

# WORSHIP



Compassion Sunday, May 1, 2022

*No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are. Acts 9:15*

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## 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 147:1-7

Leader: Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

**People: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**

Leader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit. The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.

**All: Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp.**

\*Hymn of Praise

*My Hope is in the Lord*

No. 406

1. My hope is in the Lord  
Who gave Himself for me,  
And paid the price of all my sin at  
Calvary.

2. No merit of my own  
His anger to suppress,  
My only hope is found in Jesus'  
righteousness. **Refrain**

**Refrain:**

For me He died, for me He lives,  
And everlasting life and light He  
freely gives.

3. And now for me He stands  
Before the Father's throne,  
He shows His wounded hands, and  
names me as His own. **Refrain**

\* Please stand if you are able

## GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

To give, there are baskets near the entrance, 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

Question: What do we believe by true faith?

**Answer: 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. (10:30 AM Worship Gathering)*

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*It Was Finished Upon the Cross*



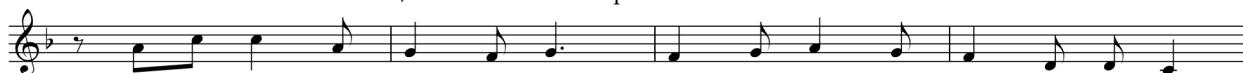
1. How I love the voice of Je - sus on the Cross of Cal - va - ry. He de - clares His work is fin - ished,  
2. Now the curse, it has been bro - ken, Je - sus paid the price for me. Full, the par - don He has of - fered.  
3. Death was once my great op - pon - ent, fear once had a hold on me. But the Son who died to save us



He has spo - ken this hope to me. Tho the sun had ceased its shin - ing, tho the war ap - peared as lost.  
Great, the wel - come that I re - ceive. Bold - ly I ap - proach my Fa - ther, clothed in Je - sus' right - eous - ness.  
rose that we would be - free in - deed. Free from ev' - ry plan of dark ness, free to live and free to love.



Christ has tri - umphed o - ver e - vil, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross. On - ward to e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
There is no more guilt to car - ry, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.  
Death is dead and Christ is ris - en, it was fin - ished up - on that Cross.



to my Sav - ior and my God. I re - joice in Je - sus' vic - tory,



it was fin - ished u - pon that Cross. It was fin - ished u - pon that Cross.

## Scripture

Acts 15:1-35

## Sermon

*"The Battle of Believers"*

Tom Haugen

## \*Hymn of Response

*Amazing Grace*

No. 202

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.
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.
4. Thru many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

## Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty and gracious God, we praise you for your victory over sin and death. You raised Jesus from the grave and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess we have not consistently bowed before Him. We have not daily acknowledged His rule in our lives. Instead, we have gone along with the world's way and failed to give Him glory. We pursue our own personal satisfaction and fulfillment rather than pursuing you. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, O God. May our hearts be filled as you encourage us with your truth and grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in Jesus' Holy 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

# God's Word for Today

Acts 15:1-35 New International Version

## The Council at Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup>Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." <sup>2</sup>This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. <sup>3</sup>The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.

<sup>5</sup>Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and elders met to consider this question. <sup>7</sup>After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. <sup>8</sup>God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. <sup>9</sup>He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup>Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

<sup>12</sup>The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. <sup>13</sup>When they finished, James spoke up. "Brothers," he said, "listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simon has described to us how God first intervened to choose a people for his name from the Gentiles. <sup>15</sup>The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:

<sup>16</sup>"After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent.

Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,

<sup>17</sup>that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name, says the Lord, who does these things' —

<sup>18</sup>things known from long ago.

<sup>19</sup>"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. <sup>20</sup>Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."

## **The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers**

<sup>22</sup>Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas (called Barsabbas) and Silas, men who were leaders among the believers. <sup>23</sup>With them they sent the following letter:

The apostles and elders, your brothers,

To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:

Greetings.

<sup>24</sup>We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. <sup>25</sup>So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul — <sup>26</sup>men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>27</sup>Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. <sup>28</sup>It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: <sup>29</sup>You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.

Farewell.

<sup>30</sup>So the men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. <sup>31</sup>The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. <sup>32</sup>Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the believers. <sup>33</sup>After spending some time there, they were sent off by the believers with the blessing of peace to return to those who had sent them. <sup>35</sup>But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

## **Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church**

**Welcome Visitors!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today! Please fill out a Visitor Card 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](https://www.instagram.com/elmopres) or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

## **ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!**

**Sunday School** for nursery age - grade 5 during the 10:30 AM 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 PM 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.

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

Jon Wentzel and James Wentzel, both serving in the Air Force as Lt. Cols. and F-16 pilots, sons of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division.

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

### **Today is Compassion Sunday at ELMO**

Join us for an opportunity to learn more about the ministry of Compassion International and sponsoring a Compassion child. An information table is set up outside the courtyard.

### **Backyard Lunch for College & Young Adults, TODAY, 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM**

Before you feed your brain with facts for finals, feast on some good food and fellowship in the Haugen's backyard after Church in the Courtyard, today!

### **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.

### **Congregational Meeting, Sunday May 22nd**

A congregational meeting is called after the 10:30 AM worship gathering to elect Elders and Deacons for new terms beginning July 1. All Covenant Partners are asked to please join us for your vote.

### **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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*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

### **Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*

*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*

*Shelley Fogg, Children's Ministries*

*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*

*Brian Johnson*

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