

WORSHIP



Sunday, November 17, 2024

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus." Philemon 1: 4-5

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 34

***Call to Worship**

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 in shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

Leader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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; The LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

***Hymn of Praise**

His Mercy is More

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Confession of Sin *Unison*

Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - for it is by grace you have been saved.

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

Connie Wilson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus

Christ our God to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

3. For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

4. For each perfect Gift of Thine
To our race so freely giv'n
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs on earth and buds of heav'n

Scripture

Philemon 1:1-7

Sermon

"Thanksgiving"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

How Great is the Greatness of God

Chorus

How faithful the Father above
How wondrous the works of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God

2. When my heart gazes on Calvary,
At all of Your mercies arrayed
Oh, that my Savior would die for me
I sing out with infinite thanks

1. Morning by morning with every dawn,
My soul with a new song awakes
Even in evening my praise goes on;
Forever my God is the same

3. Oh what a comfort in every trial;
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life,
That power is living in me

Benediction

Postlude

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

ELMO Pres. Kids, Mary Hurt, David Talbott



Sermon Notes:

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

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 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, Cpl. Jack Burrows U.S. Army, AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Curt & Erlyne Whiteman, Mandi Wright.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, undergoing treatment for leukemia.
- For peace in conflict zones including Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Sudan (Darfur), Syria and Ethiopia.

Triple R Capital Campaign Update

As of November 12, we've raised a total of \$1,329,450 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 the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, which provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. They offer hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. SBRM's services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients.

- Praise that 1,000 men & women have graduated from the 12-month residential treatment programs since they were launched in 1997.
- Praise for the success of the Transitional Shelter Pilot Program that is now expanding to provide case-management services to all overnight shelter guests.
- Pray that God will guide, unite, and bless case managers.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance for program staff navigating challenging situations.
- Pray for the Women's Auxiliary as they organize the annual Christmas Clothing Drive.
- Praise for the huge success of the 23rd annual Bayou fundraiser held last month.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, Survey of the Old Testament, ages 13+ welcome. Library at 9 a.m. Suggested donation is \$20. To sign up, email admin@elmopres.org

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

Women in the Word, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Studying Acts.

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

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library. Studying Ephesians.

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

Turkey & Chicken Drive, November 24, bring your frozen poultry between 8am-1pm.

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.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, November 30, 9:30-11 a.m. Coffee & treats provided.

Joy Reflected, Dec. 5, 11:45 a.m. Christmas luncheon and carols open to all widows. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley at fendersender@cox.net

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Encourage our ministry partners with a note: James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; Dana & Karen Ostby: danaostby@gmail.com, karina@lite.email; Ryan & Brittany Warner: rwarner@fca.org, bwarner@fca.org; United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: mayuguivi@gmail.com; Manuel & Laura Vivanco: laura.vivanco@uwm.org; Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: ranchsordomudo@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

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