

WORSHIP



Sunday, August 6, 2023

"One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life to gaze on the beauty of the LORD." **Psalm 27:4**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Darlene Reisig
and Deborah Bertling

Welcome to Our Life Together

Kirk Gilbert

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

People: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

Leader: The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

All: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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 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.

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are also welcome to give online at our website, scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin or [go to our website](#) to give online. 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 in the pew or 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

Offertory

***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.**

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**

Immortal, Invisible

No. 25

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious - Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest - the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish - but naught changest Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render - O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 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**

There Is a Redeemer

No. 206

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Refrain:

Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us Your
Son, and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on
earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for
sinners slain. [Refrain]
3. When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King Forever In that holy
place. [Refrain]

Ministry Moment

Aza Ellwood, Impact in Honduras

***Benediction**

Postlude

Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. **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 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

Summer Programs for children and families Children's Church for age 0-6 is available all summer during worship. Elementary students age 7+ and youth are invited to worship. The playground is open (with parental supervision) for children. Worship activity guides are provided in the Narthex. Fall programs begin September 10.

Popsicle Sunday Today! Families meet on the playground after worship.

Family Beach Night: Sunday, August 20, 6:00 pm—sunset, Lookout Park, Summerland.

Sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter! 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, sons of Bob and Nancy Phinney, both serving in the Air Force as Lt. Cols. and F-16 pilots. Jack Burrows, the grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick, currently serving in the Army's 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Lynn Dixon, daughter of Phyllis and Cal Marble. Susan Dau, for recovery from knee surgery and bereavement for the death of her father.

Jean Svoboda, for healing from a lung infection.

Blanche Heitkamp, continued healing and regained strength.

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

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing and son Shawn for health issues to be resolved.

The people of Ukraine.

Connecting & Serving

New ELMO Pres. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5369, Santa Barbara, CA 93150

Please use the new P.O. Box for all correspondence and donations. If your donations are sent directly from a financial institution, please advise them of the new P.O. Box. Thank you!

All Church Beach Night: Sunday, August 20, Summerland

Meet for dinner at Rusty's Pizza in Summerland at 5:00 p.m. and then head to Lookout Park & Beach at 6:00 p.m. for the fun. Ultimate Frisbee, Wiffle Ball, Relays and a beautiful sunset!

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

Currently studying the book of Daniel with a study guide written by 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 Acts. Bring your Bible, coffee is provided.

Connect with our Ministry Partners

Please continue sending notes of encouragement to our Ministry Partners:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: IMPACT in Honduras, Aza Ellwood

Praises:

- The church in Honduras and how everyday it provides kids with their only meal.
- Santana and her wisdom and heart for God in the midst of pain and change.
- God working to provide for families through hard times.

Prayers:

- for the children of Honduras who are facing abuse and starvation everyday.
- for the teenagers who have been hardened by life and trauma and have no where to go, help them find you lord.
- for Union Biblica that shines your light in the darkness of Siguatepeque.

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

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