

WORSHIP



Sunday, August 11, 2024

*"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!
And this is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it does not know him."*

1 John 3:1

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt and the ELMO Instrumentalists

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymn 345, verses 1 & 3

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems you from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

People: For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like the grass, they flourish like a flower in the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone and its place remembers no more.

Leader: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

All: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, my soul.

***Hymn of Praise**

"King of Kings"

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

*Praise the Father Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings*

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the church of Christ was born-
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty and loving God, you are generous in abundance. You have given us gifts that we do not deserve. You have called us from death to life, granted us forgiveness through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, given us the Holy Spirit, and made us your children. You have provided for us, both spiritually and materially. Yet we have failed to be thankful and to rejoice in your goodness. We have ignored you and neglected to give you the praise that is due your name. Forgive us for our ingratitude. Give us eyes that see your hand at work in all areas of our lives. Enable us to realize that every good thing comes from you. And deepen our gratitude so that we might serve you with undivided and joyful hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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. 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

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

"And Can it Be"

Keith & Kristyn Getty arrangement

1. And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued?
3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light

Chorus 1

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
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Chorus 3

My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

2. He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
4. No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine

Chorus 2

'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free
For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus 4

Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own
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Scripture

1 John 3

Sermon

"Righteousness, Love & Assurance"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

"Who You Say I Am"

1. Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 2
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

2. Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Tag
(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Ministry Moment

IMPACT- Turkey

Pamela Gilbert

***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 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 Sept. 1. Worship Activity guides available in the foyer.

Youth: Bibles & Bagels in the Basement (for high school students) from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Every Sunday through Sept. 1.

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; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force, Spc. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.

Harriett Hartt recovering from a stroke; Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer; Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery; Marilyn Nichols recovering from a stroke and Jean Svoboda recovering from a fall; Sylvia Hamilton for healing as she recovers from surgery; Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, as he continues chemotherapy for leukemia; Curt Whiteman, for continued healing and protection while the health center at Valle Verde experiences a COVID lockdown and restricts visitors.

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

Congratulations and praise for Julia & Isaac Mazingo, (granddaughter of the Swinfords) on their first wedding anniversary.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including IMPACT, which prepares and sends teams on short-term mission journeys around the globe. Pamela Gilbert, an Outreach Ministry Team member and deacon, recently visited Turkey where her IMPACT team built relationships among three congregations of Turkish believers that make up the Antalya Evangelical Church (AIK). The team also served in the earthquake area. Please pray:

- For continued joyous celebration of the Lord's goodness that Turkish believers expressively show to those around them.
- For AIK leaders strategizing to legally share the Gospel among unbelievers interested in Christianity, knowing government restrictions could soon stifle those efforts.
- For the tens of thousands affected by the 2023 earthquake in SE Turkey. Many lost loved ones and employment, and now live in metal container homes.
- For God's blessings on volunteers ministering to earthquake victims; building container homes, offering children's programs and English classes, and visiting stricken families.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library studying 1 John.

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

Women in the Word, Resumes Monday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. with a study of the Book of Acts. For more information or to sign up, call Patty Wilson at 805-689-4496, or text Deborah Bertling at 805-698-0952.

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 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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