

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, September 21, 2025

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

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 145

Leader: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty - and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

Leader: They tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

People: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you.

Leader: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

All: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

** 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

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been idle. You have called us to live faithfully, but we have been afraid. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Keep before us faithful people to follow so that living with courage and love, we may work for and inherit the kingdom promised in Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

Children are excused to their ELMO Kids classrooms in the Creative Studios

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Same God

1. I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant
I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

Chorus

Oh God my God I need You
Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness

2. I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

Bridge 1

You heard Your children then
You hear Your children now
You are the same God (2x)
You answered prayers back then
And You will answer now
You are the same God (2x)
You were providing then
You are providing now
You are the same God (2x)

Bridge 2

You moved in power then
God move in power now
You are the same God (2x)
You were a healer then
You are a healer now
You are the same God (2x)
You were a Savior then
You are a Savior now
You are the same God (2x)

3. I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again

Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

Sermon

“The Church is the Mission of God”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

God of This City

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| 1. You're the God of this city
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are
You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are | 2. You're the Lord of creation
The Creator of all things
You're the King above all kings
You are
You're the strength in the weakness
You're the love to the broken
You're the joy in the sadness
You are |
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Pre-Chorus 1

There is no one like our God
There is no one like You God

Chorus 1

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done
In this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things have still to be done here

***Benediction**

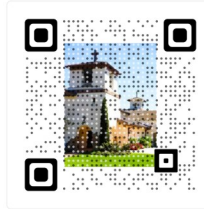
Postlude

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

*Deborah Bertling, Stacy Cullison, Annie Haugen, Rod Meadth, Rosie Murren,
Rand Olsen & Kiera Reitzin*

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: October 3!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. All Church Lunch today in Fellowship Hall. College Lunches in the Creative Studios Nov. 16 & Dec. 14.

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. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force.
- For Hayden Catron working as a wilderness firefighter.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Chris Ashford, Josefina Everett, Brian Johnson, Ginger Ketzell, Ann Marie King, Betsy Knight, Donna Medwid, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for Pete West’s family. Bereavement for the family and friends of Netta Jones, memorial at Santa Ynez Pres. October 18, 2 p.m.
- 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.
- Praise the Lord for the arrival of Rebekah Jane Hurt, born September 16. Please pray for rest, recovery, and God’s blessings over this precious new life.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Transition House has been providing family solutions for homelessness in Santa Barbara for over forty years. They provide emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, homelessness prevention services, and comprehensive programs for children. Please join in praying for this vital local organization in the following ways:

- For their staff, case managers and volunteers to be guided by God's love and wisdom as they walk alongside and assist those in their various programs.
- Gratitude for the ELMO Pres volunteers who serve dinner monthly (and have for over 40 years!) at their own time and expense, and that God's love, grace and joy be evident and transformative to those they serve.
- For God to protect and provide for those awaiting housing and that additional housing would be made available.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, in the Library at 9 a.m. Each week, we will prepare for our worship time and dive into the scripture passage for our sermon. Everyone is welcome!

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

Women in the Word, Mondays, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Our theme is God Will Make a Way: studying Joshua, Worship & Praying the Psalms. To sign up, call Patty Wilson: 805-689-4496 or text Deborah Bertling: 805-698-0952.

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, studying Romans.

All Church Fall Kick Off Lunch, TODAY! Following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Deepening Your Conversation with God—Learning to Love to Pray, led by Ben Patterson. Beginning Sunday, September 28, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library.

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

New Covenant Partner Class, Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m-1 p.m. in the Creative Studios (Downstairs) Continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch provided. To RSVP please email admin@elmopres.org and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions for lunch.

Interested in joining a Home Group Bible Study this Fall?

Please fill out our interest form so we can gauge interest and, as God provides, launch some more groups! Study will follow our sermon series in 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Beginning week of October 5th for 8 weeks.

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to access the form.



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

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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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