

WORSHIP



Sunday, July 16, 2023

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.” **Philippians 1:6**

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 139

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Leader: How precious are your thoughts, God!

All: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name - I'm fixed upon it -
Name of God's redeeming love.
2. Hitherto Thy love has blest me;
Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Bought me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Confession of Sin Unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 on the back cover, or follow this [link to give online](#). 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

For All the Saints

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold: Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine: Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Thru gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture

Acts 15:36-41; Colossians 4:10

Sermon

A Work in Progress

Ben Patterson

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners!

1. Jesus! what a friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

2. Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.
[Refrain]

3. Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.
[Refrain]

4. Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

5. Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine. [Refrain]

Ministry Moment

The Haugens

***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](https://www.instagram.com/elmopres) or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

Summer Programs for children and families Children's Church for age 0-6 is available all summer during worship. Elementary students age 7+ and youth are invited to worship. The playground is open (with parental supervision) for children. Worship activity guides are provided in the Narthex.

Pick up a copy of the **summer schedule for Middle School & High School Youth, Children & Families** in the Narthex. Will you accept the Psalm Photo Journal challenge? It's going to be a GREAT summer to dive deep into God's Word!

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter! 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.

Miles Hale, son of Rob and Christine Hale, in the Engineering Branch of the US Army, deployed to Poland for 2 months. Jon Wentzel and James Wentzel, sons of Bob and Nancy Phinney, both serving in the Air Force as Lt. Cols. and F-16 pilots. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Gordon Smith, Memorial Thur. July 20, 10:00 a.m. Susan Dau, for recovery from severe knee pain and upcoming knee surgery.

Jean Svoboda, for healing from a lung infection.

Blanche Heitkamp, continued healing and regained strength.

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

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

The people of Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

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

Please use the new P.O. Box for all correspondence and donations. If your donations are sent directly from a financial institution, please advise them of the new P.O. Box. Thank you!

Annual Sand Sculpture Contest, Saturday, July 22, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Santa Claus Beach

Join us for another fun filled beach day designing sand sculptures based on the theme:

“Everlasting Joy”. Judging will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. All Ages Welcome!

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Wednesday, July 26 at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join others who have lost a spouse to share a meal and fellowship. No charge. Please contact Shirley Fender to RSVP and if you need a ride.

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. You are welcome to join at any time during the current study.

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 Acts. 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: The Haugen Family Olive Grove Update

- Praise God for a great 2 1/2 weeks at Olive Grove serving kids from Turkey and nearby countries. It was an amazing few weeks, and we're so grateful for the privilege to see God at work in this beautiful part of the world!
- Please continue to pray for kids and youth from Olive Grove to rely on the love God has for them as they make big sacrifices to share Christ's love!
- Pray for new Olive Grove leadership to come alongside James and Renata Bultema for summer of 2024 and beyond.
- Pray for God's guidance as our church family considers practical and sacrificial ways to support St. Paul Cultural Center, Mosaik, and Olive Grove in the years ahead.

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

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