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

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 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 Sullivan at: accounting@elmopres.org of the amount you donated for this ministry.

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 Parish Hall

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:

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, bwarners@fca.org and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

New ELMO Early School Director

We are thrilled to announce beginning June 6th Christine Hale will be serving as our new ELMO Early School Director! Christine is an ELMO Pres covenant partner, a preschool Sunday school teacher, and a current teacher in the Early School. She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and passion for Jesus to the Early School. Please join me in welcoming and praying for Christine as she takes on this exciting opportunity.

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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The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

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Terry Foil, Early School

Nathan Gates, Outreach

Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer

Susan Hughes, Congregational Life

Ginger Ketzler, Nominating

Finance & Property

Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

Deacons

Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Chase Enright, Greeters

Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation

Pam Jepson, Care Notes

Paul Jepson

Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship

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