

WORSHIP



Sunday, September 18, 2022

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

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 8

Leader: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

People: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Leader: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

People: You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

All: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* Please stand if you are able

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

No. 8

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the
King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy
work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here
daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so
gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before Him.
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Confession of Sin Unison

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

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, 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

Terry Foil

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.**

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

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| 1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us | 3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold |
| 2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand | 4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes |

Scripture

Ephesians 1:1-14

Sermon

"Spiritual Blessings"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

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.
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. 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.

Chorus:

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.

***Benediction**

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping 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 & Youth

Children's Church for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) 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!

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth at 9:00 AM for nursery-8th grade.

Middle School (5th—8th) Friday Nights at ELMO Pres begins September 23 from 6:30—8:30 PM. Pizza! Games! Bible! Friends! Fun!

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter for more information on 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. Email your 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, SB Rescue Mission, Transition House and Network Medical Women's Center of SB.

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.

Bill Allmon, for recovery from surgery.

Allison Lipps, for recovery from back surgery.

Pam Jepson, for recovery from surgery.

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.

Connecting & Serving

Adult Discipleship, Sundays at 9:00 AM

Join one of the Ephesians Discussion Groups, in the Library or Fireside room, Covenant Partner class in the Fellowship Hall or the Coffee and Chat in the courtyard, Mid-week Bible Studies to be announced.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship 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.

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 at 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.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: Cleveland Elementary School

- Prayer for strength and stamina for Cleveland Elementary School teachers and staff as the new school year unfolds.
- Prayer for smooth transitions for students starting a new school year, particularly for those students who start school late due to family trips.
- Prayer for continued wisdom and strength for a particular local family whose older children have so far been able to stay away from gang affiliation, but who face peer harassment.
- Praise that Cleveland's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) program has financial assistance from a district grant to help implement activities and projects organized by teacher Sean O'Brien.

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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