

WORSHIP



Communion Sunday, May 5, 2024

"For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel." Ezra 7:10

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt & Rand Olsen

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call To Worship

Psalm 1

Gavin Rutland

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

People: But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Leader: That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

People: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

All: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

* Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Come People of the Risen King”

Come people of the Risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night.
Come those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

**Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice O Church of Christ
rejoice**

Come young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call,
The truth that cries through ev'ry age;
'Our God is all in all'

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

Mary Moses

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

"We Will Feast"

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom

Scripture

Ezra 7-8

Sermon

"People Rebuilding Around God's Word"

Tom Haugen

Confirmation

Mary Moses, Rand Olsen, Gavin Rutland

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

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.

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

Prayer for Confirmands and New Covenant Partners

servoing elders and parents please come forward

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

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**

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

Find Your Serve Ministry Moment

Congregational Life & Care Ministries

Melissa Hillegas

***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 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

Nursery (ages 0-2.5) & Preschool (ages 2.5-5) from 9:50 a.m. until end of Worship in the Preschool 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. 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.

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 Iglesia Presbiteriano Cristo es el Camino, a church led by Pastor Noe Pérez Gómez in the village of Cañon Buena Vista, south of Ensenada in Baja California, Mexico.

Please support Pastor Noe and his congregation by praying:

- For continued growth in Christ among the people of Cañon Buena Vista.
- For complete healing for a congregation member named Guadalupe who was injured in an accident.
- For Pastor Noe's father who is bedridden in very poor health.

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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