



Sunday, February 5, 2023

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the works of his hands.

People: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out to the ends of the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. Leader: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

All: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

^{*} Please stand if you are able

 I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
 On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.

Refrain:

Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer, With His blood He purchased me. On the cross He sealed my pardon, Paid the debt and made me free.

 I will tell the wondrous story how, my lost estate to save,
 In His boundless love and mercy,
 He the ransom freely gave. [Refrain]

- 3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
 His triumphant power I'll tell,
 How the victory He giveth
 over sin and death and hell. [Refrain]
- 4. I will sing of my Redeemer, and His heavenly love to me; He from death to life hath bro't me, Son of God, with Him to be. [Refrain]

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 the online link. On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. If you wish to do so, there are Deacon's envelopes near the entrance. 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

Nathan Gates

*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

O Word of God Incarnate

No. 269

- O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky;
 We praise Thee for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.
- 2. The Church from her dear Master Received the gift divine,
 And still that light she lifteth
 O'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the golden casket
 Where gems of truth are stored;
 It is the heav'n-drawn picture
 Of Christ, the living Word.
- 3. It floateth like a banner
 Before God's host unfurled;
 It shineth like a beacon
 Above the darkling world.
 It is the chart and compass
 That o'er life's surging sea,
 'Mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
 Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
- 4. O make Thy Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of purest gold
 To bear before the nations
 Thy true light as of old.
 O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace,
 Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see Thee face to face.

Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sermon

Becoming People of the Book

Jerry Root

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions; wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, cleanse us from our sins. For we are well aware of our transgressions, our sins are constantly in mind. Against you, you alone, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. God, create in us a clean heart, renew a right spirit within us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, sustain within us a willing spirit. Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise. Amen.

Take a moment to silently confess your sins, knowing that God 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!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and cleansed! 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 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.

*Hymn of Response

How Firm a Foundation

No. 275

- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- "Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose; I will not, I will not desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

*Benediction

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

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 a.m. for nursery-6th grade.

Children's Church at 10:00 a.m. for nursery-kindergarten age children (age 0-6) in the nursery/preschool rooms. Elementary age children remain in worship. **Pick up a worship activity guide** on your way into the sanctuary.

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

High School Bible Study: Friday mornings from 7:15—8:10 a.m. at Dune Coffee on Anacapa Contact Lauri for more information.

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter for more information on events, 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 Roger Phillips, Nancy Southard and Hope Kelly.

Joyce Hutchinson, for continued strength and peace.

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

Curtis Whiteman for continued recovery.

The people of Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

Adult Discipleship, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Join us in the courtyard for coffee and chat or in a small group study of 1 & 2 Kings in the Library or Fireside Room.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

"Pursuing Joy" includes the books of Philippians, Galatians and Ephesians. Enjoy a time of fellowship, group discussion and teaching by Patty Wilson.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP

Currently studying the book of Daniel with Tremper Longman.

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library

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

GriefShare, starting Monday February 6, 10:00 a.m. at Montecito Covenant Church

If you are navigating a loss or grief, join this nondenominational support group that meets weekly. Each session is self-contained and it is not required to attend in sequence. Registration fee is \$20. Contact Pam S. - pasnedd@gmail.com or sign up at www.griefshare.org.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday February 16, 11:45 a.m. in the Library

Join us for lunch and fellowship. For more information or to RSVP contact Shirley Fender.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: The Bultemas in Turkey

- 1. Pray for the final phase of funding and construction of the Mozaik Cultural Center. Opening date is April 1, 2023.
- 2. Praise for the four new congregations that are meeting at the new cultural center. The congregations are linguistically based in Turkish, English, Russian and Farsi.
- 3. Full staffing for the English Language School.

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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