

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, September 4, 2022

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:4

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Taylor Bleecker

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105:1-7

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

All: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

** Please stand if you are able*

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thru all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side-
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise
For Thou for us hast died
Be Thou O Lord thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

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

Janet 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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

Speak O Lord

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory
2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
3. Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Scripture

Psalm 78

Sermon

God Who Is Father

Tom Haugen

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done
In whom His world rejoices
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful God, we gather today before you, conscious of our sin, including our failure to be faithful to your Word and our failure to learn from past lessons. Forgive our deliberate acts of turning away from you and your ways; our apathy towards your involvement with all humankind over countless generations; and our stubborn and selfish desires and ambitions. Open our hearts and minds to your presence with us each and every day, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **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

Sunday School for nursery/preschool children (age 0-5) from 10:00—11:00 AM. Please check-in at the Early School entrance. Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activity guide** on your way into worship!

Fall kick-off for ELMO Pres Kids begins Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM. Children's church for age 0-6 available at 10:00 AM.

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter for more information on events, discipleship, and service opportunities for youth, children and families. Email: laurihaugen@elmopres.org

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, Vivancos. Mayu Luz Gullien Villanueva, Everetts at Rancho Sordo Mundo and Pastor Noe Perez Gomez at Iglesia Cristo es el Camino.

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.

Allison Lipps, for recovery from back surgery.

Pam Jepson, for health issues and possible surgery on Sept. 8.

Al Silvera, for relief from his current health challenges.

Roger Phillips, for healing.

Joyce Hutchinson, for healing from a fall and adjusting to her new room in Smith Center.

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.

ELMO Families in need of meals! Contact the church office for the Meal Train link to be emailed to you or find it in the weekly newsletter.

Paul & Tessa Dohm, 2 children and new baby daughter Mackenzie.

Nate & Allison Lipps, 4 children, while Allison recovers from back surgery.

Connecting & Serving

Church Offices Closed: Monday September 5 for Labor Day

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 Library

You're invited to join us in a study of the Book of John. Please bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

Adult Discipleship starts Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Visit the table in the courtyard today to find out what discipleship opportunities are available Sundays at 9:00 AM. Options include an Ephesians Discussion Group, New Covenant Partner class, Mid-week Bible Studies and more!

Women in the Word begins Monday, September 12 at 9:30 to 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall

The study this year "Pursuing Joy" will include the books of Philippians, Galatians and Ephesians. Small group format, musical worship and teaching by Patty Wilson.

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; and Ryan and Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org, NEW: United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com and Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org, Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: ranchosordomudo@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Marilu Guillen Villanueva: United World Mission

Working in Morelia, Michoacan with the goal and with God's help of *Strengthening of families and prevention of intrafamily violence.*

- For opening doors at the Michoacán University to promote the project to prevent violence among young people.
- For my new acquaintances Katy, Karla, Karina. For new opportunities to continue sharing with them about the love and tenderness of Jesus.
- For my classes in the new module, Mujeres en Transformación y Esperanza association, may God give me wisdom to manage my time and fulfill my tasks as I work toward my diploma with FORTALECER: Strengthening communities.
- For my health and the restoration of strength to my legs.

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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