

WORSHIP



Sunday, June 23, 2024

"Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services."

Nehemiah 13:14

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude David Talbot, Mary and Taylor Hurt, Eliana Bordin, Annie Haugen

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship** Psalm 139

Leader: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

People: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, LORD. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I were to go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of the sand - when I awake, I am still with you.

All: Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Great are you Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore (You restore)
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord (Chorus)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (Repeat 3 times)

Confession of Sin Unison

Father, we come before you confessing our sins: thoughts that are not like your thoughts, selfish desires and evil passions—unkind words and unjust acts. Keep us, Lord, from pride and arrogance, and from scornful judgment of others. Keep us, Lord, from worshipping the blessings that you have given us. Keep us, Lord, from trusting in anything except your grace. Lord, you know our temptations and struggles. Show mercy on us, that we may seek the righteousness of faith, that we may be forgiven, and that we may be strengthened each day by your Holy Spirit, to serve you in the freedom and joy that you give to us through Jesus. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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

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.**

Prayers for the Church and the World

Ryan Warner

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Your Love Never Fails

Verse 1

Nothing can separate
Even if I run away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes
You have new mercies for me everyday
Your love never fails

Chorus

You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
Your love never fails

Verse 2

The wind is strong and the water's deep
I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails (Chorus)

Bridge

You make all things work together for
my good
You make all things work together for
my good
You make all things work together for
my good
You make all things work together for
my good (*Chorus*)

Scripture

Nehemiah 13

Sermon

"The Final Reforms"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

We Will Feast

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (*Chorus*)

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
and from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom (*Chorus*)

***Benediction**

Postlude

The flowers are given in loving memory of Richard and Helen Atamian by their daughters.

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 may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You may also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres, or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & Preschool (ages 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids grades 1st-6th join in worship through August 18.

Worship Activity guides available in the foyer.

Bibles & Bagels in the Basement (for high school students) begins Sunday, June 30, from 9:00 -9:45 a.m.

Family Dinner & Movie Night (WONKA) is tonight from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. Bring a side dish to share. Burgers, hotdogs and drinks provided. Location: Creative Studio Great Room.

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:

Paul and Tessa Dohm as they welcome baby Wyatt Bradford Dohm to their family! He was born June 12 at 2:57 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. 12 oz. Congratulations Dohm family of 6!

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.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Richard Atamian.

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

Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery; Curtis Whiteman, for continued healing;

Marilyn Nichols recovering from a stroke.

For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Sudan (Darfur), Syria, Ethiopia.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Royal Family Kids seeks to positively impact the lives of children, ages 7–11, who have been victims of abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment, through mentoring during participation in next week's summer camp in the local mountains. Please pray for:

- The children, at camp June 24-28, to be encouraged and transformed as they focus on being “wonderfully made” and experience the healing love of Jesus.
- The camp directors, Sandra Edgar and Becca McNees, and volunteer staff including Deborah Bertling, Avala Elwood and Zak Stengel from ELMO Pres.
- Mentoring Club directors, Toby Kellogg and Steph Carey, and volunteer mentors.
- Continued financial support and volunteer involvement in Royal Family Kids ministry. Volunteers are needed today and Friday to prepare and close out camp. To volunteer, please call (805) 455-1343.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Library studying Nehemiah.

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

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

Join the study on “Disciplines of a Godly Woman.”

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 Thursday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes.

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