

# El Montecito Presbyterian Church

# Sunday, November 15, 2020

Church in the Courtyard

#### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude Sarah Eglin

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

**Prayer of Invocation** 

**Music of Preparation** 

\*Call to Worship Psalm 86:4-12

Leader: Bring joy to your servant, LORD, for I put my trust in you. You, LORD, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.

People: Hear my prayer, LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, LORD; no deeds can compare with yours. All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, LORD; they will bring glory to your name.

All: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God. Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, LORD my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

#### **GIVING PRAISE TO GOD**

# \*Hymn Of Praise

# We Will Glorify

- We will glorify the King of kings, We will glorify the Lamb;
   We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
- Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
  We will bow before His throne;
  We will worship Him in righteousness,
  We will worship Him alone.
- He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
   His is Lord of all who live;
   He is Lord above the universe,
   All praise to Him we give.
- 4. Hallelujah to the King of kings, Hallelujah to the Lamb; Hallelujah to the Lord of lords, Who is the Great I AM.

#### Confession of Sin Unison

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. 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, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

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

# **Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

People: 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

Ginger Ketzel

#### **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

Ginger Ketzel

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

- Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
   Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
   Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
   Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 4. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Scripture Genesis 12 & 15

Sermon Mountain Peaks of Promise: Abraham Tom Haugen

#### **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

#### \*Hymn of Response

Amazing Grace

- Amazing grace! how sweet the sound —
   That saved a wretch like me!
   I once was lost but now am found,
   Was blind but now I see.
- Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
- The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 4. Thru many dangers, toils and snares,I have already come;'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,And grace will lead me home.
- When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

\*Benediction

Dismissal by rows

**Postlude** 

# 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. Preaching Schedule at: <a href="http://elmopres.org/sermons/">http://elmopres.org/sermons/</a>

**Advent Devotional:** To help your children build Christmas traditions around Jesus, we have a gift for you to take home. At the table near the entrance to Church in the Courtyard, you may pick up a free copy of an Advent devotional, <u>Prepare Him Room</u>, by Marty Mackowski.

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:** *Today!*

Bring your packed shoebox, activate your adhesive label online, or provide \$9 donation for shipping costs. There is still time to build a box online: <a href="https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/">https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/</a> 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! *Today*, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Bring your family and friends and drop by the beach for 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.

Prayer Shawls: Thursday, November 19th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Courtyard Many have been blessed by a beautifully hand knit or crocheted shawl/blanket that has been prayerfully made. If you are interested in joining this ministry please contact Marge Emerson at marge.emerson1@gmail.com or Anita Allmon at allmonanita@gmail.com.

M-4 Turkey Drive 2020: Ends Friday, November 20th

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

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

The Montecito Churches will celebrate Thanksgiving with an afternoon outdoor worship gathering including music provided by the Santa Barbara Opera, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Bring your own chair to: 1300 East Valley Rd. Livestream will be available.

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

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: <a href="mailto:sbrm.org">sbrm.org</a> or pick up a flyer from the front table.

Santa Barbara Mission Conference: January 29 - 30, 2021 Online

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 at any point. Register by contacting Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 or pbeebe@westmont.edu. For more information, please visit www.griefshare.org.

# 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.

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.

# 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

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Ginger Ketzel, Nominating
Carl Perry, Finance & Property
Mary Slater, Human Resources
Jeffrey Smith, Children & Youth Ministries

#### **Deacons**

Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Bob Aguirre, At-Large

Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation

Anita Allmon

Errin Cecil-Smith, Secretary, Treasurer

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

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Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship

Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution