

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

"The crowds went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'" Matthew 21:9

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Hosanna loud hosanna
The little children sang
Through pillared court and temple
The lovely anthem rang
To Jesus who had blessed them
Close folded to His breast
The children sang their praises
The simplest and the best
2. From Olivet they followed
'Mid an exultant crowd
The victor palm branch waving
And chanting clear and loud
The Lord of men and angels
Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children
Should on His bidding wait
3. Hosanna in the highest
That ancient song we sing
For Christ is our redeemer
The Lord of heav'n our King
O may we ever praise Him
With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Catechism Question¹: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Answer: Yes, so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

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

*Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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| 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all | 3. Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all |
| 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all | 4. O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all |

1. *The New City Catechism*, Crossway

* Please stand as you are able.

Confession of Sin Unison

Loving God, on this day, your Son entered the rebellious city that later ejected him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all we have and all we are, trusting you to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

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

Hallelujah, What a Savior!

1. Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior
3. Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior
4. Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah what a Savior
5. When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

"Doorway to the Cross"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

King of Kings

1. In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

2. To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

3. And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

4. And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Joshua Delp, Mary Hurt & David Talbott

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. Children's Church available for ages 0-5 on Easter Sunday.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) are dismissed after the Doxology to the Creative Studios. Please pick up your child after worship. On Easter, K-6th children remain in 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

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, Donna Medwid, Marilyn Nichols, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- 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

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Iglesia Presbiteriana, Cristo es el Camino, a congregation led by Pastor Noe Pérez Gómez in the small migrant-farm worker community of Cañon Buena Vista south of Ensenada. In addition to ministering to his congregation, Pastor Noe uses his electrical and plumbing skills to help people in the village, showing them the love of Jesus in tangible ways. Pastor Noe wishes ELMO covenant partners to know how grateful he and his congregation are for our ongoing spiritual and financial support. Please pray for:

- Completion of a project for a new and improved roof for the church, with funding support from ELMO.
- For travel mercies as Pastor Noe journeys to participate in a presbytery-wide gathering from April 17-19 in San Jose del Cabo, B.C.
- That Pastor Noe gains spiritual refreshment during his time at the presbytery meeting, returning to his pastoral duties with renewed strength and wisdom.

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 on 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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, no April meeting, will resume in May.

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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