



# Sunday, January 2, 2022, Happy New Year!

Church in the Courtyard

"I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord." Ezekiel 37:14

## 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**

\*Call to Worship Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

People: Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Leader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenants forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

All: They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever - holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

Better is One Day

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty. For my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied Within Your presence.

I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

#### Refrain:

Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house, Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. x2

2. One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty, To find You in the place Your glory dwells. One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beauty, To find You in the place Your glory dwells. [Refrain]

#### Bridge:

Refrain

My heart and flesh cry out For You the living God. Your Spirit's water to my soul. I've tasted and I've seen; Come once again to me. I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You. Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. x2

### 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

Pamela Gilbert

### \*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.

#### Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon "New Life for Dry Bones" Dana Allin

### \*Hymn of Response

Take My Life and Let It Be

- Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days— Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2. Take my hands and let them move
  At the impulse of Thy love;
  Take my feet and let them be
  Swift and beautiful for Thee,
  Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.

- 4. Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5. Take my will and make it Thine It shall be no longer mine;
  Take my heart it is Thine own,
  It shall be Thy royal throne,
  It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

## **CELEBRATING COMMUNION**

#### Confession of Sin Unison

Apart from you, Lord, we are dead in our sins, like a valley strewn with dry bones. Make every part of us alive so that we can serve you wholeheartedly. Remove our heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh. Give life to our eyes so we can fix them on Jesus. Give life to our ears so we can hear what the Spirit is saying. Give life to our tongues so we can proclaim your righteousness. Give life to our hands so we can extend them to those in need. Give life to our feet so that we can bring good tidings. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

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

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his greatest love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

### 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.

\*Benediction

Postlude

# Connecting & Serving

#### El Montecito Presbyterian Church Covenant Partner/New Member Class, January 12-30, 2022

Want to get connected? Join our church family? Learn about ECO? Where do you begin? El Montecito Presbyterian Covenant Partner/New Member Class is a four week class beginning in January 2022! Class times: Wednesday, January 12, 19, 26 from 7-8 PM via Zoom and Sunday, January 30 after worship for lunch with our Pastors and Elders. Please email Maryann Spradley at admin@elmopres.org to sign up.

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

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.

#### Men's Bible Study: Thursday 9:00 AM in the Courtyard

You're invited to join us for a study of the book of Hebrews. Please bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

#### 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.

#### **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, Ryan and Brittany Warner; rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org and Alex Smith: alex.smith@e3partners.org

## 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.

**Upcoming Sermon Series: James – Real Faith. Real Life.** James gives us a vivid and practical look at real Christian faith and real life. Authored by the half-brother of Jesus, and the leader of the early Jerusalem Church, James provides rich insight on a great number of issues including persecution, relationships, finances, faith and works. In all of these things James gives us a renewed sense of the depth of our sinfulness and the sufficiency of Jesus. Join us over the next five weeks as we begin the new year discovering what it looks like to put real faith into action in real life as we grow in our love for God and one another.

### **ELMO Pres Kids & Youth!**

**Sunday School** for nursery age - grade 5 during the worship gathering. Please check-in at the Courtyard entrance. Childcare for 0-5 provided, today. Elementary age children remain in worship. ELMO Pres Kids Sunday morning programs resume on January 9th.

**Middle School** youth group (6th-8th grade) on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month on the lower patio at ELMO Pres. Games, pizza, Bible, and fun. Bring a friend. See you on January 7th. Dress for the cold. We'll be outside!

**High School Lunch & Bible Study** after worship from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Meet at the Courtyard entrance and bring \$ for lunch at a local outside restaurant.

# 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, Warners and Mexico Mission Partners.

Pam Arneson, for peace and healing from multiple stays in the hospital.

Gordon Smith, praise for a successful valve replacement heart surgery, prayer for his recovery.

Linda Allan, for recovery from complications of surgery.

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

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

Carol Gillis, for a speedy recovery from a fall.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

Ken Working, for his recent diagnosis of ALS and continued health issues for the family.

#### 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

Rev. Tom Haugen, Pastor

Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families

Brad Catron, Facilities Manager

Meika McCrindle, Early School Interim Director

Dr. Matthew Roy, Music Director

Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator

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The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

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### Deacons

Betty Delk, Co-Moderator

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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

Martha Kay, Chancel Flowers & Distribution Barbara Kennedy, Secretary & Treasurer

### **Elders**

Tom Haugen, Moderator Janet Gates, Clerk of Session

Shelley Fogg, Children's Ministries

Terry Foil, Early School

Nathan Gates, Outreach Kirk Gilbert, Worship & Prayer

Susan Hughes, Congregational Life

Ginger Ketzel, Nominating

Finance & Property

Mary Slater, Human Resources

Jeffrey Smith, Youth Ministries