



Sunday, February 4, 2024

"And whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:44-45

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Andy Patterson and Daniel DeVorzon

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 26 ESV

Leader: Vindicate me, LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

People: Prove me, LORD, and try me, test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

Leader: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

People: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked. I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud and telling all your wondrous deeds.

Leader: LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

All: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes. But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me. My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.

^{*} Please stand if you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Our God

- Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind There's no one like you None like you
- Into the darkness You shine
 Out of the ashes we rise
 There's no one like you
 None like you

Refrain

Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is Healer, awesome in power Our God, Our God 3. Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise There's no one like you None like you [Refrain]

Bridge

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us? And if our God is with us, then what can stand against? [Repeat

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. On the first Sunday of the month we highlight the opportunity to give to our Deacon's ministries of care. 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



Scripture Mark 10:17-52

Sermon "The Posture of a Citizen of God's Kingdom" Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

I Timothy 2:3-6a

God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are cleansed and forgiven!

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 celebrate 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

King of Kings

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

*Benediction

Postlude

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. Pick up at 11:15 in the Creative Studios.

Youth: 6th — 12th grade students meet together on the 1st and 3rd Friday night of the month from 6-8 p.m.

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, Sue Slater and Bea Ostrander.

Jim George, for restored health.

Ron Gouger, for health as he battles cancer.

Curtis Whiteman for continued healing.

Bring peace to Israel and Gaza

Connecting & Serving!

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

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 or Lynn Carpenter.

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:

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: ranchsordomudo@hotmail.com Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

- Please prayerfully consider joining a short-term overseas mission team this summer by serving with IMPACT. Training and trips take place in July. All ages are encouraged to apply by Feb. 10.
- For ages 19 and above, prayerfully consider growing as a follower of Jesus and expanding leadership skills through ECO's Summer Mission Mentorship Program in collaboration with The Antioch Partners. Deadline for applications for service within the U.S. or overseas is Jan. 15.
- Prayerfully consider supporting financially, and/or with prayer, those who feel the Holy Spirit's call to participate in ministry programs at home or abroad.

Baby Backpacks

Thank you to those who have already contributed to baby backpacks for young women who CHOOSE LIFE for their babies. We would love to have more of our ELMO Family "Love Like Jesus" and contribute to families helping families. You have until February 25th when we will be having our Baby Backpacking Party after the morning worship service. Stop by our table this Sunday to learn more.

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

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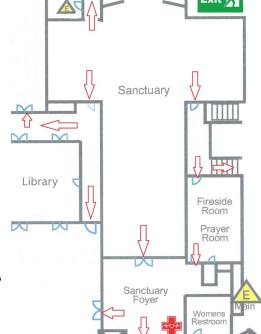
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