

WORSHIP



Sunday, April 21, 2024

"With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: 'He is good; his love towards Israel endures forever.' And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid."

Ezra 3:11

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Trinity Song

Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one
Holy Father, Son and Spirit
Holy Communion, three-in-one

Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love
Come with your peace, with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 105

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

People: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham. His chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

All: For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham. He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; he gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others toiled for - that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things
He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

2. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
great things He hath done.

Confession of Sin Unison

Lord, we come to you today in worship and praise, knowing that you are God and King. You alone are worthy of our praise. We also come recognizing we are sinners in need of You, our Savior. We confess we have elevated our desires and plans over your will for our lives and for your world. We want authority and power over others to use for our own purposes. Forgive us for our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded attention to Your way. Remind us that You desire servants first and foremost. Enable us to serve in the name of Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. In His name we pray. Amen.

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

Song of Confession

Lord I need you, oh I need you!
Every hour I need you!
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need you!

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-10

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Song of Assurance

So I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
I'll stand
My soul, Lord, to you surrendered
All I am is Yours

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

Jeff Delk

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

The Church's One Foundation

Real Key

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her is His new creation by one wa-ter and the Word. From char-ter of sal-va-tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One heaven He came and she sought her to be His ho-ly bride; With ho-ly Name and she bless-es, par-takes E ho-ly food, And His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E - to one hope she press-es, with eve-ry grace en-dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor
She ever shall prevail

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grade that we
Like them the meek and lowly,

Scripture

Ezra 3-4

Sermon

“Temple Rebuilding and Opposition”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion

In the dark of night, before the dawn

We will sing with our hearts restored

My soul, be not afraid

He has done great things, we will say together

For the promised morning, oh, how long?

We will feast and weep no more

O God of Jacob, be my strength

We will not be burned by the fire

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

He is the Lord, our God

You are the faithful One

We are not consumed by the flood

And from the garden and to the grave

Upheld, protected, gathered up

Bind us together, bring shalom

Ministry Moment with Manuel and Laura Vivanco

***Benediction**

Postlude

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. Pick up children at 11:15.

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.

The family of Jim George, experiencing bereavement.

Harriett Hartt, recovering from a stroke; Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer;

Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery and Curtis Whiteman, for continued healing.

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

Finance Team Report

Actual YTD through March 2024

Revenue: \$650,609

Expense: \$686,931

Net Income (loss) (\$36,322)

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministry of Manuel and Laura Vivanco, who serve with United World Mission in Mexico. Please support the Vivancos by praying:

- For their current visit to our area, which includes a 2,000-mile drive (each way) from their home outside Mexico City, visits with family including Laura's mother Ann Marie King, and celebrating daughter Kelly's upcoming graduation from Westmont College.
- For continued growth and strength of the network of churches their ministry plants in the greater Mexico City area.
- For ministry staff members experiencing family health issues, and other challenges including vandalism and theft at a sister church in Chiconautla.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Library. Study in Ezra and Nehemiah resumes April 28. Today, Manuel and Laura Vivanco provide an update on their ministry in Mexico in the Library at 9 a.m.

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

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

Gather 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 at 7:45 - 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 - 10 a.m. in the Library

Bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

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

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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