

El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Church in the Courtyard

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

*Call to Worship Psalm 46:1-11

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the most high dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

People: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Leader: Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

All: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn Of Praise In Christ Alone Matthew Roy

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

Confession of Sin Unison

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a burden of guilt and shame. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

the Good News.

Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Pastor: God's life-giving Word and Spirit conquer the powers of sin and death. Thanks be to God for

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Please go to our website or follow this <u>link to give online</u>. You can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors. Remember our tithes and offerings are a continued act of worship and a physical act of trusting all of 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

Suzy Dobreski

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 & the World

Suzy Dobreski

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
 All Thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
 Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation,
 Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit,
 Let us find that promised rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning,
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3. Come, almighty to deliver,
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4. Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee:
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Scripture Genesis 8-9

Sermon Mountain Peaks of Promise: Noah Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

And Can It Be?

And can it be that I should gain
 An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
 Died He for me, who caused His pain?
 For me, who Him to death pursued?
 Amazing love! how can it be
 That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Refrain

Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

 He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace! Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race! 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For, O my God, it found out me.

Refrain

*Benediction

Dismissal by rows

Postlude

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray:
I woke — the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Refrain

No condemnation now I dread:
 Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
 Alive in Him, my living Head,
 And clothed in righteousness divine,
 Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
 And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

Refrain

Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Direct Prayer Requests to elmoprayers@gmail.com.

Our Missionaries the Bultemas, Callisons, Mexico Mission Partners and Alex Smith.

Monica Eiler, for recovery and pain relief from a back injury.

Ann Marie King, continued treatment of AFib.

Shari Isaac, for recovery from hip replacement surgery.

Marilyn Nichols, for strength and the ability to function safely at home on her own.

Cathy Clemens, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Dr. Curtis Whiteman and others in assisted living, for their spirits during isolation away from family.

Shelley Fogg, for recovery from her ACL and MCL knee surgery, while home schooling.

Jan Tornquist, praise that her cancer is in remission.

Lynette Johnson, for her continued cancer treatment plan.

Bill Allmon, for his heart condition and Anita as caregiver.

George Smith, Jeffrey Smith's dad, praise for receiving a grant for his prescription medication.

Gordon Reisig, for peace for him Darlene and the family while he is on hospice care at home.

Ken Working, for health challenges for him and for the family.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series: Mountain Peaks of Promise: A Journey Through the Old Testament. This Advent season we're taking the 30,000-foot view of Scripture as we explore six of the Mountain Peaks of Promise in the Old Testament as they point us to the fulfillment of God's promises through Jesus Christ. Join us as we journey through God's unfolding promise plan of salvation to see the big picture of who God is and what he has done.

Men's Bible Study: Thursdays, 9:00 am in the Courtyard

You're invited to join us for a study of the Gospel according to Matthew. Please bring your Bible, a cup of coffee and a mask.

Collection Day for Operation Christmas Child: November 15th

Bring your packed shoebox, activate your adhesive label online, or provide \$9 donation for shipping costs. Remember, you may even build a box online:

<u>https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/</u>
Thank you for providing God's love in a tangible way to children around the world!

Kids, Youth & Families, Hit the Beach...Hit the Sand...Hit the Spot! November 15th, 3-5 pm Bring your family and friends and drop by the beach for an afternoon of volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, and spike ball at Carpinteria City Beach at the end of Linden Avenue. Students in 6th-12th grade, stay late for burgers and milkshakes at The Spot on Linden Ave. We'll be done by 6 pm. Bring \$5-10 for dinner.

M-4 Thanksgiving Worship Gathering: Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00 pm

The Montecito Churches will celebrate Thanksgiving with an afternoon worship gathering outside at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1300 East Valley Rd., mtcarmelsb.com.

M-4 Turkey Drive 2020: Now through November 20th

The M-4 Churches are asking for cash donations instead of turkeys and chickens this year. If you would like to donate please make your check payable to our church and include "Turkey Drive" in the memo.

Santa Barbara Rescue Mission Clothing Giveaway: Now through December 14th

Please donate winter clothing for the homeless to be distributed at the SBRM Christmas feast. Due to COVID-19 this year we will not be collecting clothing at the church, however you can still participate in this wonderful outreach! For more details please contact SBRM at (805)966-1316 or go to their website: sbrm.org.

Santa Barbara Mission Conference: January 29 - 30, 2021

The virtual conference takes place Friday evening, Jan. 29, and all-day Saturday, Jan. 30. Register by going online at sbmissionconference.org.

GriefShare: Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, from Sept.14th through Dec. 7th online Montecito Covenant church, is hosting online sessions each Monday from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Grief-Share is a nondenominational support group that meets weekly. You may begin attending at any point. Each session is self-contained and it is not required to attend in sequence. Register by contacting Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 or pbeebe@westmont.edu. For more information, please visit www.griefshare.org.

During this time of social distancing, God is with you! And, we're here for you by phone or online.

Office is closed, but voicemail will be checked. Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor

Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families Suzy Dobreski, Early School Director Dr. Matthew Roy, Music Director Shawn Monroe, Facilities

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