WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. Ephesians 4:17

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

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.

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* Please stand if you are able

Tom Haugen

David Talbott

Psalm 46:1-11



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Hymn of Praise

No. 26

- 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 though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru 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 Thru 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 (Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525)

Heavenly Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from your-

selves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.

Leader: 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, you can also mail or drop your tithes and offerings in the box outside the office doors, scan the QR code or follow <u>the online link</u>. 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

Music of Reflection

Please use this time to pray and reflect.

*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 and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 92

- 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 every 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.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Kirk Gilbert

- 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

Sermon

"Purity"

Ephesians 4:17-5:2 Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

- Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me
- What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

- The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, For by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, For in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; Through the deepest valley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, And I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven; The future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free!" Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus, For he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, Still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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*Benediction

Postlude

Adapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Trouble us with the greatness of Your command to make disciples of all nations. Trouble us with Your great love for sinners and our own slowness to make You our greatest love. Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity. Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy. Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



The flowers today are in memory of Carol Gillis and Al Silvera.

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. **Please fill out a Visitor Card** found at the entrance or email us at admin@elmopres.org so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. 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

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth at 9:00 AM for nursery-8th grade.

Children's Church for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) from 10:00-11:00 AM. Please check-in at the Early School. Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activ-ity guide** on your way into worship!

Middle School (5th—8th) Friday Nights at ELMO Pres 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 6:30–8:30 PM. Pizza! Games! Bible! Friends! Fun!

High School Bible Study: Friday mornings from 7:15—8:15 AM at Dune Coffee on Anacapa. Contact Lauri for more information.

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter for more information on discipleship and service opportunities for youth, children and families. Email: LauriHaugen@elmopres.org.

Caring

Please take some time to pray specifically for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email your prayer requests to **prayers@elmopres.org.**

Our Ministry Partners the Bultemas, Callisons, Ostbys, Warners, Vivancos. Mayu Luz Gullien Villanueva, Everetts at Rancho Sordo Mundo and Pastor Noe Perez Gomez at Iglesia Cristo es el Camino, SB Rescue Mission, Transition House and Network Medical Women's Center of SB.

Jon Wentzel and James Wentzel, both serving in the Air Force as Lt. Cols. and F-16 pilots, sons of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division.

Bereavement for the friends and family of Al Silvera, and Carol Gillis.

Carla Talbott, for recovery from back surgery.

Janet Gates, for recovery from knee surgery.

Bill Allmon, for chemotherapy treatment.

Pam Jepson, for continued recovery from surgery.

Joyce Hutchinson, for healing from a fall and adjusting to her new room in Smith Center.

Ann Marie King, for her unstable heart condition and wisdom from her doctors.

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

The people of Ukraine.

Those impacted by Hurricane Ian.

Connecting & Serving

Adult Discipleship, Sundays at 9:00 AM

Join one of the Ephesians Discussion Groups or the Coffee and Chat in the courtyard.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall

"Pursuing Joy" includes the books of Philippians, Galatians and Ephesians.

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

Please join us at IHOP, 1701 State St. Current study is "Reading Romans with John Stott".

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 AM in the Library

You're invited to join us in a study of the Book of John. Bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

Operation Christmas Child, Collection Day is November 13th

Pick up a box in the courtyard today or build one online at: samaritanspurse.org

Praise & Pie, Sunday November 20th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Join us for a thanksgiving worship gathering as we sing hymns with David Talbott and eat some of your favorite pies. Pie bakers needed! Sign ups available Sunday 11/6 & 11/13.

M4 Turkey Drive, Collection Day is Sunday November 20th

All of the M4 (Montecito 4) churches are having a turkey & chicken drive benefiting the Food Bank of Santa Barbara. Our goal is to donate 500 and we need your help! Please bring your 'frozen poultry' to the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 20th.

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, Dana and Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; and Ryan and Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org, United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com and Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org, Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: ranchosordomudo@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

Acts 1:8 Connection: The Transition House

- Pray that families experiencing homelessness are able to successfully transition to housing and find financial stability.
- Pray that the staff and volunteers would seek, find and demonstrate God's wisdom and grace as they provide a variety of much-needed services.
- Praise for the funds raised at their annual gala for their Auxiliary support services; pray for continued financial support to meet the needs.
- Pray that those in need would be humble enough to seek and find help, and their lives would be transformed by God's power.

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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