



Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021

Church in the Courtyard

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Matthew Roy

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Question: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet

*Call to Worship Psalm 33:6-11

Leader: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

People: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

Leader: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

People: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Leader: The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

All: But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

*Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress

- 1. A mighty fortress is our God,
 A bulwark never failing;
 Our helper He, amid the flood
 Of mortal ills prevailing:
 For still our ancient foe
 Doth seek to work us woe;
 His craft and pow'r are great,
 And, armed with cruel hate,
 On earth is not his equal.
- 2. Did we in our own strength confide,
 Our striving would be losing;
 Were not the right Man on our side,
 The Man of God's own choosing:
 Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus, it is He;
 Lord Sabaoth, His name,
 From age to age the same,
 And He must win the battle.
- 3. And tho' this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thro' us: The Prince of Darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure, One little word shall fell him.
- 4. That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we can now draw near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, and delighting in your Word. We joyfully long to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

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

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

To give, there are baskets near the entrance to the Courtyard, you can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors or follow this link to give online. 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

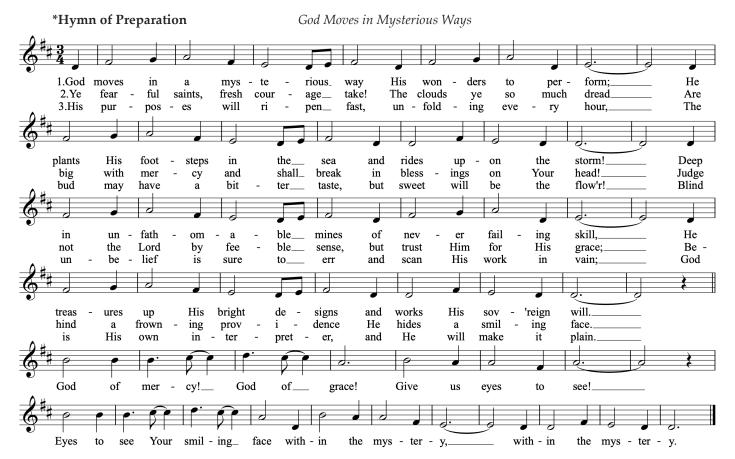
*Doxology

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 Kindergarten — 5th grade dismissed for Sunday School

Prayers for the Church & the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD



Sermon "God's Invisible Hand" Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
 Bear patiently, the cross of grief or pain.
 Leave to thy God to order and provide.
 In ev'ry change, He faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend.
 Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake. All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Chorus:

In You I rest, in You I found my hope. In You I trust, You never let me go. I place my life within Your hands alone. Be still my soul. 3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord. When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past. All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last. Chorus x2

*Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are so glad you chose to worship with us today in the courtyard or online. Please fill out a Visitor Card or email us at admin@elmopres.org so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly email. You can also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org or on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!

Sunday School for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship gathering. Please check-in at the courtyard entrance. **Middle School** after worship from 11:00 to 11:30 AM, lower patio. MS Youth Group is on the 1st and 3rd Friday Night of the month from 6:00-8:00 PM on the lower patio. Games, snacks, Bible study and fun! Bring a friend! **High School** lunch & Bible Study after worship from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Meet at the courtyard entrance. SBHS Young Life meets on the lower patio on Mondays from 7:30-9:00 PM.

Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Direct Prayer Requests to **prayers@elmopres.org**.

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

Bereavement for Patricia, family and friends of Carl Perry.

Ann Marie King, for possible new treatment of her Afib and better guidance from doctors.

Judy Cooper Ashford, for recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Mary Stillman for treatment of a rare form of cancer and wisdom for her doctors in Houston, TX.

Jenna Thompson for complications with her pregnancy and Melissa Toth, for recovery from surgery.

Carol Gillis, for a speedy recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

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

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

Connecting & Serving

Veterans Breakfast, Saturday, November 6th, 9:00-11:00 AM in the Courtyard

All Veterans are invited to join at no charge. RSVP by November 1 to Bill Gowler: billgowler@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child, boxes available now! Collection is November 7th

Boxes are available to pick up at the entrance to the courtyard and can be completed between now and November 7th. Samaritan's Purse is offering their online option again this year, so if you want them to do the shopping and packaging, for \$25 per box, go to https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline.

M-4 Turkey Drive, Sunday November 21st

It's time for the Turkey Drive benefiting the food bank of Santa Barbara. Our goal is to donate 500 Turkeys/Chickens and we need your help! Please deliver your frozen poultry to the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 21st by 1:00 PM.

Women in the Word Bible Study, Mondays 9:30 to 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall

"Because we Believe!" is an in-depth study of the Gospel According to John. For more information contact Patty Wilson: pattyjoy@gmail.com. Masks are required while indoors.

Women's Bible Study: Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 AM at IHOP

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State Street. We are currently reading through and discussing "Reading Timothy and Titus" by John Stott.

Men's Bible Study: Thursday 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, coffee is provided.

Christmas in Narnia, Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Courtyard

We would like to host **Christmas in Narnia at ELMO** on Saturday, December 11th. Imagine our courtyard transformed into a winter wonderland where the courtyard arch becomes a wardrobe and a VBS-like program connects C.S. Lewis' wonderful story, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe,* to the gospel. In order to pull this off, we're going to need your skill and creativity. If you are interested in helping, please email LauriHaugen@elmopres.org.

Santa Barbara Mission Conference, January 28-29, 2022

Registration is open for the 20th annual Santa Barbara Mission Conference, "Called to Reconcile". Register by going online at sbmissionconference.org or by downloading the form from the website and sending it with your check. Register early for a discount.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners. Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James and Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

God is with you! And, we're here for you in person, by phone or online.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

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Susan Hughes, Congregational Life

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Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries

Deacons

Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

Jeff Delk, Co-Moderator

Sandy Aguirre, Friendship Visitation

Anita Allmon

Cathy Clemens, Holiday Gifts

Chase Enright, Greeters

Melissa Hillegas, Hospital Visitation

Pam Jepson, Care Notes

Paul Jepson

Nancy Johnke, Coffee Fellowship

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