

WORSHIP

El Montecito
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, October 19, 2025

"So we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." 1 Thessalonians 2:8

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Neil DiMaggio

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 96

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

All: Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord/Joyful, Joyful

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is our health and salvation!
Come all who hear; Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning,
Shelters you under His wings, so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen, All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining!
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you.
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do,
If with His love he befriends you.

Chorus

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above.

5. Praise to the Lord, oh let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, You've called us to live with honesty, courage, and love—but we admit we haven't always done that. We've sometimes cared more about what people think than about doing what's right in Your eyes. We've held back the truth, used our words selfishly, or acted more for ourselves than for others. You ask us to be gentle and to live lives that reflect You—but too often, we've been impatient, proud or distracted. Forgive us. Change our hearts. Help us live with love, boldness and integrity so others can see You in us. Amen

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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 at 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

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.

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

Take My Life and Let It Be

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| 1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days -
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. | 3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee. |
| 2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee. | 4. Take my love, My Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee. |

Scripture

Sermon

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

“How to Share Christ”

Tom Haugen



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.
3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

Chorus

- O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.
2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where are His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ.

*Benediction

Postlude

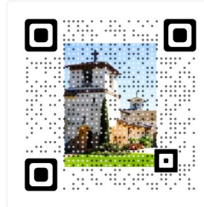
Julien Ete

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

Deborah Bertling, Neil DiMaggio, Julien Ete

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: November 7!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. College Dessert at the Haugen’s tonight, 7-9 p.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. 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, Brian Johnson, Ann Marie King, Donna Medwid, Bruce Stockin, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Betsy Knight and Joyce Hutchinson. Bereavement for the family and friends of Shirley Fender. Her Celebration of Life will be on Friday, November 7th at 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.

Acts 1:8 Connection: Outreach Ministries

Our church supports ministries and service organizations near and far, including Mayu Lux Villanueva of Morelia, Mexico working with United World Missions. Mayu works with high school students who are struggling with emotional and social issues. She helps them to recognize their worth and their role in preventing violence and promoting respect of other people regardless of their beliefs. Mayu sees her role at the school as reflecting God's love through compassion, education and prayer as she ministers to these students. Mayu is deeply thankful for our faithful prayers and generous support.

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 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Library thru November 16.

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 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!

Praise and Pie, Sunday, November 23 following worship in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy sweet and savory pies and thankful fellowship with your church family.

Are you serving yet at ELMO Pres.? Reach out to admin@elmopres.org if you'd like to hear about opportunities

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, bwarnar@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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