

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 16, 2025

"The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them."

Hosea 14:9b

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question¹: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Answer: Receiving and resting in him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 43:1-5

Leader: But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

People: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Leader: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

All: Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

* Please stand as you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Everything

1. Praise the Lord
Praise Him in His sanctuary
Sing the greatness of His glory
Praise the Lord
2. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the cymbals crashing
Winds and brass and strings and
dancing
Praise the Lord
3. Praise the Lord
Praise the King of all creation
Sing the song of His salvation
Praise the Lord
4. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the voice He's given
Everywhere in earth and Heaven
Praise the Lord

Chorus

Let everything everything, everything
Let everything that breathes
Let everything that breathes
Come praise the Lord

Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things you have forbidden and left undone things you have commanded. We have not loved you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As judge of the whole earth you would be just to condemn us. Yet in your love you sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by your Spirit, help us to live in the light of His sacrifice lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before you this day. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 116:5, Colossians 1:13-14

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. For he 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

Jesus Strong and Kind

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| 1. Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him | 3. Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him |
| 2. Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him | 4. Jesus said
If I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me |

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus strong and kind

***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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

Susan Hughes

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

What Wonderous Love is This

1. What wondrous love is this
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
2. When I was sinking down
Sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking, down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown
For my soul, for my soul
Christ laid aside
His crown for my soul
3. To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme
I will sing
4. And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

Scripture

Hosea

Sermon

"God's Amazing Love"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

And Can It Be?

1. And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
2. He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me.
3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray:
I woke the dungeon flamed with light!
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell, off my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
4. No condemnation now I dread:
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ
my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ
my own.

Ministry Moment

Triple R Capital Campaign and Manse Update

Kelly Vandever

*Benediction

Postlude

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

*Daniel DeVorzon, Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Dan Patterson, Dana Stewart, Jim Wilson
and ELMO Kids*

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. Next youth group meets March 21!

College: Rides from Westmont (depart at 9:40 a.m. at Clark Dorm). Campus Bible Study: Westmont Prayer Chapel, Thursdays, 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, Ann Marie King, Cynde Lundgren, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens and Ben Luce.
- 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 ministries and service organizations near and far, including the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. SBRM provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. It's the only organization between Oxnard and Santa Maria offering hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. Totally funded by private donations, SBRM's services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients.

- Pray for the expanding Transitional Shelter Program to provide longer term case management services to all overnight shelter guests.
- Pray that God will sustain and energize the case managers in serving the shelter guests.
- Pray for the guidance and protection of program staff, especially when helping difficult program residents and homeless guests.

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!

Congregational Meeting, TODAY, 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

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. Communion and Potluck Dinner

Good Friday, April 18, 12:30 p.m. Worship Gathering.

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

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

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