

WORSHIP



Sunday, September 29, 2024

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord."

Colossians 1:9-10a

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 25

Why do we do what we do? *The call to worship is a reminder from God's Word that coming together isn't our initiative. We didn't think this up. God is the One who has called us into His presence for His glory and our good, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Leader: In you LORD I put my trust.

People: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Leader: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love.

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful towards those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Leader: Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?

All: He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.
3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
the creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Confession of Sin Unison

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus, so that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

For the Father has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Psalm 23

1. Yes, You lead me by still waters
and take me to the pastures green
You restore my soul and lead me
in the path of righteousness
2. Even though I walk through the
valley of shadow and death
I will fear no one for you are with me
to comfort me

Refrain

You prepare a table
in the presence of my foes
And You anoint my head
and my cup it overflows
And surely I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever

Bridge

Whom shall I fear?
Of whom shall I be afraid? (repeat)

***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

Barney Melekian

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Cornerstone

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(Repeat)

2. When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Scripture

Colossians 1:9-14

Sermon

"A Prayer"

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

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand
2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt, Josh Jackson, Anna Steiner and Jim Wilson

The Triple R Capital Campaign has begun!

For those of you who missed the Capital Campaign Presentation, you may view it by scanning the QR code with the camera feature of your phone. We have pledge cards and envelopes available with the ushers.

Please join us in praying for God to provide for the flourishing future of El Montecito Presbyterian Church!



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, 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: 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: 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

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Igelsia Presbiteriana, Cristo es el Camino, a church led by Pastor Noe Pérez Gómez in the small migrant-farm worker community of Cañon Buena Vista south of Ensenada. ELMO Pres. has an extensive association with the village church – in fact men from our congregation helped construct an improved church structure that was dedicated in 1999. In addition to ministering to his congregation, Pastor Noe uses his electrical and plumbing skills to help people in the village, showing them the love of Jesus in tangible ways. Please pray for:

- Healing for Pastor Noe as he experiences health issues including blurred vision, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
- That the church continues to be a blessing to the community.
- For ease of the day-to-day struggles the villagers face, such as finding adequate and not-too-distant employment to take care of their families.

Connecting & Serving

Sermon Series Discussion Group, Survey of the Old Testament (All ages 13+ welcome): Join us in the library at 9 a.m. This 18-week class is an overview of the redemptive story fulfilled in Jesus using a study guide called CASKET EMPTY by Dr. Carol Kaminski. We'll trace the storyline of the Old Testament in chronological sequence through six key periods: Creation, Abraham, Kings, Exile, and Temple, represented by the acronym CASKET. Suggested donation for book materials and maps is \$20. To sign up, email the office at admin@elmopres.org

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.

Weeknight Homegroups, email the office admin@elmopres.org to join.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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