

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, August 31, 2025

*"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 18:14*

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 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

People: If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his Word, I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

All: Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

2. Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have often trusted in our own goodness and looked down on others. We have compared ourselves to those around us, finding comfort in our own righteousness rather than in Your grace. We confess that we love to appear righteous even when our hearts are far from You. We seek praise rather than repentance, position rather than humility. Like the tax collector, we come to You now and say: "God, be merciful to us, sinners." Forgive us, restore us, and teach us to walk humbly with You. Justify us not because of who we are, but because of who Christ is.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Luke 18:14

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, lifted up by God's grace, not our own merit.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Erin Barr

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

Give Us Clean Hands

1. We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
Seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob
Oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me
3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Ending

When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt, Rand Olsen and Joni Parrent

Pick up your Fall Bible Reading Plan Bookmark

The Bible Reading Plan begins on Sept 7 and ends on Nov 29. Read through Acts and some of the Epistles to compliment our Sermon Series in 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Bookmarks available in the narthex.

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?

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 (3 months-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) Regular programming for ELMO Pres Kids is on summer break. Elementary aged students remain in the worship gathering, Activity guides are available in the narthex. ELMO Pres Kids resumes on Sept. 7th.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) "Friday Nights at ELMO" resumes on the first & third Friday of the month from 6:00– 8:00 pm: September 5th pool party & 19th in the Creative Studios. Dinner, games, Bible Study, and community: Bring a friend!

ELMO Pres College "Catch a Ride" from Clark dorm to ELMO resumes September 7 at 9:35 a.m. College Lunch after worship on Sept. 7.

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, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the Noe Family and the West Family.
- Tristan Baker, 5 year old great-grandson of Bruce Stockin, who is going back to school. Pray for protection from any infections.
- Jackson Zerwas, an ELMO Pres Youth Leader and pre-med senior at Westmont College as he completes his Global Health requirement in Uganda this Fall semester.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Rancho Sordo Mudo and Angels of Love are long term ministry partners in Ensenada serving both that community and the deaf community throughout Mexico. Through the decades of work and partnership, the Deaf community of Mexico is now able to attend schools and integrate with society. Furthermore, many have come to know the love of Jesus. Please support them in prayer:

- The Everett family asks for wisdom and strength as they continue to serve and disciple the Deaf community. That more will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- For more church ministry teams to come and use the Rancho Sordo Mudo facilities to serve, do outreach, and carry out projects that bless the community around Ensenada.
- For healing strength and peace for Josefina Everett as she recovers from a stroke, and for Luke Everett to be strengthened physically and spiritually as he cares for her.

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.

Bible Study Fellowship, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. beginning Sept. 10. Preschool program for children ages 0-5. Register at bsfinternational.org

Women in the Word, resumes Monday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Our theme for the year is God Will Make a Way: studying Joshua, Worship and Praying the Psalms. Sign up in the courtyard after worship!

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

Fall Kick-off Lunch, September 21 following worship.

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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