

# WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

**People: Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

Leader: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

**All: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father.**

**\*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 who 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

*Chorus*

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 hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from  
His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

## **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**

Terry Foil

**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.**

*Children are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.*

**Affirmation of Faith** Unison

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

Christ the True and Better

1. Christ the true and better Adam  
Son of God and Son of man  
Who when tempted in the garden  
Never yielded never sinned  
He who makes the many righteous  
Brings us back to life again  
Dying He reversed the curse then  
Rising crushed the serpent's head
2. Christ the true and better Isaac  
Humble son of sacrifice  
Who would climb the fearful mountain  
There to offer up his life  
Laid with faith upon the altar  
Father's joy and only son  
There salvation was provided  
Oh what full and boundless love
3. Christ the true and better Moses  
Called to lead a people home  
Standing bold to earthly powers  
God's great glory to be known  
With his arms stretched wide to heaven  
See the waters part in two  
See the veil is torn forever  
Cleansed with blood we pass now  
through
4. Christ the true and better David  
Lowly shepherd mighty King  
He the champion in the battle  
Where o death is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered  
Crown Him Lord of majesty  
His shall be the throne forever  
We shall e'er His people be

### *Chorus*

Amen amen  
From beginning to end  
Christ the story  
His the glory  
Alleluia amen

**Scripture**

Colossians 1:15-23

**Sermon**

“Christ Alone”

Tom Haugen



Sermon Notes:

*T-coil available for hearing impaired, use channel B. Please see our ushers for more information.*

## 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

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 whole world through him.

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**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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| 1. What is our hope in life and death<br>Christ alone Christ alone<br>What is our only confidence<br>That our souls to Him belong<br>Who holds our days within His hand<br>What comes apart from His command<br>And what will keep us to the end<br>The love of Christ in which we stand | 2. What truth can calm the troubled soul<br>God is good God is good<br>Where is His grace and goodness known<br>In our great Redeemer's blood<br>Who holds our faith when fears arise<br>Who stands above the stormy trial<br>Who sends the waves that bring us nigh<br>Unto the shore the rock of Christ |
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*Chorus*

O sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

3. Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:*

*Deborah Bertling, Emily Sommermman and David Talbott*

## Adult Discipleship Opportunities

*“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*

This fall, we’re reading and studying Colossians & Philemon together in worship. Consider ordering 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. Email the office at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) to connect with any of the following homegroup or bible study leaders:

We currently have three home group opportunities and a college bible study:

### **Carpinteria Home Group**

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Contact: Nate & Janet Gates

### **Eucalyptus Hill/East Side Home Group**

Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

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.

Westmont Prayer Chapel

Contact: Tom Haugen

### **Sunday Discipleship Classes at 9 AM:**

**Old Testament Survey:** Sundays 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 childcare needs. Suggested donation for book materials and maps is \$20.



### **Women in the Word**

Mondays, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

ELMO Pres Fellowship Hall

Contact: Patty Wilson

### **Men's Small Group**

Thursdays, 9 a.m.

ELMO Pres Library

Contact: Kirk Gilbert

### **Women's Bible Study Fellowship**

Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

Contact: bsfinternational.org

### **Prayer Time for Church and the World**

Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

All welcome!

### **Women's Small Group**

Thursdays, 7:45-9:00 a.m.

IHOP, 1701 State Street

Contact: Shirley Fender

### **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!

### **The Triple R Capital Campaign has begun!**

For those of you who missed the Capital Campaign Presentation, you may view it by scanning the QR code with the camera feature of your phone. We have pledge cards and envelopes available with the ushers.

Since our Kick-off Event 2 weeks ago, we've raised an additional \$173K and now have raised a total of \$1,028,000 toward our Triple R goals totaling \$1.7 M: repair the roof, renovate the manse & retire the debt!

*Please join us in praying for God to provide for the flourishing future of El Montecito Presbyterian Church!*



## 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](mailto: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](http://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) 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

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

Please pick up your child after worship.

**ELMO Pres Youth Group** (6th—12th): Join us in the Creative Studios on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6-8 p.m. for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke.

**College:** Rides from Westmont (pick-up at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Contact [tomhaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:tomhaugen@elmopres.org)  
*To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org)*

### Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email prayer requests to [prayers@elmopres.org](mailto: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. Ron Gouger's memorial is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2 p.m. at Samarkand.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Harriett Hartt, Donna Lehman, Marilyn Nichols, Jim Swinford, Jean Svoboda and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- FCA's Fields of Faith event October 9 at 7 p.m. Pray that God will open the hearts of people in our community to receive the words of students' testimonies and the Gospel. Pray for favor in every detail as FCA prepares for this big event.
- For all those grieving and impacted by the destruction of Hurricane Helene.
- For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, 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 church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including the Ostbys in Indonesia. Please support Dana and Karen by praying:

- This week they have been meeting with 25 church planters. Pray for these teams who are struggling to connect regional teams and local teams to one another for fellowship, teaching and support during times of persecution.
- Pray for Dana who is meeting with seminary leaders from 20 Bible colleges from October 8-10 to discuss how their schools can better prepare students to engage with Muslim ethnic groups and multiply disciples.
- Please pray for Karen who is leading a story-based trauma healing class every two weeks through December.
- Please also pray for Dana and Karen who plan to return to California for Christmas with their kids and do ministry on the Central Coast and Bay area in January and February.

## Connecting & Serving

**Sunday Adult Discipleship Group**, Survey of the Old Testament (All ages 13+ welcome):  
Join us in the library at 9 a.m.

**Prayer Time**, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

**Women in the Word**, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. studying 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 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St. Join the study on "Disciplines of a Godly Woman."

**Men's Bible Study**, Thursdays at 9 - 10 a.m. in the Library. Bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

**Weeknight Homegroups**, to join one please email the office at [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org)

**Girls Crafting Outreach**: Sat., October 12, 2-4 p.m. in the Creative Studios. Girls ages 8+. Bracelet and card making with the goal of giving the creations away to spread some cheer!

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

**Connect with our Ministry Partners:**

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

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

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*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*  
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*Larry James*  
*Mary Slater*

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