



# Sunday, January 14, 2024

"But what about you?" he asked "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered,
"You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

### **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Prelude David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together Tom Haugen

**Prayer of Invocation** 

**Music of Preparation** 

Mary Hurt and Taylor Bleecker

### GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

\*Call to Worship Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

People: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.

Leader: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Leader: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand if you are able.

### \*Hymn of Praise

## Build Your Kingdom Here

1. Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

2. We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released

The hurt the sick the poor at peace We lay down our lives for heaven's cause

We are Your church

We pray revive this earth

Chorus:

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here we pray

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of
Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

#### Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. We have not denied ourselves, taken up the cross and followed you. Instead clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear. We have failed to love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life.

Take a moment to confess your sins to God, knowing that he hears and forgives.

# **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Colossians 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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 or scan the QR code on the back cover. 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

Erin Barr

# 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.

Children in grades K-6 are dismissed for ELMO Pres kids downstairs in the Creative Studios.

# Prayers for the Church and the World

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

# \*Hymn of Preparation

King of Kings

- 1. In the darkness we were waiting
  Without hope, without light
  'Til from Heaven You came running
  There was mercy in Your eyes
  To fulfill the law and prophets
  To a virgin came the word
  From a throne of endless glory
  To a cradle in the dirt
- Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son
  Praise the Spirit, three in one
  God of glory, Majesty
  Praise forever to the King of Kings
- 2. To reveal the kingdom coming
  And to reconcile the lost
  To redeem the whole creation
  You did not despise the cross
  For even in your suffering
  You saw to the other side
  Knowing this was our salvation
  Jesus for our sake you died

- 3. And the morning that You rose
  All of Heaven held its breath
  'Til that stone was moved for good
  For the Lamb had conquered death
  And the dead rose from their tombs
  And the angels stood in awe
  For the souls of all who'd come
  To the Father are restored
- 4. And the church of Christ was born
  Then the Spirit lit the flame
  Now this gospel truth of old
  Shall not kneel, shall not faint
  By His blood and in His name
  In His freedom I am free
  For the love of Jesus Christ
  Who has resurrected me

Scripture Mark 8:27-9:1

**Sermon** *Messiah and the Son of Man* 

Tom Haugen

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

Before the Throne of God Above

- 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.
- \*Benediction

#### **Postlude**

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.



# Welcome to El Montecito Presbyterian Church

Welcome Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping 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**

#### Sunday Mornings with ELMO Pres Kids:

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 for ELMO Pres Kids. Curriculum: *The Biggest Story Curriculum* by Crossway. Youth: 6th—12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m. Next up: January 19, 2024.

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, James Wentzel, US Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney. Jack Burrows US Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

Bereavement for the family and friends of Anne Denig, and Halleine Morrison.

Terry Foil, for recovery from wrist surgery after a fall.

Jim George, for restored health.

Ron Gouger, for health as he battles cancer.

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

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza

# **Connecting & Serving**

# Network Medical, Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 21, 9:00 a.m., in the Library

Join Jaelynne Lay, our Ministry Partner from Network Medical Women's Center, for a time of discussion and prayer before the worship gathering.

**Upcoming Memorials:** Halleine Morrison, at the Samarkand, January 17 at 2:00 p.m.; Anne Denig, at ELMO February 24 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Join us Mondays in the Fellowship Hall for "Celebrating Life in the Kingdom" an in-depth study of the book of Matthew and an overview by Patty Wilson.

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

Currently doing a study on Worship - What do we mean and what does it include?

### 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: The Vivancos in Mexico

- Praise that Manuel and Laura Vivanco and their family enjoyed Christmas together in Mexico City. Westmont senior Kelly is student-teaching, and freshman Nicolas enjoyed his first semester, especially being involved in music.
- Pray for Josiah, the 7-year-old son of ministers Mike and Nancy Palumbo, about having further surgery now or when he is older. Pray for committed people to help replant their church in Tizayuca after struggling to keep the small congregation together.
- Praise that 30 men gathered for the annual men's retreat in December and shared awesome testimonies of God's work. Praise God for his transforming work in the men of Bet-lehem Chiconautla!
- Pray for Manuel's health and his renewed heart function. He experienced unexplained spikes in his blood pressure in December. Living at an altitude of 7400 feet is hard on the heart. Pray the doctors will help him stabilize his blood pressure without medication.
- Pray for the weekly home groups in Chiconautla and that many homes will be open for sharing the Gospel and enjoying the fellowship of the saints throughout that community.

We give thanks for the Outreach Ministry Team and everyone at El Montecito for your prayers and regular support and ask God's richest blessings to all of you throughout 2024!

# Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 AM to 2 PM

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families Brad Catron, Facilities Manager Mary Hurt, Worship Director Maryann Spradley, Office Administrator Michele Sullivan, Accountant The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

# El Montecito Early School

Christine Hale, Early School Director

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