

WORSHIP



Sunday, October 27, 2024

Reformation Sunday

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 33

***Call to Worship**

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

People: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

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

People: The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

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

***Hymn of Praise**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal
2. Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle
3. And tho' this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph thru us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him
4. That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Thru Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

Confession of Sin *Unison*

(Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich, 1525)

Heavenly Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

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. 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

Ginger Ketzler

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light
2. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
3. High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys,
bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

Scripture

Colossians 3:1-17

Sermon

"Christ Above All Else"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

3. Then came the morning that
sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Josh Delp, Mary Hurt and Pete West

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 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 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.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Donna Lehman, Marilyn Nichols, Jim Swinford, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman, Mandi Wright.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For those grieving and impacted by the destruction of Hurricanes Helene & Milton.
- For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Sudan (Darfur), Syria and Ethiopia.

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

As of October 20th, we've raised a total of \$1,105,300 toward our Triple R goals totaling \$1.7 M: repair the roof, renovate the manse & retire the debt. *Please join us in praying for God to provide for the flourishing future of El Montecito Presbyterian Church!*

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Operation Christmas Child. Pray for Operation Christmas Child delivering millions of gift-filled shoeboxes to children around the world!

- Pray that each shoebox gift would demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.
- Pray for God's provision and protection over the packing, processing, shipping, and distributing of shoeboxes.
- Pray for Samaritan's Purse partners as they come alongside local congregations worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for families to be reached, churches started, and communities transformed by the Gospel of Christ.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, Survey of the Old Testament, all ages 13+ welcome. Join us in the library at 9 a.m. 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 Ephesians. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Third Thursdays of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Praise & Pie, November 24 after worship: lunch, hymn sing with David Talbott & pie! Sign-up to bring pies on the patio or in our e-newsletter.

Connect with our Ministry Partners:

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

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