

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, September 1, 2024

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God
so that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13*

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**

Isaiah 43:1-5

Leader: But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

All: Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

***Hymn of Praise**

Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love

Bridge

You bring light to the darkness

And all the earth will shout Your praise

You give hope You restore ev'ry heart
that is broken

Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord

And great are You Lord

(Repeat)

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

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

Nathan Gates

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.**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

Listen to the Word of the Lord

1. Listen to the Word of the Lord
Listen to the Word of the Lord
Great and wise good and kind
Listen to the Word of the Lord

3. Lean on ev'ry promise of God
Lean on ev'ry promise of God
Tried and true holding you
Lean on ev'ry promise of God

2. Learn to know the sound of His voice
Learn to know the sound of His voice
Strong and sure calm and pure
Learn to know the sound of His voice

4. Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Great and wise good and kind
Jesus is the Word of the Lord
Listen to the Word of the Lord

Bridge

Hear and believe Him trust and obey
Walk in His wisdom every day

Scripture

1 John 5:13-21

Sermon

"Assurance"

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are cleansed and forgiven!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and celebrate our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

My Worth Is Not In What I Own (At the Cross)

1. My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love
at the cross
 2. My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
at the cross
 3. As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross
 4. I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ
at the cross
 5. Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid
at the cross
- Chorus*
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone

***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 & College

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. Sunday School resumes Sept. 8!

Youth: Join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke. Kickoff Pool Party: Sept. 6, 6-8 pm, Foil's home.

College: Rides from Westmont (pick-up at 9:40 am at Clark Dorm)

Colossians/Philemon Bible Study begins Sept. 17 on campus. 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; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force, Spc. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, AE4 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.

Ron Gouger's memorial is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2 pm at Samarkand.

Judy Rehfeld's memorial memorial service is scheduled for Sept. 7 at Hollywood Presbyterian

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 our ministry partners in Turkey, Jim and Renata Bultema. They have been serving in Turkey for more than 30 years and their ministries operate under the SPCC Turkish Foundation "for the good of Antalya and to the glory of God"

- Please pray as Jim defends his PhD. dissertation, titled "New Pieces in a Passing Mosaic: The Turkish Protestant Church" on September 3rd
- Pray that The St. Paul Cultural Center and Mozaik Cultural Center continue to experience growth in their multiple congregations and in the use and visitation of the Centers' daily programs and businesses.
- Pray for dedicated co-workers to fill staff vacancies at the centers and for volunteer counselors to serve at next summer's Olive Grove, the Christ-centered, English-language summer camp the Bultemas launched in 1997 as an "international kids' adventure".

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.

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

Triple R Kickoff Lunch: Sept. 22, after worship. All invited! Capital campaign presentation, BBQ lunch, line-dancing & fun with your church family!

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Reach them this way: Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Dana & Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; Ryan & Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org; United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com; Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org; Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: ranchsordomundo@hotmail.com, and Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

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