

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, September 7, 2025

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Mary Hurt

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

1 Corinthians 12/Psalms

*Call to Worship

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

People: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

(Psalm 133:1)

Leader: If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one is honored, all rejoice together.

People: "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." (Psalm 30:11-12)

Leader: We are many, but in Christ, we are one body—each one a part of it.

People: "Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture." (Psalm 95:6-7)

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, united in heart, diverse in gift, one in Spirit.

All: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6)

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Everything

1. Praise the Lord
Praise Him in His sanctuary
Sing the greatness of His glory
Praise the Lord
2. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the cymbals crashing
Winds and brass and strings and dancing
Praise the Lord
3. Praise the Lord
Praise the King of all creation
Sing the song of His salvation
Praise the Lord
4. Praise the Lord
Praise Him with the voice He's given
Everywhere in earth and Heaven
Praise the Lord

Chorus

Let everything, everything
Let everything that breathes
Let everything that breathes
Come praise the Lord

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

Larry Godec

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 Pres 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**

Build Your Kingdom

1. Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us
2. We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

Chorus

- Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray
3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sermon

"The Church is the Body of Christ"

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful God, we confess that though we are called to be one body, we have often acted as many. We have withheld love, judged others, and forgotten those we deem less important. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that every part is needed, every person valued, and every gift essential. Heal our divisions, that we may come to Your table in unity and peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are 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.

*Hymn of Response

O Church Arise

1. O church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

2. Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valour
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations
3. Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him
4. So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

***Benediction**

Postlude

Pick up your Fall Bible Reading Plan Bookmark

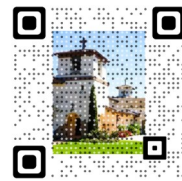
The Bible Reading Plan begins Sept. 7 and ends on Nov 29. Read through Acts and some of the Epistles to compliment our Sermon Series in 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

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 Visitors! We are glad you are worshiping with us today.

Please scan the QR code to fill out the Connect Form so we may get to know you better and send you our weekly newsletter. Visit our website at: www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel: El Montecito Presbyterian Church.



ELMO Pres Kids, Youth & College

Nursery (3 mo.-2.5 yrs.) & **Preschool** (ages 2.5-5 yrs.) 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 Student Ministry (6th-12th) Join us in the Creative Studios for “Friday Nights at ELMO” on the 1st & 3rd Friday nights of the month from 6– 8 p.m. Dinner, games, fun and a deep dive into the book of Acts. Next up: Sept. 19th!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. College Lunch following worship TODAY in our Creative Studios downstairs.

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 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.

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for all our blessings.

Bruce and Barb Kennedy

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

El Montecito Presbyterian Church supports numerous ministries and organizations near and far, including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. They provide free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. It's the only organization between Oxnard and Santa Maria offering hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. Only funded by private donations, SBRM's services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients. Please support them by praying:

- For the expanding Transitional Shelter Program to provide longer term case-management services
- That God will sustain and energize the case managers and volunteers in serving the shelter guests.
- That the upcoming annual "Bayou Down Under" event will bring much needed funds to sustain the vital daily work of transforming and rebuilding lives for His purposes.

Connecting & Serving

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

Women in the Word, Mondays, in Fellowship Hall beginning September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Our theme for the year is God Will Make a Way: studying Joshua, Worship & Praying the Psalms.

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

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St. Studying 1 & 2 Peter.

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library, bring your Bible to participate in a study of Romans. Coffee is provided.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, September 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Thursday, September 11, 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Open to all widows, including your neighbors and friends. Please join us for a meal and conversation. Email Shirley to RSVP and/or request a ride at fendersender@cox.net

All Church Fall Kick Off Lunch, September 21 following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Pickleball Tournament, October 5, 2-5 p.m. at the SB Municipal Courts.

Find Your Serve, email admin@elmopres.org to learn more about where you can use your gifts. We always need greeters, coffee servers, and helpers serving on the children's ministry, worship and community life teams!

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

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