

WORSHIP



Sunday, January 7, 2024

*I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward
in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:14***

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Kirk Gilbert

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:1-8

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

People: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

All: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

** Please stand if you are able.*

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 or scan the QR code on the back cover. On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. 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

Kirk Gilbert

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.

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

The Solid Rock

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| <p>1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.</p> | <p>3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.</p> |
| <p>2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.</p> | <p>4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found:
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.</p> |

Scripture

Philippians 3:1-14

Sermon

Pressin' On

Jim Wilson

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 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are cleansed and forgiven!

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 celebrate 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.

1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

***Benediction**

Postlude

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 for ELMO Pres Kids. Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway.

Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios.

Youth: 6th–12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. Next up: January 19, 2024.

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.

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.

Bereavement for the friends and family of Anne Denig. Memorial in February.

Jim George, for healing of an infection in his leg.

Jim Worthen, for recovery from surgery.

Benny Hurt, for full recovery from a seizure.

Halleine Morrison, for continued recovery.

Donna Medwid, for recovery from hip surgery, praise for her return home from rehab.

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!

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Join us Mondays in the Fellowship Hall for “Celebrating Life in the Kingdom” an in-depth study of the book of Matthew and an overview by Patty Wilson or Lynn Carpenter.

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

Currently doing a 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: Outreach Ministries

- Please prayerfully consider joining a short-term overseas mission team this summer by serving with IMPACT. Training and trips take place in July. All ages are encouraged to apply by Feb. 10.
- For ages 19 and above, prayerfully consider growing as a follower of Jesus and expanding leadership skills through ECO’s Summer Mission Mentorship Program in collaboration with The Antioch Partners. Deadline for applications for service within the U.S. or overseas is Jan. 15.
- Prayerfully consider supporting financially, and/or with prayer, those who feel the Holy Spirit’s call to participate in ministry programs at home or abroad.

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