

WORSHIP



Sunday, May 7, 2023

"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." 1 Peter 3:8-9

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 71

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

People: Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Leader: Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God?

People: Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once more.

Leader: I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, my God; I will sing praise to you with the lyre, Holy One of Israel.

All: My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—I whom you have delivered.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Behold Our God

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

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

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at 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. 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

Melia Haugen

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.**

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**

I Will Wait for You

Out of the depths I cry to You;
From darkest places I will call.
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze –
I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.*

So put Your hope in God alone,
Take courage in His power to save;
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.

His steadfast love has made a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in his sacrifice.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.*

Scripture

1 Peter 3:8-4:19

Sermon

Suffering Together

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

What is confession? Confession is admitting personal responsibility for your words and actions, without excuse of any kind or shifting the blame to anyone else. Confession is a welcome into a deeper appreciation of the presence, promises, and grace of God. It is a welcome to a more humble, honest, approachable, and loving relationship with others. It is a welcome to no longer being afraid of knowing yourself or being known, because you know nothing will ever be known or revealed about you that hasn't already been covered by the blood of Jesus. Confession is an invitation to a life of internal rest and external peace.

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and cleansed! Thanks be to God!

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.

*Hymn of Response

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 52 vs. 1, 2, 3, 6

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| 1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home! | 3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same. |
| 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure. | 6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. |

***Benediction**

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **Please fill out a Visitor Card** 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! Next up: May 19th

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.

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 and Sudan.

Connecting & Serving

New ELMO Pres. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5369, Santa Barbara, CA 93150

Please use our P.O. Box for all correspondence and donations. Thank you!

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

Join us in a small group study in the Library or Fireside Room as we study 1 & 2 Peter.

Women in the Word, Mondays 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for the study "Pursuing Joy" with small group fellowship, worship music 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 a study guide written by 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.

Joy Reflected Luncheon for Widows, Thursday May 18 at 11:45 a.m. in the Library

Join us for fellowship and lunch, at no charge. Contact Shirley Fender to RSVP.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday May 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Library

All are welcome to join this ministry, yarn is available!

Remembering Jo Wagner, TODAY, May 7th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Manning Park

There will be a gathering in Area #1 at Manning Park to remember Jo Wagner. Everyone is invited to drop by and share their memories of our dear friend. Area #1 is in upper Manning Park by the entrance.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: The Warners & FCA of Santa Barbara

- Praises for how the Lord is moving through relationships at our huddles, especially at UCSB.
- Praises for our student leaders and coaches working together on their campuses to share Jesus.
- Praises for churches in our community committing to walking with us and being involved in mentoring students in our huddles.
- Prayers for successful events this Summer - Senior celebration, Germany soccer camp missions trip (for Katelyn on our staff), Futures Camp, Ojai Leadership Camp and the Pickleball tournament.
- Prayers for baby girl Warner #4 coming at the end of May!

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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