



EL MONTECITO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy vict'ry, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Confession of Sin *Unison*

Almighty and Gracious God, we praise You for Your victory over sin and death. You raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess we have not consistently bowed down before him or acknowledge his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him the glory. Forgive us, and raise us from our sin through Your Word and Spirit. Transform us into faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is Head of the Church. In His name we pray. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 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

Ginger Ketzel

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

"O Praise the Name"

1. I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree
2. His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone
3. Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King
4. He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Chorus:

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

Sermon

“The Empty Tomb”

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.

*Benediction

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

Special thanks to our musicians:

Peter West, clarinet
Andy Patterson, trombone
Cornelius Patterson, trumpet
Marshall Patterson, saxophone
ELMO Pres Kids Choir

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church



Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping 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 may 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

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & Preschool (ages 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 graders meet together the 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.

To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email LauriHaugen@elmopres.org.

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email your prayer requests to prayers@elmopres.org.

In addition, please pray for:

Safety for those serving in the armed forces, including Lt. Morgan Hale, U.S. Navy;

Lt. Miles Hale, U.S. Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S.

Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney; and Spc. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

And Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer; Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery and Curtis Whiteman, for continued healing.

For peace in troubled areas, including Haiti, Russia, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito supports numerous ministries and community organizations near and far, including Jim and Renata Bultema who have served in Turkey for more than 30 years. Please support their ministries by praying:

- For the Saint Paul Cultural Center and the new Mozaik Cultural Center, each of which is home for three congregations and shares the love of Christ in Antalya.
- For Olive Grove Camp, for full camper enrollment this summer and for short-term ministry volunteers to serve at the two-week camp outside Antalya.
- That international workers may continue to fill needed ministry staff positions.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the library. New study in Ezra and Nehemiah begins April 7.

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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 Matthew, taught by Patty Wilson.

Women’s Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 to 9:00 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St.

Currently studying worship: What do we mean by worship and what does it include?

Men’s Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Come participate in a study of Acts. Bring your Bible. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursday of the month 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

Our overseas ministry partners love receiving encouraging notes. Reach them this way:

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