

WORSHIP



Sunday, February 19, 2023

As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more.

2 Kings 2:11-12

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 16

Leader: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take their names on my lips.

Leader: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

Leader: I keep my eyes only on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

All: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

** Please stand if you are able*

***Hymn of Praise**

Behold Our God

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| 1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice | 2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows
all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous
deeds? |
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Chorus:

Behold our God seated on His throne
Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King! Nothing can compare
Come, let us adore Him!

3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

You will reign forever
Let Your glory fill the earth
[Repeat]

Confession of Sin Unison

Henry Thornton

We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often we have indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued, and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ's sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins, and risen again for our justification. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 34:8

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

Pastor: 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, go to our website, scan the QR code or follow this [link to give online](#). You can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors. 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

Dan Patterson

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

King of Love

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth
3. Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me
4. In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me
[Chorus]
Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah
5. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your
praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

Chorus:

Never failing, Ruler of my heart
Everlasting, Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Scripture

1 Kings 20—2 Kings 2

Sermon

Lions and Prophets and Bears, Oh My!

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

The Love of God

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| <p>1. The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell
The guilty pair bowed down with care
God gave His Son to win
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin</p> | <p>2. When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall
When men who here refuse to pray
On rocks and hills and mountains call
God's love so sure shall still endure
All measureless and strong
Redeeming grace to Adam's race
The saints and angels song
[Chorus]</p> |
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Chorus:

O love of God how rich and pure
How measureless and strong
It shall forevermore endure
The saints and angels song

3. Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky
[Chorus]

***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

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth at 9:00 a.m. for nursery-6th grade.

Children's Church at 10:00 a.m. for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) in the nursery/preschool rooms. Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activity guide** on your way into the sanctuary.

Middle School (5th—8th) Friday Nights at ELMO Pres 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30—8:30 p.m. Pizza! Games! Bible! Fun!

High School Bible Study: Friday mornings from 7:15—8:10 a.m. at Dune Coffee on Anacapa. Contact Lauri for more information.

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. 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.

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.

Bereavement for the friends and family of Roger Phillips, Nancy Southard, Hope Kelly, Barbara Smith-Sherrill and Ron Enroth.

Kika Hutchings, for strength and wisdom while in the hospital.

Kelly Vandever

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

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery and son Shawn for health issues to be resolved.

The people of Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

Connecting & Serving

Adult Discipleship, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Join us in the courtyard for coffee and chat or in a small group study of 1 & 2 Kings in the Library or Fireside Room.

Evangelism Workshop with Jerry Root, Saturday, March 25, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

In our pursuit to *Love Like Jesus* come and be encouraged to share the hope we have in Jesus with our neighbors. Light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Women in the Word, no meeting Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day

“Pursuing Joy” will resume on Monday, February 27.

Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP

Currently studying the book of Daniel with Tremper Longman.

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library

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

Church Offices Closed Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day

The will reopen Tuesday, 2/21 at 9:00 a.m.

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

- Pray for the whole region affected by the earthquakes, an area that has also suffered greatly from war in recent years. The emerging Kurdish church has been scattered and greatly impacted by all that has happened.
- Pray for Chris as she picks up English tutoring with a family in our neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for relationship building. Our neighborhood is religiously mixed with Kurdish Muslims (the majority), Kurdish Yezidis (who practice the original religion of the Kurds), and ethnic Christians (mostly Assyrians).
- For Greg’s work organizing a global consultation for all groups that work among Kurds, a group that began meeting in 1991. The friendships and networking that has been the result of this consultation has been invaluable. In recent years the consultation gave birth to a counterpart Kurdish consultation and this year the two consultation will send reps to each other’s meetings.

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

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor

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Barbara Mendelson, Finance

Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Kersten Barr

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Judy Cooper-Ashford

Chase Enright, Greeters

Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation

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