

WORSHIP



Sunday, May 26, 2024

"So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God." Nehemiah 6:15-16

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Mary Hurt & Taylor Bleecker

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 34

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

People: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and he delivers them.

Leader: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

All: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

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| 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 | (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 |
| 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 | 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

Merciful and Loving God, your grace has called us toward growth and service in your Kingdom. We confess that we have thought more about our own kingdoms than about your Kingdom. Forgive us when we don't trust you to help us grow. Save us from a hardness of heart, where your Word cannot take root. Liberate us from shallowness of mind, where your Word withers away. Safeguard us from deceitfulness of riches in this world where your Word is choked by everyday cares. Grant that our hearts may be fertile soil that we might yield a great harvest of praise for your name. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

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

Janet Gates

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 dismissed for ELMO Pres kids downstairs in the Creative Studios

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Steadfast"

1. I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

(Chorus)

You are steadfast, steadfast

2. By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

3. I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

(Bridge)

In the moment of emptiness all was
fulfilled

In the hour of darkness Your light was
revealed

In the presence of death Your life was
affirmed

In the absence of holiness You are still
God

Scripture

Nehemiah 3-6

Sermon

"Wall Rebuilding with Opposition"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

"Build My Life"

1. Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

(Bridge)

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

2. Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

(Chorus)

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me
who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

*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, 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 Pre-K 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.

Harriett Hartt, recovering from a stroke; Ron Gouger, for strength battling cancer; Blanche Heitkamp, for continued recovery

Curtis Whiteman, for continued healing.

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

Congregational meeting June 2 at 11:15 a.m.

Hear updates from ministry teams, review goals set by Session for 2024-25 and celebrate the faithful service of volunteers. Covenant partners only will vote to install new elders and deacons but all are encouraged to attend.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Cleveland Elementary School which serves students living on Santa Barbara's Eastside. Congregation members from El Montecito and other local churches volunteer at school events, including helping set up for upcoming promotion ceremonies.

Please support Cleveland School by praying:

- For the school administration led by Principal Gabriel Sandoval.
- For the Lord's comforting blessing on the rising number of students whose families are living in their cars – for their safety and their ability to find stable housing.
- For three school employees facing sudden medical needs.
- For a joyous celebration for sixth graders at promotion ceremonies June 12.

Connecting & Serving

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

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

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

Join the study on "Disciplines of a Godly Woman."

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 Thursday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday, June 13 at 11:45 a.m. Celebrate summer's arrival with a meal and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. Wear a favorite fun hat. Widows invited, including friends and neighbors. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley Fender at fendersender@cox.net.

All-City Hymn Sing with David Talbott: June 2 at 3 pm at Shoreline Community Church, 935 San Andres St.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes.

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