

# WORSHIP



Sunday, September 17, 2023

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

**Mark 1:17**

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Mary Hurt

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 135:1-7

James Barr

Leader: Praise the LORD.

**People: Praise the name of the LORD; praise him, you servants of the LORD, you who minister in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God.**

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

**People: For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession. I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods.**

Leader: The LORD does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.

**All: He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses.**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*His Mercy is More*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
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**Confession of Sin** Sing together

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

**Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.**

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

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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**

Erin Barr

### **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.**

*Children in grades K-6 are dismissed for ELMO Pres kids*

### **Blessing the Children**

*Aaron's Blessing*

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
May the Lord make His face to shine on you  
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance upon you  
May He keep you in perfect peace

### **Prayers for the Church and the World**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*And Can it Be?*

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

#### **Refrain:**

**Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
[Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
[Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my  
own. [Refrain]

### Scripture

Mark 1:16-45

### Sermon

*Ministry in Galilee*

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn of Response

*We Fall Down and O Church Arise*

We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of His mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lamb

1. O, church arise and put your armor on  
Hear the call of Christ our captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is love  
Reaching out to those in darkness.
2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul,  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole.  
We will fight with faith and valor.  
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,  
We know the outcome is secure,  
And Christ will have the prize for which  
He died  
An inheritance of nations.
3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,  
For the Conqueror has risen.  
And as the stone is rolled away,  
And Christ emerges from the grave,  
This vict'ry march continues till the day  
Ev'ry eye and heart will see Him.
4. So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,  
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful.  
As saints of old still line the way,  
Retelling triumphs of His grace,  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*The flowers are given in thanks to God for our family and loving marriage of 50 years.  
Bruce and Barb Kennedy*

## 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 Today!

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 Fellowship Hall. 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). Next up: October 6.

**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.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Barbara (Barbie) Henzell.

Bea Ostrander, for recovery from a fall.

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 Morocco as they recover from the earthquake and the people of Libya in the aftermath of the flood.

## Connecting & Serving

### **Additional parking available on Sunday mornings:**

Parking is available in the Montecito Library parking lot and the covered garage on Hosmer Lane. In order to provide parking for our guests and those with special needs, please use these parking lots if you are able.

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

Join us for "Celebrating Life in the Kingdom", an in-depth study of the book of Matthew.

### **Joy Reflected Special Luncheon, September 21, 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Widows in our extended church family are invited to gather for a High Tea, with teas from England, along with an assortment of tea sandwiches and pastries. With music before and after the tea. Please join us for High Tea and conversations with other women. RSVP to Shirley Fender.

### **New Covenant Partner Class begins Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room**

Please sign up by emailing [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) and let us know of any childcare needs.

### **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: Our Ministry Partners in Iraq**

Praise for a full but encouraging time visiting our faithful congregations in eastern U.S. this past summer. Due to the pandemic, it had been five years since we had seen those churches.

Please pray for:

- traveling mercies
- good re-entry back in Iraq
- meaningful visits with close Kurdish friends in Berlin.
- that the Lord will direct Chris' words for her sister's memorial so that many will hear the truth that Christ has conquered death, that Life - not death- has the final word!

**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*  
*Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator*  
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*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

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*Nathan Gates, Outreach*  
*Rob Hale, Adult Discipleship*  
*Barbara Mendelson, Finance*  
*Mary Slater, Human Resources*  
*Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries*

**Deacons**

*Kersten Barr, Coffee Service*  
*Judy Cooper-Ashford, Cards & Visitation*  
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