

WORSHIP



Sunday, October 29, 2023 Reformation Sunday

"When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given to him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?" **Mark 6:2**

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 46:1-11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

His Mercy is More

1. 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.

Chorus:

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

2. 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.
3. 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.

Confession of Sin Unison (Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525)

Heavenly Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

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

Rick Fogg

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 on you
May He keep you in perfect peace

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

The Lord is My Salvation

1. The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on the solid ground
The Lord is my salvation.
2. I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these
walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus:

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid, and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation*

3. My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flowers each promise of His word
When winter fades, I know spring will
come
The Lord is my salvation
4. In times of waiting, times of need
When I know loss, when I know need
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation.
5. And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation.

Scripture

Mark 5:21 –6:6

Sermon

Healing Miracles and Rejection

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

*Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died

3. And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

***Benediction**

Postlude

On Reformation Sunday we remember Martin Luther's boldness and conviction and celebrate the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Today we celebrate the life transforming light of the gospel shining out of the darkness.

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

Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids

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: 6th—12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. Next up: November 3 and 17.

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. A time of prayer is also available Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the fireside room, before worship. 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.

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. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Catherine Leffler.

Carol Luce, for recovery from a fall.

Halleine Morrison, for recovery from Covid.

Donna Medwid, for recovery from a fall which resulted in hip surgery.

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.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza.

Connecting & Serving

College Dinner & a Movie, Saturday, November 4, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Creative Studios

Invite a friend and enjoy an evening at ELMO Pres. Rides from Clark Dorm at 5:45 p.m.

Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 12

Please join us for a brief meeting following worship, Covenant Partners are needed to receive the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget.

Operation Christmas Child—pick up a shoebox today! Collection Sunday, November 12

Help take the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Stop by the Operation Christmas Child table in the courtyard to pick up a shoebox or go to the Samaritan's Purse website to pack a box online. <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline>.

M-4 Turkey Drive, Sunday November 19, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Food Bank of Santa Barbara needs Thanksgiving turkeys & chickens. The goal is to collect 500 between all 4 churches. Please deliver your 'frozen poultry' to ELMO Pres. Nov. 19th.

Christmas in Narnia is returning to ELMO Saturday, December 2, Sign-up today!

Consider joining a Narnia Team for 2023. We still need more volunteers! See the sign-up sheets in the courtyard or contact Lauri.

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.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP on State St.

Starting a new study on Worship - What do we mean and what does it include?

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: Local Ministry Events

Operation Christmas Child: pray for those preparing boxes and those receiving them to know and experience the fullness of God's love for them.

M-4 Annual Poultry drive: Please join us in providing frozen chicken and turkey for families in need this Thanksgiving and pray there would be enough to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Christmas in Narnia at ELMO: pray that God would bring the volunteers to put on this wonderful wintery event, and most of all for those in attendance to see the love God has for them, to feel welcomed through our doors (and wardrobe) and that the message of God's love and redemption would be known and felt throughout.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 805-969-5041

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