

WORSHIP



Sunday, November 26, 2023

And when he comes, he will open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf. The lame man will leap up like a deer, and those who could not speak will shout and sing! Springs will burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. Isaiah 35:5-6

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 107

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Congregation: Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story - those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from the east and west, from north and south. They cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

Leader: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds to mankind. For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. They cried out in their trouble and he saved them from their distress, He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains.

All: Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds to mankind.

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this,
our sacrifice of praise.
3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this,
our sacrifice of praise.
4. For each perfect Gift of Thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and Divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of Heaven:
Christ, our God, to Thee we raise this,
our sacrifice of praise.

Confession of Sin Unison

Gracious Creator God, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worries get in the way of sharing. For all the times we mistreat and misuse your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us, Lord. Instill in us an attitude of gratitude and guide us in the presence of your loving grace. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 6:17-18

But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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.

Children in grades K-6 are dismissed for ELMO Pres kids downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You (repeat)

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

We want to see you

Scripture

Mark 7:31-8:26

Sermon

Only Jesus Truly Heals

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Holy & Anointed One and Forever

Jesus, Jesus,
Holy and anointed one, Jesus
Jesus, Jesus,
Holy and anointed one, Jesus

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever

Your name is like honey on my lips
Your spirit like water to my soul
Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Jesus I love You, I love You

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will
carry on

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever, God is faithful
Forever, God is strong
Forever, God is with us
Forever, forever

***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

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: December 1.

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, James Wentzel, US Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney, Jack Burrows US Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

Carol Luce, for wisdom from the doctors to resolver her health issues.

Halleine Morrison, for continued recovery.

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.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza

Connecting & Serving

Christmas in Narnia, Saturday, December 2, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We still need more volunteers! See the sign-up sheets in the courtyard or contact Lauri. All reservation times have been filled, but there are waitlists available. Go to elmopres.org

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday December 7, 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall

Widows in our extended church family are invited to our Christmas luncheon. Please join us for a festive turkey dinner, good conversation, and singing of Christmas carols. RSVP to Shirley Fender and to arrange transportation if needed. The team looks forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you!

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 Street

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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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email them at:

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