

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 30, 2025

"Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts." Amos 4:14-15a

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question¹: What do justification and sanctification mean?

Answer: Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 106

Leader: Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

People: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? Blessed are those who act justly, who always do right. Remember me, LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them. That I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of the nation and join your inheritance in giving praise.

Leader: We have sinned, even as our ancestors did; we have done wrong and acted wickedly.

People: Therefore the LORD was angry with his people and abhorred his inheritance. He gave them into the hands of the nations and their foes ruled over them.

Leader: Yet he took note of their distress when he heard their cry; for their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his great love he relented.

All: He caused all who held them captive to show them mercy. Save us, LORD our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Praise be to the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Let the people say "Amen!" Praise the LORD,

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

* Please stand as you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Confession of Sin Unison

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness. Help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, so that we delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Shine into Our Night

Jesus Christ shine into our night

Drive our dark away

Till Your glory fills our eyes

Jesus Christ shine into our night

Bind us to Your cross where we find life

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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.

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

Prayers for the Church and the World

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Only a Holy God

1. Who else commands all the
hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king
bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God
2. What other beauty demands
such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God
3. What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
4. Who else could rescue me from my
failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

Chorus

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Scripture

Amos

Sermon

"Turn and Live"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Here is Love (Everlasting Praise)

1. Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness 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. O 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

Ministry Moment

Transition House

Kersten Barr

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Deborah Bertling & Mary Hurt

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 April 4 & 18!

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, Sgt. 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, Ann Marie King, Cynde Lundgren, Donna Medwid, Marilyn Nichols, 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

Transition House has been providing family solutions for homelessness in Santa Barbara for over forty years. They provide emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention services, and comprehensive programs for children. Please join in praying for this vital local organization in the following ways:

- For their staff, case managers and volunteers to be guided by God's love and wisdom as they walk alongside and assist those in their various programs.
- Gratitude for the ELMO Pres. volunteers who serve dinner monthly (and have for over 40 years!) at their own time and expense, and that God's love, grace and joy be evident and transformative to those they serve.
- For God to protect and provide for those awaiting housing and that additional housing would be made available.

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.

Coffee Fellowship Team needs volunteers the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month! Training provided. Email kerstenbarr@gmail.com if you can help.

Easter Choir, pick-up your materials in the church office.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. Communion & Potluck Dinner, Sign-up to bring something on the patio!

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

New Covenant Partner Class, Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.—1 p.m in the Creative Studios. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. RSVP to admin@elmopres.org

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Reach them this way: Greg & Chris Callison: gregandchris@callison.net; James & Renata Bultema: jamesbultema@spccturkey.com, renatabultema@spccturkey.com; 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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