

# WORSHIP

El Montecito  
Presbyterian Church



Sunday, March 1, 2026

*"The King will reply, 'Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

### Prayer of Invocation

### Music of Preparation

*Abide*

1. For my waking breath  
For my daily bread  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For the sun to rise  
For my sleep at night  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

#### *Chorus 1*

You're the way, the truth, and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

2. Where the Spirit leads  
As I'm following  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For the victories  
Still in front of me  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

#### *Chorus 2*

You're the way, the truth, and the life  
You're the well that never runs dry  
I'm the branch and You are the vine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide  
Be my strength, my song in the night  
Be my all my treasure my prize  
I am Yours, forever You're mine  
Draw me close and teach me to abide

3. When I pass through death  
As I enter rest  
I depend on You  
I depend on You  
For eternal life  
To be raised with Christ  
I depend on You  
I depend on You

# GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 112

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

**People: Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

**People: Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.**

Leader: They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**All: Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor. The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

*Jesus Shall Reign*

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| 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>Does its successive journeys run<br>His kingdom stretch from shore to shore<br>Till sun shall rise and set no more | 3. People and realms of every tongue<br>Dwell on His love with sweetest song<br>And infant voices shall proclaim<br>Their early blessings on His name |
| 2. Blessings abound where'er He reigns<br>The pris'n'er leaps to lose his chains<br>The weary find eternal rest<br>And all the sons of want are blessed     | 4. Let every creature rise and bring<br>Blessing and honor to our King<br>Angels descend with songs again<br>And earth repeat the loud amen           |

## *Chorus*

To our King be highest praise  
Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign  
Jesus shall reign

# GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

## Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

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 & 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 & the world.



## Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Pamela 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.**

**Affirmation of Faith** Unison

The Apostle's 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

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

1. Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
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
3. Take my will and make it Thine  
It shall be no longer mine  
Take my heart it is Thine own  
It shall be Thy royal throne
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

Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-10,  
Matthew 25:31-40

Sermon

“Weaving the Fabric of Justice”

Jim Wilson



Sermon notes:

## CELEBRATING COMMUNION

### Confession of Sin Unison

**Most Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. 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**

*All Glory Be to Christ*

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ
2. His will be done His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ
3. When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ

*Chorus*

All glory be to Christ our king  
All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing  
All glory be to Christ

**Ministry Moment**

**Royal Family Kids Camp**

**Zak Stengel**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

*ELMO Kids, Mary Hurt & Emily Sommermann*

## Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. **Please fill out a visitor card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera** to fill out a Connect Form so we may get to know you better. Visit our website at: [www.elmopres.org](http://www.elmopres.org), find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel. You are welcome to join us for our weekly worship gatherings every Sunday at 10 a.m.



## 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: March 6 & 20!

**ELMO Pres College** “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. *College Small Group Bible Study* at the Haugens, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m. (Catch a ride from Clark—pick up at 6:50 p.m.)

## Outreach Ministries Prayer Points

*Each week we take time to pray for a specific ministry we support*—Royal Family KIDS serves local foster youth, ages 7-11, through mentoring clubs and a summer camp. Please pray for:

- The leadership team; to follow God’s leading, thank Him for the team He’s assembled, and pray He would keep the leadership reliant on Him for wisdom, unity, and joy.
- The volunteers; that God would raise up the right people from across many churches and knit them together in unity. Ask God to fill the key roles still needed. Pray that God would stir and soften hearts, make space in schedules, and protect those who say yes from discouragement and spiritual opposition.
- The children; that God would lead RFKC to the kids who most need camp, and open the eyes and hearts of social workers, teachers, foster/adoption organizations, neighbors, & caregivers to what this camp can offer. Pray the kids who come would hear and trust the good news: God loves them, and we love them just as they are. Pray for the kids who won’t attend, that the Gospel would reach them through other people & places.

## 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: Ann Marie King, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman and Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Glen Adams. Memorial is April 11, 10 a.m.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Lou Browdy. Memorial is May 16, 10 a.m.

## 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.

**With Christ in the School of Prayer**, Sundays, 11:30-12:30 in Library. An invitation into a deeper way of life, learning prayer by practicing it together for the church & the world.

**Easter Choir Practices begin NEXT SUNDAY!** Brief 15 minute rehearsals after worship. Contact Worship Director Mary Hurt [maryhurt@elmopres.org](mailto:maryhurt@elmopres.org) for more information.

**Women in the Word**, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Call Patty Wilson 805-689-4496 or text Deborah Bertling 805-698-0952 to sign-up! This year's theme is *God Will Make A Way*

**Bible Study Fellowship**, Wednesdays, 9:30-11 a.m. Register at [www.bsfinternational.org](http://www.bsfinternational.org)

**Women's Bible Study**, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at IHOP on State St., Intersivity Study of Isaiah. Contact Barb at [bkennedy@westmont.edu](mailto:bkennedy@westmont.edu) with questions.

**Men's Bible Study**, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library, studying Romans.

**Bethany Hamilton Fundraiser** for Network Medical, March 5 at Granada Theatre

**Joy Reflected Luncheon**, Thursday, March 19 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All widows welcome. RSVP to Barb Kennedy at [bkennedy@westmont.edu](mailto:bkennedy@westmont.edu) or by phone 805-886-1378

**New Covenant Partner Class**, Saturday, March 28. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Creative Studios

**Maundy Thursday Dinner** following Communion in Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. on April 2.

Please sign-up on patio to bring rolls or cookies/bars!

**Registration is open for summer camps** at ELMO Pres. See flyers in narthex for more info!

**Coffee Hospitality Team needs volunteers to serve coffee after worship & clean-up!** The set-up before church is taken care of. Offer hospitality, welcome newcomers, & serve our church family. **Grab a friend and serve together! Get the kids involved and serve as a family!** Email [kerstenbarr@gmail.com](mailto:kerstenbarr@gmail.com) 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month available!

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

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