

WORSHIP



Sunday, September 10, 2023

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near.

Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt & Deborah Bertling

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship** Psalm 89

Cornelius Patterson

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

People: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

Leader: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

All: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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| 1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |

Litany of Dedication for Teachers, Parents and Students

Please stand when reading with your designated group

Teachers and Staff:

Christine Hale

Heavenly Father, we stand before you in gratitude and humility acknowledging the gifts you have given us to shepherd, love, and nurture the students entrusted to our care. Walk with us throughout this year, guard us from the enemy, give us creativity and a renewed excitement for teaching. Guide our steps each day and expand our love for you.

Parents and Guardians:

Rick Fogg

Father God, thank you for the children you have entrusted to our care. Give us abundant wisdom to parent well and the humility to keep you in the center of our family and relationships. Build in our children an unshakable confidence that comes from knowing your great love. We place our children into your hands, trusting in your faithfulness.

Students:

Cornelius Patterson

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of education and for all those who point us to Jesus along the way. Help us to grow closer to Jesus. Cultivate in us a love for others. Grow in us a deeper understanding of your Word. And help us to remember our ultimate worth is found in Christ, not in what we accomplish. May we love you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Everyone:

Tom Haugen

Lord we commit this school year to you and pray for your blessing on the great adventure of learning. Fill us all with the full measure of your Holy Spirit as we shine the light of Christ in this city and beyond. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Confession of Sin Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, we see ourselves as pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed to love, neglected injustice and ignored your truth. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Order our lives by your Holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 cover, 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

Kirk Gilbert

Music of Reflection

***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 in grades K-6 dismissed for ELMO Pres Kids

Blessing the Children

Aaron's Blessing

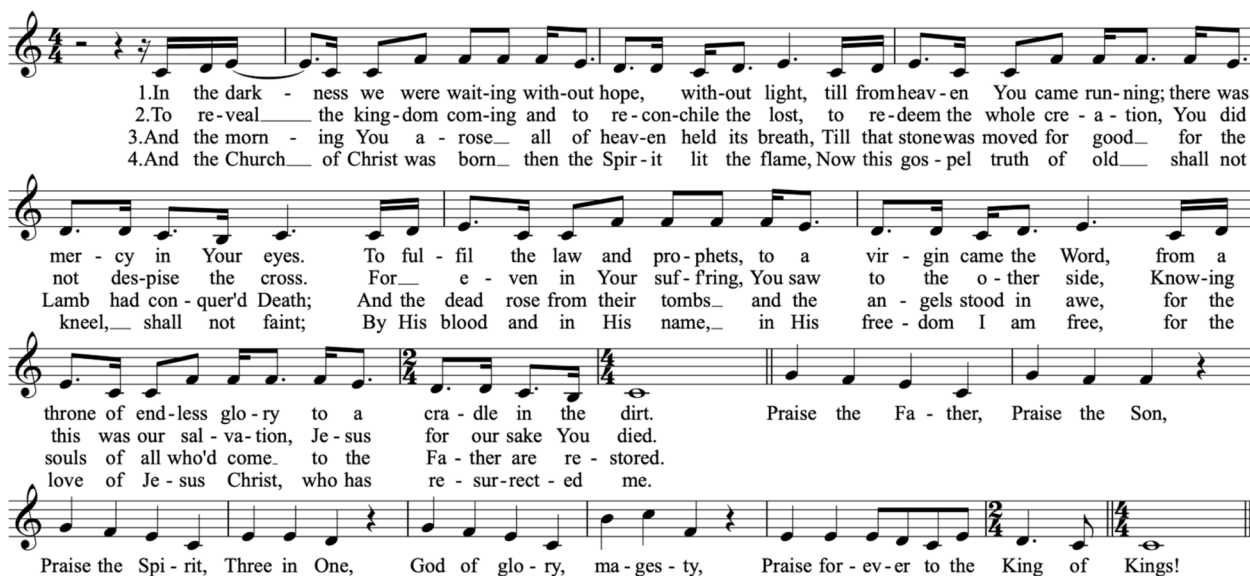
May the Lord bless you and keep you
May the Lord make His face to shine on you
And be gracious to you
May the Lord lift His countenance upon you
May He keep you in perfect peace

