

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, March 2, 2025

"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into this harvest field.'" Luke 10:2

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 98

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: the LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

* Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of Praise**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Refrain

Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice

2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns
The God of truth and love
When He has purged our stains
He took his seat above

3. His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

4. Rejoice in glorious hope
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home

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

Nathan 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 are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

Christ is Mine Forevermore

1. Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

3. Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Chorus

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

Scripture

Luke 10:1-11

Sermon

"Imitate Me is Imitate Christ"

Dana Ostby

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are cleansed and forgiven!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and celebrate our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

***Hymn of Response**

Here is Love Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)

1. Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days
2. On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love
3. On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son
4. Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to Him

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt & Emily Sommermann

The Outreach & Missions Team invites you to lunch in Fellowship Hall following worship today so we may learn more about the Ostbys' ministry in Indonesia.

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. Next youth group meets March 7 & 21!

College: Rides from Westmont (departs at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Contact tomhaugen@elmopres.org

This Summer: Adventure Week for 6th-8th graders, June 16-20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
ELMO SINGS for 1st-6th graders, June 23-27, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. See newsletter for details!

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: Glen Adams, Darlene James, Cynde Lundgren, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Pray for all those impacted by the LA fires who are grieving.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens.
- Tristan Baker, great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, who has leukemia. Pray for God's protection over Tristan's heart as he begins a new treatment. Pray for his health and energy and all his helpers as they provide care.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministry of including the ministry of Dana & Karen Ostby.

- Pray for Dana and Karen this week as they say goodbye to family and depart for Indonesia on Tuesday the 4th.
- Pray for follow up from the 5 days of teaching they have just done in Texas, helping leaders learn how to send a new wave of missionaries to serve movements.
- Pray for Karen's team and many church planters doing intense outreach during the month of Ramadan.
- Pray for some rest and down time with the OC team in the middle of March before extensive travel and teaching in April and May.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship Survey of New Testament. Library at 9 a.m. Book fee is \$20.
Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

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

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP at 1701 State St. New study: 1 & 2 Peter!

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 9 - 10 a.m. in the Library, bring your Bible to participate in a study of 1 & 2 Peter. Coffee is provided.

Nursery & Preschool Ministry, we need help sharing Christ with the youngest members of our church and their families. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org if interested!

Coffee Fellowship Team, we need volunteers on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of each month. Training provided. Contact Kersten Barr at kerstenbarr@gmail.com to join!

Lunch with the Ostbys TODAY in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Read to Cleveland, Friday, March 7, Cleveland School guest readers needed from 9-11 a.m. Contact Rachel at rharris@sbunified.org if you'd like to participate.

Congregational Meeting, March 16th, brief 5 minute congregational meeting following worship to vote in new nominating team.

Joy Reflected Luncheon Thursday, March 20 at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The luncheon is open to all widows, including your friends and neighbors. Please join us for a meal and conversation as we welcome the arrival of spring that day. To RSVP and/or request a ride, contact Shirley Fender at fendersender@cox.net

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday, March 20 from 1:30-3:30 in the Library

Easter Lily Delivery Team, email admin@elmopres.org if you'd like to deliver an Easter lily on Palm Sunday to our covenant partners who are in need of encouragement.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor
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Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary
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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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