

WORSHIP



Sunday, April 14, 2024

"Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them."

Ezra 1:3

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Deborah Bertling & David Talbott

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

People: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works - and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

People: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Leader: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

People: The LORD is righteous in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

All: The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy - there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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 me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 1:3-4

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into a new inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

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 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 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

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 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

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

Refrain
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above.
3. His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n.
4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

*Hymn of Response

And Can it Be, That I Should Gain?

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain:

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
[Refrain]

3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
[Refrain]

4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
[Refrain]

*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** or email us at admin@elmopres.org so we can get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You may 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 & College

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & Preschool (ages 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 children at 11:15.

Youth: 6th-12th graders meet together the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 6-8 p.m.

College: Bible study at Westmont, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Contact tomhaugen@elmopres.org.

To sign up for the ELMO Pres Family Newsletter, email LauriHaugen@elmopres.org.

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country and world. Email your prayer requests to prayers@elmopres.org.

In addition, please pray for:

Safety for those serving in the armed forces, including Lt. Morgan Hale, U.S. Navy;

Lt. Miles Hale, U.S. Army, sons of Rob and Christine Hale; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S.

Air Force, son of Bob and Nancy Phinney; and Spc. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, grandson of Sydney and Peter Tredick.

Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer; Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery and Curtis Whiteman, for continued healing.

For peace in troubled areas, including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministries of Dana and Karen Ostby who serve in Central Asia with One Challenge, a non-denominational mission that equips, assists and partners with churches and believers across the globe. Please support the Ostbys by praying:

- That methods of spreading the gospel through oral translations of the Bible into indigenous languages will bear fruit in Indonesia.
- Strength for Karen's friends and ministry team members, among other NGO workers, facing political opposition in Central Asian countries.
- God's merciful blessings as Dana travels to Baltimore next month to teach new missionaries, and later as he and Karen venture to Thailand to meet with fellow One Challenge team members.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Library. Study in Ezra and Nehemiah begins today. On April 21, Manuel and Laura Vivanco will update us about their ministry in Mexico in the Library at 9 a.m. Sermon discussion resumes April 28.

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room

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

Gather in the Fellowship Hall for "Celebrating Life in the Kingdom," an in-depth study of the Book of Matthew, taught by Patty Wilson.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45 - 9:00 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St.

Currently studying worship: What do we mean by worship and what does it include?

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 - 10 a.m. in the Library

Bring your Bible to participate in a study of Revelation. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursdays of the month at 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the church.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Reach them this way:

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