

WORSHIP



Sunday, March 12, 2023

"All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt. They worshiped other gods and followed the practices of the nations the LORD has driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings Israel had introduced." 2 Kings 17:7-8

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 80

Leader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

People: Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

Leader: How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

People: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved

Leader: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

All: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish. Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

** Please stand if you are able*

***Hymn of Praise**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal
2. Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle
3. And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear
For God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Refrain x3: A mighty fortress is our God
His Kingdom is forever

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, from the very beginning, you have designed us for glorious work. Sadly, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have not first sought your Kingdom and your righteousness. We have dealt unjustly and unkindly with our neighbors. We have run into temptation, and the sin that we should hate, we have committed. We deceive and we seek our own glory rather than the glory that comes from you alone. Have mercy on us and forgive us, dear God. Help us to work in the world in a way that glorifies you in all that we do. Renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your way, to the glory of your holy name. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace that you have been saved.

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, 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

Kirk Gilbert

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

How Firm A Foundation

No. 275

- 1 How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you; O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose;
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Scripture	2 Kings 13-17
Sermon	<i>"The Fall of Israel"</i> Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
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 |
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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

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

Love Like Jesus

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Pam Jepson

***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 Programs: 9:00 a.m. Upper Elementary, 4th-6th grade, Office Conference Room (upstairs); Lower Elementary, 1st-3rd grade, Fellowship Hall; Nursery-kinder (age 0-6) Early School nursery/preschool rooms. **10:00 a.m.** Nursery-kinder in the Early School 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.

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 Nancy Southard, memorial March 18 at 1:00.

Kathryn Spradley, for her travels and time in Turkey with the Bultemas.

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

Love Like Jesus Lunch & Round Table Discussion, TODAY in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for lunch from 11:30-12:30 for a meal and discussion of ministry opportunities. And a trip to the basement afterwards to write Bible verses and pray.

Nominate a Covenant Partner for Elder or Deacon by Sunday, Mar 26, 2023

Please see insert for nomination information.

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. Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday, March 16, 11:45 AM in the library

Join us for lunch and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP, contact Shirley Fender.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday, March 16, 1:30 PM in the library

Many have been blessed by a prayerfully made shawl or blanket. Yarn provided.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

“Pursuing Joy” small group discussion and teaching by Patty Wilson.

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

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.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Pray for those who are recipients of the carefully knit or crocheted shawls and blankets, that they will be blessed by the warmth and care that went into each one.
- Pray for the knitters, their fellowship and time together in this ministry.
- Praise God for young knitters learning the craft and enjoying the friendship of seasoned knitters!

God is with you! And, we're here for you in person, by phone or online.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

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Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Kersten Barr

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Judy Cooper-Ashford

Chase Enright, Greeters

Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation

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Brian Johnson, Memorials

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