

WORSHIP



Sunday, April 28, 2024

This is the answer they gave us: "We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and we are rebuilding the temple that was built many years ago, one that a great king of Israel built and finished." Ezra 5:11

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude	David Talbott
Welcome to Our Life Together	Tom Haugen
Prayer of Invocation	
Music of Preparation	Mary Hurt

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

People: For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.

The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

Leader: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

People: He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

People: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth - he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

All: We wait in hope for the LORD; for he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice for we trust his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

* Please stand as you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Cannons

1. It's falling from the clouds
A strange and lovely sound
I hear it in the thunder and the rain
It's ringing in the skies
Like cannons in the night
The music of the universe plays
2. Beautiful and free
The song of galaxies
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way
Let's join in with the sound
Come on let's sing it out
As the music of the universe plays

Chorus

(We're singing) You are holy great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are

Confession of Sin Unison

Gracious and compassionate God, you bless us with unfailing mercy and grace, yet, we have not followed you well. You call us to love, but we elevate our desires and plans over your will. You have called us to be your servants and to be part of your Kingdom work, but we walk away from those in need. You call us to worship, but we give allegiance to idols. Forgive us. O Lord, and renew us. By your Spirit, give us the courage, the commitment and the opportunities to worship and serve you each day to your glory. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.

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

Ginger Ketzell

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

How Firm a Foundation

No. 275

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.
4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn Response** Your Words are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

1. Your words are wonderful unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout life’s weary climb

Chorus

Where else can we go where else can we go
You have the words of life the words of life

2. Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us to shine against the dark
Lord guard us from the lies the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those You have redeemed

Chorus

Where else can we go where else can we go
You have the words of life the words of life
Make Your glory known make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life Your words of life

Bridge

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

Tag

Through all Your words of life Your words of life

Find Your Serve Ministry Moment

Family Ministry

Cameron Richards

***Benediction**

Postlude



Sermon Notes:

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 may 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 & 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.

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.

The family of Jim George, experiencing bereavement.

Harriett Hartt, recovering from a stroke; 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.

Finance Team Report

Actual YTD through March 2024

Revenue: \$650,609

Expense: \$686,931

Net Income (loss) (\$36,322)

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including that of Greg and Chris Callison serving in the Middle East with The Antioch Partners.

Please support them by praying:

- For recovery from deadly flooding in a city in the region in last month which killed 12 people and destroyed hundreds of homes.
- For speedy repairs to the sanctuary of a local Arabic-speaking evangelical church where flood waters were four-feet deep, causing more than \$100,000 in damages without available insurance to cover restoration.
- For the safety of the growing number of teams and international workers serving in the region.
- That the Lord will raise up spiritually mature local believers to guide the spiritual and numerical growth of churches and fellowships in the region.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Library. Study in Ezra and Nehemiah.

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 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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