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

King of Kings



1. In the dark - ness we were wait-ing with-out hope, with-out light, till from heav-en You came run-n-ing; there was
2. To re-veal the king-dom com-ing and to re-con-chile the lost, to re-deem the whole cre - a - tion, You did
3. And the morn - ing You a - rose all of heav-en held its breath, Till that stone was moved for good for the
4. And the Church of Christ was born then the Spir-it lit the flame, Now this gos - pel truth of old shall not

mer - cy in Your eyes. To ful - fil the law and pro-phets, to a vir - gin came the Word, from a
not des-pise the cross. For e - ven in Your suf-fring, You saw to the o - ther side, Know-ing
Lamb had con-quer'd Death; And the dead rose from their tombs and the an - gels stood in awe, for the
kneel, shall not faint; By His blood and in His name, in His free - dom I am free, for the

throne of end-less glo-ry to a cra - dle in the dirt. Praise the Fa - ther, Praise the Son,
this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus for our sake You died.
souls of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored.
love of Je - sus Christ, who has re - sur-rect - ed me.

Praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, God of glo - ry, ma - ges - ty, Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings!

Scripture

Mark 1:1-15

Sermon

Good News

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Before the Throne of God Above

1. Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands.
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
2. When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.
3. Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.
One with Himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

***Benediction**

Postlude

*The flowers today are to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Sydney and Peter Tredick
Congratulations Sydney and Peter!*

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](https://www.instagram.com/elmopres) or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids begins Today!

Nursery (age 0-2.5) & Preschool (age 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of Worship in the Early School classrooms. Curriculum: *The Beginner's Gospel Story Bible* by Jared Kennedy.

K-6th Children begin in Worship and will be dismissed at 10:15 a.m. for ELMO Pres Kids. Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios (downstairs). Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway.

Youth: This year 6th—12th grade students will meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. (NOTE new time). Begins September 15th with a Kick-Off event at the Beach!

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.

Morgan Hale US Navy, Miles Hale US Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale, 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.

Bea Ostrander, for recovery from a fall.

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 and Maui

Connecting & Serving

Women in the Word begins Monday, September 11, 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for “Celebrating Life in the Kingdom”, an in-depth study of the book of Matthew.

Moms in Prayer Fall Kickoff 2023, Thursday, September 14, 6-8:30 p.m. (5:30 p.m. refreshments)

Moms, aunts, grandmas, come be inspired to pray for your kids! For the location and more information contact Susan Dau: daususan@yahoo.com

Joy Reflected Special Luncheon, September 21, 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Widows in our extended church family are invited to gather for a High Tea, with teas from England, along with an assortment of tea sandwiches and pastries. With music before and after the tea. Please join us for High Tea and conversations with other women. RSVP to Shirley Fender.

New Covenant Partner Class begins Sunday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room

Please sign up by emailing admin@elmopres.org and let us know of any childcare needs.

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:

Greg and Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James and Renata Bultema:

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Acts 1:8 Connection: The Vivancos in Mexico

- Pray for Manuel, Laura, and Bethany, now adapting to daily life with one less member of the family in the house now that Nicolas joined Kelly at Westmont. And for our music ministry at our Chiconautla church, adapting to not having Nicolas' musical talent in our worship band.
- Pray for the new people, and those returning to the Chiconautla church, that their walk with Jesus will be a life-long commitment that spurs them on to doing great things for Christ.
- Pray for wisdom as to how to proceed after yet another door closed on their plans to build a new ministry center on a donated lot. They have been trying since 2016 to obtain the necessary deed to get a building permit.
- Pray for renewed health and a bright future for Josiah Palumbo, son of their staff members Mike & Nancy. Josiah has had many surgeries at the young age of 7.

Thank you so much to all who are praying for us! We are so glad to have you partnering with us in ministry. Blessings, Laura and Manuel

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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