

WORSHIP



Sunday, September 8, 2024

"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. 2 John 1:6

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**

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

People: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Leader: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

All: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

***Hymn of Praise**

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
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2. When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

3. And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

4. When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

Litany of Dedication for Teachers, Parents and Students

Please stand when reading with your designated group.

Teachers, Staff, Church and Parachurch Leaders

Father God, we commit ourselves to teach, serve, and love the people you place around us. By your grace may we model Christ daily, knowing that our labor is not vain. Help us to lead students with honesty, wisdom, and compassion. Give us gentle and respectful words to share our belief in Christ. We pray that the children and youth in our churches, schools, and community would come to know and rely on Your love.

Parents and Guardians

Heavenly Father, thank you for the children you have entrusted to our care. Give us abundant wisdom to parent well and the humility to keep you in the center of our family and relationships. Build in our children an unshakable confidence that comes from knowing your great love and protect them from evil. We place our children into your hands, trusting in your faithfulness.

Students

Father God, thank you for the gift of education and for all those who point us to Jesus along the way. Help us to grow closer to Jesus and to love what You love. Cultivate in us a deeper understanding of your Word and your purposes in this world. Remind us that our ultimate worth is found in Christ, not in what we accomplish. May we love You with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

All

Heavenly Father, we commit this school year to you and pray for your blessing on the great adventure of learning. Fill us all with the full measure of your Holy Spirit as we shine the light of Christ in this city and beyond. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, we see ourselves as pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected injustice and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Order our lives by your Holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through 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. 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.**

Blessing the Children

Aaron's Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you

May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May the Lord lift His countenance on you
May He keep you in perfect peace
May He keep you in perfect peace

Prayers for the Church and the World

Connie Wilson

ELMO Pres Kids K-7th are dismissed to the Creative Studios (basement).

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Build My Life

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love
to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Scripture

2 John

Sermon

"Walking in Truth and Love"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

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

*Benediction

Postlude

Ministry Moment

ELMO Pres Home Groups

The flowers are given to the glory and honor of our Heavenly Father and in gratitude for our marriage and family. Barb and Bruce Kennedy

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.

Children (K-7th) are dismissed after the Doxology for ELMO Pres Kids in the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship.

Youth (6th–12th): Join us on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke. Meet in the Creative Studios from 6-8 pm.

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

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.

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.

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

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."

BSF, Womens Bible Study Fellowship, Starts Wednesday September 11th at 9:30 a.m..

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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Sermon Notes:

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:19-20

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

This fall, we'll read and study Colossians and Philemon together in worship beginning on September 22. Consider picking up a copy of Colossians and Philemon: A 12-Week Study (Knowing the Bible) by Christopher A. Beetham and/or join a mid-week Home Group studying Colossians and Philemon.

We currently have three home groups opportunities:

Carpinteria Home Group

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Contact: Nate & Janet Gates

Eucalyptus Hill/East Side Home Group

Mid-Week

Contact: Larry & Darlene James

Carpinteria Home Group

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Andy & Mary Patterson

College Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. beginning Sept 17

Westmont Prayer Chapel

Contact: Tom Haugen

Sunday Discipleship Classes at 9 AM:

Old Testament Survey: begins Sept 29 at 9 AM. This 18-week class will give you an opportunity to deep dive into the redemptive story being fulfilled in Jesus using a study guide called CASKET EMPTY by Dr. Carol Kaminski (Ph.D., Cambridge University and Professor of Old Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary).

We'll trace the storyline of the Old Testament in chronological sequence through six key periods: Creation, Abraham, Kings, Exile, and Temple, represented by the acronym CASKET. Please RSVP with the church office if your participation is dependent on child-care needs. Suggested donation for book materials and maps is \$20.

Covenant Partner Class - September 28, 9AM-1PM in the Creative Studios (basement). Continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch provided.

Here are a few more ways to nurture Christ-centered Community as you pray and study God's Word .

Women's Small Group

Thursdays, 7:45-9:00 a.m.
IHOP, 1701 State Street
Contact: Shirley Fender

Men's Small Group

Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
ELMO Pres Library
Contact: Kirk Gilbert

Women in the Word

Mondays, 9:30-11:15 a.m.
ELMO Pres Fellowship Hall
Contact: Patty Wilson

Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.
ELMO Pres

Prayer Time for Church and the World

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All welcome!

Sunday Post-Worship Lunches

Pack a lunch and join families after worship in the Creative Studio Great Room for fellowship. The playground will also be available for kids to play. Ongoing!

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor
Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families
Brad Catron, Facilities Manager
Mary Hurt, Worship Director
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Kersten Barr, Community Life
Judy Cooper-Ashford, Cards & Care Gifts
Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary
Shirley Fender, Joy Reflected Ministry, Ushers
Pamela Gilbert, Receptions, Secretary
Brian Johnson, Receptions
Fran Lambeth, Congregational Care

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