

WORSHIP



Sunday, August 25, 2024

*"Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."
1 John 5:5*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 40

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

People: He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

People: Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

Leader: Many, LORD, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us.

All: None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you destroyed the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by our own selfishness and sin. We waste your gifts, wander from your ways, and forget your love. We overlook our neighbor, and are constantly focused on ourselves. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of the fullness of life given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

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

When you were dead in your sins and in your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

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

Jeff Delk

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** "The King of Love my Shepherd is"

1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Scripture

1 John 5:1-12

Sermon

"Overcoming"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

"The Solid Rock"

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

3. His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

2. When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*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](https://www.instagram.com/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.

Please pray for members of the Santa Barbara Bible Study Fellowship leadership team as they prepare to teach Revelation and relocate to El Montecito Presbyterian Church. Ask God to care for, guide and protect the BSF leaders and pray for a smooth transition to ELMO. Praise God for the opportunity to host this ministry, helping people dig deeply into God's Word.

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 Cleveland Elementary School. Much of our church's support to the school is through covenant partners' volunteering efforts that include greeting students on the first days of school, helping set for end-of-year promotion ceremonies and reading with students in classrooms. Anyone feeling led to volunteer is encouraged to contact Principal Gabriel Sandoval at gasandoval@sbunified.org. Please support the school's staff, students and their families by praying for:

- The Lord's mercy for a family who lost their home and all earthly possessions to a house fire earlier this month. One of the four children of the Valadez family attends Cleveland.
- Healing and strength for a student who has been in critical condition at UCLA's Children's Hospital for the past four months. Likewise for four school staff members experiencing significant health concerns.
- A smooth start to the new school year for Cleveland's 275 students.

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, Thursday, Sept. 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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