

WORSHIP



Sunday, August 18, 2024

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Praise to the Lord/Joyful, Joyful”

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health
And salvation
Come all you hear
Now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration
2. Praise to the Lord above
All things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under His wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining
3. Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work
And defend you
Surely His goodness
And mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

(Bridge)

- Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like
Flowers before Thee
Opening to the Sun above
4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me
Adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises
Before Him
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Confession of Sin Unison

God of compassion and mercy, you sent your Son as the Savior of the world, and you told us to love one another as much as you loved us. Yet, we have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

Erin Barr

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

"In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock"

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

Bridge

On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand
On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry, to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till he returns or call me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Scripture

1 John 4

Sermon

"Know and Rely"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

"God So Loved"

1. Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the Water, come and thirst no more
2. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're
looking for

Bridge

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of his love (*repeat*)

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

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3. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

Chorus 2

The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
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Bring all your failures,
bring your addictions
Come lay them down
at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

Chorus 2

The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

*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, AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.

Pray for the families and friends of Ron Gouger and Judy Rehfeld as they grieve. For Harriett Hartt recovering from a stroke; Marilyn Nichols recovering from a stroke and Jean Svoboda recovering from a fall; Sylvia Hamilton for healing; Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, as he continues treatment for leukemia; Curt Whiteman, for continued healing and protection in the health center at Valle Verde. For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Sudan (Darfur), Syria and Ethiopia.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministry of Laura and Manuel Vivanco who serve with Mesa Global in greater Mexico City. Please support them by prayer over the following:

- For the recent marriage of Laura and Manuel's son Caleb.
- For safety and wellbeing of their daughter Kelly, a 2024 Westmont grad with a teaching credential, as she relocates to India for a two-year mission assignment to teach elementary school. Kelly is fluent in Hindi.
- For the successful series of evangelism workshops held in the Chiconautla area of Mexico City. The third in the series drew 122 attendees from 12 churches.
- For discipleship follow-up to those who were inspired and motivated by the teachings offered at the workshops so that the power of God's word truly penetrates their understanding, and gives them hope and new life.

Connecting & Serving

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

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 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.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, September 12 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a formal tea, conversation, and music. All widows are invited, including friends and neighbors. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley Fender at fendersender@cox.net

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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