

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, April 7, 2024

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight."

Luke 24:31

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt and Taylor Bleecker

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call To Worship

Psalm 86:4-12

Leader: Bring joy to your servant, LORD, for I put my trust in you. You, LORD are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

People: Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Leader: Among the gods, there is none like you, LORD; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, LORD; they will bring glory to your name.

All: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, LORD, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, LORD my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

* Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

Chorus

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

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**

Speak O Lord

1. Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory
2. Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
Speak O Lord and renew our minds
3. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Scripture

Luke 24:13-32

Sermon

“Look Who Came to Dinner”

Ben Patterson

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.

Leader: 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

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.
bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un-to the shore, the Rock of Christ.
death will be de-stroyed, 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.

*Benediction

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

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

Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids:

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. Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios.

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.

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.

Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer.

Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery.

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 the ministry of Mayu Guillen Villanueva who serves in Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico, with United World Mission. Please pray:

- For the women she ministers to, many of whom are single mothers living in poverty, recovering from domestic violence, and seeking employment to support their families.
- That the Holy Spirit opens more doors for expansion of the practical and spiritual assistance that her ministry offers with grace and compassion.
- For her own family members and their financial needs.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the library.

New study in Ezra and Nehemiah begins April 14.

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 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 to 10 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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