

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 10, 2025

"But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." Luke 8:15

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 19

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the LORD are right. Giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm and all of them are righteous.

Leader: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

All: By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of transgression. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

His Mercy is More

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful and loving God, your grace has called us toward growth and service in your Kingdom. We confess that we have thought much more about our own kingdoms than about yours. Forgive us for when we don't trust you to help us grow. Save us from a hardness of heart, where your Word cannot take root. Liberate us from shallowness of mind, where your Word withers away. Safeguard us from the deceitfulness of riches in this world where your Word is choked by everyday cares. Grant that our hearts may be fertile soil that we might yield a great harvest of praise for your name. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Teachable Moment** - An Assurance of Forgiveness is a declaration from Scripture spoken after a prayer of confession. It reminds the congregation that forgiveness is not something we earn, but something God freely gives through Jesus Christ. It offers comfort, hope, and renewed confidence in God's grace.*

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are welcome to give online on our website or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. 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

Janet 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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

1. Your words are wonderful, unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout life's weary climb

Chorus

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life

2. Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those You have redeemed

Chorus 2

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life
Make Your glory known, make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life, Your words of life

Bridge

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

Scripture

Sermon

"Seeds and Soils"

Luke 8:4-15

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Here is Love (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:

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, 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. During the summer, childcare available for ages 0-5.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) Regular programming for ELMO Pres Kids on summer break.. Elementary aged students remain in the worship gathering, activity guides available in the narthex. Check out our newsletter for church family gatherings over the summer.

ELMO Pres Youth Group (6th-12th) Last youth group of the summer meets this Wednesday, August 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.! Join us for snacks, crazy games, time with friends old and new, and a deep dive into the book of Philippians.

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 AE3 Alex Barr, U.S. Navy; Sgt. Jack Burrows, U.S. Navy; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force.
- For Hayden Catron working as a fire fighter this summer.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Chris Ashford, Josefina Everett, Ann Marie King, Donna Medwid, Rand Olsen, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the Noe Family.
- Tristan Baker, 5 year old great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, who has leukemia. Pray that he would tolerate his treatments and they would be effective.

Three Questions To Use When Reading A Biblical Text (adapted from Tim Keller):

- **Adore**—What did you learn about God for which you could praise or thank him?
- **Admit**—What did you learn about yourself for which you could repent?
- **Aspire**—What did you learn about life that you could aspire to, ask for, and act on?

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including the ministry of Manuel and Laura Vivanco of Mexico City. Laura is the daughter of our Covenant Partner, Ann Marie King.

Manuel and Laura give praise for:

- The Global Mesa Conference in Armenia, Columbia, as the missionaries continue raising servant leaders and disciples of Christ.
- The number of committed men and women in their Chiconautla congregation.
- The itinerant Bible teacher from Chiapas, Mexico who is supported by their church.
- For pastoral care leaders, Hugo and Itzuri, who coordinated an annual excursion to a water park for 227 people, where Manuel baptized 12 new disciples.

Please pray for:

- The new believers baptized by Manuel.
- All those who attended the Vacation Bible School two weeks ago.

Connecting & Serving

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St. Studying 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 Romans. Coffee is provided.

Family BBQ, Today! after worship, all ages welcome. Bring a side dish to share. (Simple is good!) We'll supply the burgers and hotdogs.

Women in the Word, resumes Monday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m.! More details to come.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, will resume September 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Library

Connect with our Ministry Partners: Our ministry partners enjoy receiving encouraging notes. Contact information: 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: mrneondemexico@hotmail.com, Luke Everett: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com.

The flowers are given today in loving memory of Art & Peggy Montgomery by their children, Barbara and Jim and their spouses. Art & Peggy were married at ELMO 75 years ago!

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

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