

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, March 3, 2024

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come."

Mark 13:33

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

David Talbott and Emily Sommermann

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 31

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

People: Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: Since you are my rock and fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

People: Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

Leader: But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God."

People: How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in sight of all, on those who take refuge in you. In the shelter of your presence you hide them from all human intrigues; you keep them safe in your dwelling from accusing tongues.

Leader: Praise be to the LORD, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege.

All: Love the LORD, all his faithful people! The LORD preserves those who are true to him, but the proud he pays back in full. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

** 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]

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

Terry Foil

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.

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostle's Creed

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

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| 1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Pastor: Hear and believe in 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.

***Hymn of Response**

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
4. Thru many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand
years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

***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 Welcome to 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) 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 6-8 p.m.

College: Bible study at Westmont, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. 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 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.

Comfort and healing for:

Jim George at Valle Verde.

Ron Gouger for strength as he battles cancer.

Blanche Heitkamp for continued recovery.

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to troubled areas including Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

Connecting & Serving

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

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

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

Studying 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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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)

Network Medical Baby Backpack Update

Thank you for giving so generously to our Baby Backpack project for Network Medical Women’s Center. And thank you for the “hands and feet of Jesus” who helped us fill the backpacks with essential items for new babies and their moms. Donations totaled **\$7945** which is enough to fill more backpacks and purchase several infant car seats.

Pray for our ministry partners at Transition House

- Pray that families experiencing homelessness are able to successfully transition to housing and find financial stability.
- Pray that the staff and volunteers would be sustained by Gods power to love and serve those entrusted to their care.
- Pray for sufficient financial support.
- Pray that those in need would be humble enough to seek and find help, and their lives would be transformed by God's power.

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