

WORSHIP



Sunday, February 25, 2024

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Emily Sommermann

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Rodney Meadth and Annie Haugen

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - he who forms the hearts of all.

Leader: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

** Please stand if you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Our God

1. Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you

2. Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you

Refrain

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

3. Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like you
None like you [Refrain]

Bridge

And if Our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what can stand against? [Repeat]

Confession of Sin *Unison*

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

For the Father 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 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

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

Here I am to Worship

1. Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

2. King of all days
O so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly you came to the earth you
created
All for love's sake became poor

Refrain

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

[Refrain]

Bridge

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
[Refrain]

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
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

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
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

Ministry Moment

Network Medical Women's Center

Fran Lambeth

***Benediction**

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Anne Denig by her family.

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 & College

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.

College: Bible study at Westmont, Tuesdays at 7 PM. Contact tomhaugen@elmopres.org.

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, Sue Slater, Bea Ostrander and Bill Gowler.

Jim George, who is in Valle Verde.

Ron Gouger, for health as he battles cancer.

Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery.

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza.

El Montecito supports numerous local ministries and community organizations, including Network Medical.

Please support Network Medical by praying --

- ◆ That every patient who receives a baby backpack will experience the love of Christ.
- ◆ That every patient who is given a new baby backpack will come into a relationship with Jesus.
- ◆ Pray for protection and peace over the patients as they continue in their pregnancies

Connecting & Serving

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.

Baby Backpacking Party in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** after the morning Worship.

Help put together backpacks with baby items for new moms.

Joy Reflected Luncheon

Join us as we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in the fellowship hall on Thursday, March 14 at 11:45. There will be Irish food, decor and music, so dress up in green! This luncheon is open to all widows in our community. Please contact Shirley Fender to RSVP or to request a ride. (fendersender@cox.net)

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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