

WORSHIP



Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 21, 2024

He Replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

Mark 9:29

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	David Talbott
Welcome to Our Life Together	Tom Haugen
Prayer of Invocation	
Music of Preparation	Deborah Bertling

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship** Psalm 139:7-17

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Leader: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

All: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. [Refrain]
3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin! [Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Refrain]

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, giver and sustainer of life. Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life. Forgive our behaviors that lead to violence, or hate, or fear; decisions that lead to dread and darkness. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We cheapen life by condoning prejudice, greed, selfishness, and discrimination. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal. God of grace, forgive us and turn us to the right path. Let your love and grace flow over us so that we may uphold all life as precious throughout the world. We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Take a moment to confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears and forgives.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

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 or scan the QR code on the back cover. 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.

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 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changest Thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render - O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Scripture

Mark 9:2-29

Sermon

A Father's Cry for Help

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a-lone. What is our on-ly con-fi-
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and good-ness
 3. Un-to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven
 dence? That our souls to Him be-long. Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a-
 known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a-rise? Who stands a-
 bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and
 part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 above the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the Rock of Christ.
 death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for-ev-er-more.
 O sing Ha-le-lu-jah! Our hope springs e-ter-nal; O
 sing Ha-le-lu-jah! Now and ev-er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

Ministry Moment with Network Medical

Jaelynn Lay

*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 for ELMO Pres Kids. 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: February 2 & 16, 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 family and friends of Anne Denig, and Halleine Morrison.

Ingrid Gabriel, for peace and strength.

Bea Ostrander, for health and healing.

Terry Foil, for recovery from wrist surgery after a fall.

Jim George, for restored health.

Ron Gouger, for health as he battles cancer.

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

Network Medical, Sanctity of Life Sunday, Today

Join Jaelynne Lay, our Ministry Partner from Network Medical Women's Center, on the patio after worship to find out more about this local ministry.

Upcoming Memorials: Anne Denig, at ELMO February 24 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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.

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: Network Medical Center for Women

- Please continue to pray for the right candidate to apply for our nurse manager position.
- Pray our reputation will be protected online in the community against activism.
- Pray for healing for women and men hurting from a past abortion.
- Pray for pending community partnerships to be finalized and for more opportunities to reach patients in 2024.

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