

WORSHIP



Sunday, March 26, 2023

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. 2 Kings 22:11

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Macey Preciado

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 93

Leader: The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

People: Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

Leader: Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

All: Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.

***Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

** Please stand if you are able*

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! [Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Refrain]

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet foolishly we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. We have put the seeking of idols, which are bound to leave us feeling empty, above seeking you. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Ryan Warner

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**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

4. Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

Scripture

2 Kings 22-25

Sermon

"The Fall of the Southern Kingdom

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Grace Alone

1. I was an orphan, lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear You call
But Father, you worked your will
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near Your throne
But Father, You loved me still
And in love, before You laid the world's foundation.
You predestined to adopt me as Your own.
You have raised me so high above my station.
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone.
2. You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, Your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone
But nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, You paid my debt
By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

3. I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, You made me see
I swore I knew the way on my own
A head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, You moved in me
And at Your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone
So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

Love Like Jesus

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Team

***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.

Kika Hutchings, for a speedy recovery from surgery.

Kathryn Spradley, for her teaching 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

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

Please pick up a nomination form at the entrance for information.

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

Join us in a small group study of 1 & 2 Kings in the Library or Fireside Room.

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:

Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James and Renata Bultema:

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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!

Financial Update:

Church Revenue & Expense

July 1, 2022—Feb. 28, 2023 YTD

Income: \$527,835

Expense: (567,178)

Net Loss: (\$39,343)

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.

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor

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