

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 17, 2025

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10*

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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

**\*Call to Worship**

Ezekiel 34

Leader: For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

**People: As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.**

Leader: I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land.

**All: I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will place over them one shepherd and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I will be their God. I the Lord have spoken.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*Hymn of Praise**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

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| 1. All creatures of our God and King<br>Lift up your voice and with us sing<br>O praise Him! Alleluia!<br>Thou, burning sun with golden beam<br>Thou, silver moon with softer gleam<br>O praise Him! O praise Him!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!   | 3. All the redeemed washed by His blood<br>Come and rejoice in His great love<br>O praise Him! Alleluia!<br>Christ has defeated every sin<br>Cast all your burdens now on Him<br>O praise Him! O praise Him!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!    |
| 2. Let all things their Creator bless<br>And worship Him in humbleness<br>O praise Him! Alleluia!<br>Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son<br>And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One<br>O praise Him! O praise Him!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! | 4. He shall return in pow'r to reign<br>Heaven and earth will join to say<br>O praise Him! Alleluia!<br>Then who shall fall on bended knee?<br>All creatures of our God and King<br>O praise Him! O praise Him!<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! |

## **Confession of Sin Unison**

**We come before you, acknowledging we have wandered far from your ways. Like the lost sheep, we have strayed—pursuing our own desires, turning away from your voice, and forgetting the safety of your care. We have chosen paths leading us away from you, ignoring Your goodness and grace. Like the prodigal son, we have taken your blessings for granted and spent them on things that do not satisfy. We have sought meaning apart from you and confess the emptiness and brokenness our sin has brought. We have sinned against heaven and before you. Yet, we remember your compassion. You are the shepherd who seeks the lost, the woman who searches for what is precious, the father who runs to welcome the wayward home. In your mercy welcome us and cleanse us from our sin. Restore to us the joy of being with you. Forgive us, Lord—not because we deserve it, but because you delight in showing mercy. Teach us to walk in your ways, rejoice in your love, and welcome others as you have welcomed us. Through Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save the lost. Amen.**

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

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Luke 19: 9-10

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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 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**

Kirk Gilbert

## **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**

*Mighty to Save*

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| 1. Ev'ryone needs compassion | 2. So take me as You find me |
| Love that's never failing    | All my fears and failures    |
| Let mercy fall on me         | Fill my life again           |
| Ev'ryone needs forgiveness   | I give my life to follow     |
| The kindness of a Saviour    | Ev'rything I believe in      |
| The hope of nations          | Now I surrender              |

### *Chorus*

Saviour, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

### *Bridge*

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
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For the glory of the risen King



Sermon notes:

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed
3. The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

### *Chorus*

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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

*Daniel DeVorzon, Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Dan Patterson, David Talbott & Jim Wilson*

# 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](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. 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. ELMO Pres Kids resumes on Sept. 7

**ELMO Pres Youth Group** (6th-12th) Friday Nights at ELMO Kick-off September 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## 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 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, Josefinia 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 Dana and Karen Ostby. Pray for their ministry in Central Asia. Over the past year, rules there have tightened, and social projects soon may not be allowed to receive external donations from foundations as in the past. In response, many foundations have cut all funding, including major US donors. Social projects are discussing how to stay within the rules while continuing to carry out their services. One viable recommendation is to start a business that generates income from within the country. The other is to cut staff and rely on volunteers and private donations. We are open to ideas and investments in them.

- The first project in Central Asia we invested in was the NGY Youth Center. Since 2003, this ministry has been reaching out to underprivileged kids in and around the capital city through after-school clubs, summer day camps, and mountain trekking. They operate on a shoestring budget with minimal staff, but with many local volunteers, student interns, and local donations.
- The second project is Hands of Hope Women's Project. They previously had major US sponsors who all cut funding suddenly in January 2025.
- The final project is Camp Adonai, which has served thousands of children and youth since 2001, when I returned to Central Asia after Joe's passing. As I write, the staff are holding a youth camp on the theme "Stop and Learn" – Focused on the Holy Spirit and our Identity in Christ.

## 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.

**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.

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