

WORSHIP



Sunday, September 22, 2024

*We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you.
Colossians 1:3*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his.

People: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to his name.

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues
through all generations.**

*Hymn of Praise

Sovereign

1. Sov'reign in the mountain air
Sov'reign on the ocean floor
With me in the calm
With me in the storm
Sov'reign in my greatest joy
Sov'reign in my deepest cry
With me in the dark
With me at the dawn

Bridge

All my hopes all I need
Held in Your hands
All my life all of me
Held in Your hands
All my fears all my dreams
Held in Your hands

Chorus

In Your everlasting arms
All the pieces of my life
From beginning to the end I can trust You
In Your never-failing love
You work ev'rything for good
God whatever comes my way I will trust You

Confession of Sin Unison

Why we do what we do: *The practice of confessing our sins together corporately as God's people is rooted in Scripture. Christians should confess and repent of their sins daily, even immediately upon conviction of those sins. In our worship gathering we also provide a time for the people of the church to publicly and silently offer up prayers of confession.*

Almighty and gracious God, we praise you for your victory over sin and death. You raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess we have not consistently bowed before You. We have not daily acknowledged Your rule in our lives. Instead, we have gone along with the world's way and failed to give You glory. We pursue our own personal satisfaction and fulfillment rather than pursuing You. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, O God. May our hearts be filled as you encourage us with your truth and grace, by the power of the Holy Spirit. We ask this in Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:22

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

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. 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

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.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th grades) are dismissed to the Creative Studios (basement classrooms).

Prayers for the Church and the World

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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

Scripture

Colossians 1:1-8

Sermon

"Thanksgiving"

Tom Haugen

T-coil available for hearing impaired, use channel B. Please see our ushers for more information.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand
2. What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ
3. Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

*Benediction

Postlude

Capital Campaign Kickoff: You are invited to remain in the Sanctuary for the Capital Campaign presentation. Your children will remain in their classrooms until the presentation concludes. Line dancing and BBQ lunch to follow!

Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:

ELMO Kids Choir, Mary Hurt and Andy Patterson

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 may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. You may also connect with us on our website at: elmopres.org, find us 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) 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) are dismissed after the Doxology to the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Youth Group (6th—12th): Join us in the Creative Studios on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6-8 p.m. for dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke.

College: Rides from Westmont (pick-up at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Bible Study of Colossians/Philemon Tuesdays, 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; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force, Spc. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.

Pray for the families and friends of Ron Gouger and Judy Rehfeld as they grieve. Ron Gouger's memorial is scheduled for Oct. 11, 2 p.m. at Samarkand.

For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Sylvia Hamilton, Harriett Hartt, Donna Lehman, Marilyn Nichols, Jim Swinford, Jean Svoboda and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.

Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, as he continues treatment for leukemia.

For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, Sudan (Darfur), Syria and Ethiopia.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Ryan and Brittany Warner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Please support them by praying:

- For eight campus huddles—that FCA leaders will boldly invite their peers & share Jesus.
- For opportunities to minister to coaches and for wisdom on how to best engage with their teams.
- For FCA staff and interns—for the resources, refreshment, and rest they need as the calendar fills up with many good opportunities.
- For FCA's next event: Fields of Faith 10/9 at 7 p.m. at SBHS stadium. This event is for everyone, where youth will encourage our community to follow Jesus and read the Bible. Pray that God will open the hearts of people in our community to receive the words of our students' testimonies and the Gospel. Pray for favor in every detail as we prepare for this big event.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Survey of the Old Testament (All ages 13+ welcome): Join us in the library at 9 a.m. beginning September 29!

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women in the Word, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. studying Acts. For more information or to sign up, call Patty Wilson at 805-689-4496, or text Deborah Bertling at 805-698-0952.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45 - 9 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.

Covenant Partner Class, Saturday, September 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Creative Studios (basement) Continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch provided. Please email your RSVP with the church office (admin@elmopres.org) and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions for lunch.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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