

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025

*"A person's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand their own way?"*

*Proverbs 20:24*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

David Talbott

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 121

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: I lift my eyes up to the mountains - where does my help come from?

**People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber.

**People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun will not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The LORD will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.**

### \*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 will be

### *Chorus*

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

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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

### *Chorus*

- Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see  
All I have needed, thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, Unto me!
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## **GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD**

In addition to giving through the passed offering plates, you are welcome to give online at [www.elmopres.org/give-online](http://www.elmopres.org/give-online) 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**

Nathan 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.**

*Children are excused to their ELMO Pres Kids classrooms downstairs in the Creative Studios.*

### **Affirmation of Faith** Unison

The Apostles' Creed

**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

*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

Proverbs 20:24

Sermon

"It All Depends"

Scott Gibson

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### Confession of Sin Unison

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Amen.**

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

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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**

*Glory in the Highest*

1. You are the first  
You go before  
You are the last  
Lord, You're the encore  
Your name's in lights for all to see  
The starry hosts declare Your glory

### *Chorus 1*

Glory in the highest (3x)

2. Apart from You  
There is no God  
Light of the world  
The bright and morning star  
Your name will shine for all to see  
You are the One  
You are my glory

### *(Chorus 1)*

### *Bridge 1*

And no one else  
Could ever compare to You Lord  
All the earth together declares

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

### *Bridge 2*

Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest to you Lord  
To you Lord

### *Bridge 3*

And all the earth will sing Your praise  
The moon and stars the sun and rain  
Ev'ry nation will proclaim  
That You are God and You will reign  
Glory, glory hallelujah  
Glory, glory to You Lord  
Glory, glory hallelujah

### *(Bridge 2)*

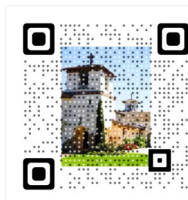
*Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:*

*Rodney Meadth, Providence Student Team: Annie Haugen, Rachel Pinkevich, Kiera Reitzin,*

*Eli Small, Rand Olsen & David Talbott*

**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](http://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-6th) 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 17!

**ELMO Pres College** “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. 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](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. Army; Lt. Col. James Wentzel, U.S. Air Force.
- For our covenant partners dealing with ongoing health issues and recovery from surgeries: Josefina Everett, Shirley Fender, Phyllis Grey, Brian Johnson, Ginger Ketzel, Ann Marie King, Donna Medwid, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Betsy Knight. Bereavement for the family and friends of Pete West’s Dad.
- 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. If you’d like to bring the Hurt Family a meal, sign-up here: [www.mealtrain.com/trains/w4o8r1](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/w4o8r1)

## **Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries**

Jim and Renata Bultema are our long term ministry partners that served in Turkey for over 30 years. Due to changes in the government, they were expelled, but their ministry continues in Turkey. Current prayer points are:

- Jim has been invited to serve as Pastor for the International Church of the Hague. They had the last interview session with the church and are awaiting to hear if he has the call. Please pray for patience and the Lord's will in this potential ministry step.
- Renata continues to oversee the operations for St. Paul's and the Mozaik Cultural Centers from afar. Please pray for the rest of the Foundation Board's wisdom and the continued operations in Antalya.
- Jim and Renata are further exploring the support of Turks living in Europe as refugees. Please pray for new partnerships with groups on the continent.

## **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. Studying Joshua. 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.

**Deepening Your Conversation with God—Learning to Love to Pray**, led by Ben Patterson. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library thru November 16.

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

**Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith**, October 8, 6:45 p.m. at SB High School. This event is for everyone, where youth will encourage our community to follow Jesus and read the Bible. We hope you can join us for this special night.

**Third Thursdays**, 9-9:45 a.m. - Church & Early School Moms, you're invited to join us in the Creative Studios for a monthly gathering designed just for you! We'll spend about 45 minutes together over lattes, learning and encouraging one another. October 16th Topic: "Helping Preschoolers Thrive with Loving Boundaries" with Dr. Mary Patterson.

**New Covenant Partner Class**, Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m-1 p.m. in the Creative Studios. Continental breakfast, coffee, and lunch provided. Email [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) to RSVP and indicate if you have any dietary restrictions for lunch.

**Christmas in Narnia Volunteers Needed**, Saturday, December 6th, 1-4:30 p.m. Sign-up to help with this magical community outreach using the QR code on flyers in courtyard!

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

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*

*Brad Catron, Facilities Manager*

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*Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary*

*Terry Foil, Community Life*

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