

# WORSHIP



Sunday, September 3, 2023

*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127:1*

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## 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 62:5-12

Leader: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

**People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Surely the lowborn are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie.

**People: If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.**

Leader: Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

**All: One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: "Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love"; and, "You reward everyone according to what they have done."**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;  
All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation;  
Enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find the promised rest.  
Take away our love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.
4. Finish then, Thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## 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 of this bulletin or [go to our website](#) to give online. 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 in the pew or 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

Ryan Warner

### Offertory

#### \*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      *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

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| <p>1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,<br/>And to take him at his word;<br/>Just to rest upon his promise,<br/>And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."</p> | <p>2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,<br/>Just to trust his cleansing blood;<br/>And in simple faith to plunge me<br/>Neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]</p> |
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*Refrain*  
*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!*  
*How I've proved him o'er and o'er!*  
*Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!*  
*O for grace to trust him more!*

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

Scripture

Psalm 127

Sermon

*Resting in God's Blessings*

Tom Haugen

### CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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 and will forgive our sins and purify 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

*In Christ Alone*

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| 1. In Christ alone, my hope is found<br>He is my light, my strength, my song<br>This Cornerstone, this solid ground<br>Firm through the fiercest drought and storm<br>What heights of love, what depths of peace<br>When fears are stilled, when strivings cease<br>My Comforter, my All in All<br>Here in the love of Christ I stand | 2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh<br>Fullness of God in helpless babe<br>This gift of love and righteousness<br>Scorned by the ones He came to save<br>'Til on that cross as Jesus died<br>The wrath of God was satisfied<br>For every sin on Him was laid<br>Here in the death of Christ I live |
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3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### **\*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](mailto: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](http://elmopres.org) or on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

### ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

#### **Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids begins September 10th!**

Nursery (age 0-2.5) & Preschool (age 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of Worship in the Early School classrooms. Curriculum: *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy.

K-6th Children begin in Worship and will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for ELMO Pres Kids.

Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios (downstairs). Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway.

Youth: This year 6th—12th grade students will meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. (NOTE new time). Begins September 15th with a Kick-Off event at Lookout Beach!

**Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter!** Email: [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Morgan Hale US Navy, Miles Hale US Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale, 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.

Bea Ostrander, for recovery from a fall.

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 and Maui

**\*\*Church offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day\*\***

## Connecting & Serving

### **College Luncheon Today, September 3, after worship at The Haugen's**

All College students are invited to lunch after worship today, directly behind the church on Hosmer Lane. Find a friend who knows the way there!

### **Women in the Word begins Monday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

For more information and to sign up, meet at the table on the patio after worship.

### **Moms in Prayer Fall Kickoff 2023, Thursday, September 14, 6-8:30p.m. (5:30 refreshments)**

Moms, aunts, grandmas, come be inspired to pray for your kids! For the location and more information contact Susan Dau: [daususan@yahoo.com](mailto:daususan@yahoo.com)

### **New Covenant Partner Class begins Sunday, September 24—October 29 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Sign up for this class by emailing Maryann at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org)

### **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 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 Ostbys**

- Pray for Karen, as she leads a team of women who invite Muslim neighbors to study the bible in their area. Over 900 new women have joined groups of 3 or 4 this year so far. Pray for Karen as she trains her core team and delegates some social help projects to local Indonesians, so she can focus on the Word, not on various financial needs.
- Pray for Dana for travels to the East Coast Sept 12 to Oct 8 for several conferences and to try to finish a computer programming project with his 89 year old Father, Gene Ostby.
- Pray for the 20 teams that Dana has trained with recently to be able to have long distance follow-up with key people over Zoom.
- Pray for preparations to receive a team of video experts in November who will train some young leaders within movements in Smartphone Film Making and that this will allow people to use the device in their pockets to plan, record, and distribute Bible teaching, leadership training, testimonies and stories across the nation. Dana and Karen are coordinating the training and translation for a dozen teams who will attend the two training events.

**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*  
*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*  
*Brad Catron, Facilities Manager*  
*Mary Hurt, Music Director*  
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*Nathan Gates, Outreach*  
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*Mary Slater, Human Resources*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries*

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