

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, April 6, 2025

*"Deliverers will go up on Mount Zion to govern the mountains of Esau.  
And the kingdom will be the LORD'S." Obadiah 1:21*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question: Should those who have faith in Christ seek their salvation through their own works, or anywhere else?

**Answer: No, everything necessary to salvation is found in Christ.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 80

Leader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

**People: Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God, make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Leader: How long, LORD God Almighty, will your anger smolder against the prayers of your people?

**People: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

**All: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish. Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name. Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

\* Please stand as you are able.

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*O Worship the King*

1. O worship the King,  
All glorious above,  
O gratefully sing  
His wonderful love;  
Our Shield and Defender,  
The Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor,  
And girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
And canopy space!  
His chariots of wrath the deep  
Thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings  
Of the storm.

### *Chorus*

- You alone are the matchless King  
To You alone be all majesty  
Your glories and wonders  
What tongue can recite  
You breathe in the air  
You shine in the light
3. O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies, how tender  
How firm to the end  
Our Maker Defender  
Redeemer and Friend.

## **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**

Terry Foil

### **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.*

**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**

*Pass Me Not/Speak O Lord*

*"Pass Me Not"*

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

*Chorus*

Savior, Savior hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by

*"Speak O Lord"*

1. Speak, O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise,  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your  
plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace, we'll stand on your promises  
And by faith, we'll walk  
as You walk with us  
Speak, O, Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Scripture

Obadiah

Sermon

*"A Glimmer of Hope in the Midst of Darkness"*

Tom Haugen

## 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**

Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

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

*Rock of Ages/In Christ Alone*

1. Rock of Ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure
  2. Nothing in my hand I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to thee for dress  
Helpless look to thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die
- "In Christ Alone"*
1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand
  2. In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live
  3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
  4. No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**Ministry Moment**

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Ryan & Brittany Warner

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

*Mary Hurt & David Talbott*

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 April 18!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Donna Medwid, Marilyn Nichols, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Pat Clemens.
- Tristan Baker, 5 year old 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 the ministry of Ryan & Brittany Warner with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Please support them by praying:

- For their student leaders and staff to finish the school year strong.
- Favor in bringing the Gospel to those God has prepared to hear it.
- For their camp season coming up! The Lord is opening new doors for FCA to have a high school sports camp at Westmont for kids all over the western region. May the Lord come through in it all!

## **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.

**Easter Choir** rehearsal begins TODAY after worship from 11:30-11:50.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Thursday, April 17 from 1:30-3:30 in the Library

**Maundy Thursday**, April 17, 5:30 p.m. Communion & Potluck Dinner, the sign-up to bring something is 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](mailto:admin@elmopres.org)

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Contact information: Greg & Chris Callison: [gregandchris@callison.net](mailto:gregandchris@callison.net); James & Renata Bultema: [jamesbultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:jamesbultema@spccturkey.com), [renatabultema@spccturkey.com](mailto:renatabultema@spccturkey.com); Dana & Karen Ostby: [danaostby@gmail.com](mailto:danaostby@gmail.com), [karina@lite.email](mailto:karina@lite.email); Ryan & Brittany Warner: [rwarner@fca.org](mailto:rwarner@fca.org), [bwarnar@fca.org](mailto:bwarnar@fca.org); United World Mission, Mexico, Mayu Guillen Villanueva: [mayuguivi@gmail.com](mailto:mayuguivi@gmail.com); Manuel & Laura Vivanco: [laura.vivanco@uwm.org](mailto:laura.vivanco@uwm.org); Rancho Sordo Mundo, Ed Everett: [ranchsordomudo@hotmail.com](mailto:ranchsordomudo@hotmail.com), Luke Everett: [sanlucasrsm@gmail.com](mailto:sanlucasrsm@gmail.com).

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*Larry James*  
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