

# WORSHIP



EL MONTECITO  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 15, 2026

*"And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'" Genesis 9:12-13*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

### Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 29

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

**People: The LORD thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

Leader: The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

**All: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

## \*Hymn of Praise

1. God the uncreated One  
The Author of salvation  
Who wrote the laws of space and time  
And fashioned worlds to His design  
The One whom angel hosts revere  
Hung the stars like chandeliers  
Numbered every grain of sand  
Knows the heart of every man  
He is King forever  
He is King forever  
He is King forevermore
2. God our fortress and our strength  
The Rock on which we can depend  
Matchless in His majesty  
His power and authority  
Unshaken by the schemes of man  
Never changing Great I am  
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall  
He is faithful through it all  
Crown Him King forever  
Crown Him King forever  
Crown Him King forevermore

## *God the Uncreated One (King Forevermore)*

3. Mighty God in mortal flesh  
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss  
The curse of sin and centuries  
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace  
Lifted high the sinless man  
Crucified the spotless Lamb  
Buried by the sons of man  
Rescued by the Father's hand  
To reign as King forever  
Reign as King forever  
Reign as King forevermore
4. King eternal God of grace  
We crown You with the highest praise  
Heaven shouts and saints adore  
You're holy holy holy Lord  
What joy in everlasting life  
All is love and faith is sight  
Justice rolls and praises rise  
At the name of Jesus Christ  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forevermore

## Confession of Sin Unison

Psalm 130

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Ephesians 2:4-5

Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgression - for it is by grace you have been saved.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## **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.



### **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**

Barney Melekian

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

### *Chorus*

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

2. When darkness veils His lovely face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil

3. His oath His covenant His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay

4. When He shall come with trumpet  
sound  
O may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

## Scripture

Genesis 8:15-9:29

## Sermon

"God's Covenant with Noah"

Tom Haugen

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*In Christ Alone*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought & storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
4. No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

*Mary Hurt, Dan, Cornelius, & Marshall Patterson*



Sermon notes:

## 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 @ELMO-Pres-Online



## 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 20!

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

## 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.

**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!

## Outreach Ministries Prayer Points

*Each week we take time to pray for a specific ministry we support— Manuel & Laura Vivanco serving in Mexico City; please pray for:*

- A mechanical solution for their 2007 Subaru—a ministry vehicle needed back in service.
- Praise for visits to the Guadalajara area before Christmas by Manuel where he had the privilege of delivering donated Bibles to 14 pastors of small churches.
- Praise for the Vivancos success in developing emerging church leaders.
- Pray for peace in Mexico, especially in areas of violence driven by organized crime & cartels.
- Praise and thank you from Manuel and Laura for partnering with them in joyfully bringing Jesus to the people He puts in front of them.

## 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.

**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*

**Finishing Our Race With Joy**, Tuesday, Mar. 24 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served. RSVP: [maryslater805@gmail.com](mailto:maryslater805@gmail.com) Pam Beebe will be sharing about dealing with grief. She is a leader with GriefShare, a 13-week grief recovery workshop.

**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., Intervarsity 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.

**Family Lunch**, TODAY following worship in downstairs Creative Studios Great Room! We are providing the burgers/hotdogs, fruit, chips, & drinks.

**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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**, Thursday, March 19 from 1:30-3:30 in Fellowship Hall.

**New Covenant Partner Class**, Saturday, March 28. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Creative Studios. Continental breakfast, coffee, & lunch provided. RSVP to [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org)

**Easter Lily Delivery Team**, email [admin@elmopres.org](mailto:admin@elmopres.org) to sign-up to deliver an Easter lily following worship on Palm Sunday, March 29 to our members in need of encouragement.

**Maundy Thursday Dinner** following worship 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!** See the back of bulletin for more info & to register!

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

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

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

*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*

*Anna Bragg, Operations Manager*

*Ashley Olsen, Office Administrator*

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**Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*

*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*

*Erin Barr*

*Kersten Barr*

*Kirk Gilbert*

*Larry James*

*Leanne Patterson*

**Deacons**

*Susan Dau, Congregational Care, Secretary*

*Terry Foil, Community Life*

*Pamela Gilbert, Receptions, Secretary*

*Darlene James, Community Life*

*Brian Johnson, Receptions*

*Fran Lambeth, Congregational Care*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
ADVENTURE  
WEEK**

**DISCOVER  
THE GREATEST  
ADVENTURE—  
LIFE  
IN CHRIST**

Scan QR code to register!  
Questions? Contact [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org)

<b>Week 1</b> 15 - 19 June 2026	<b>Week 2</b> 27 - 31 July 2026
<b>9 AM - 2 PM</b>	
<b>\$250</b>	
<b>6th-9th Grade</b>	

ADVENTURE WEEK REGISTRATION

*elmo pres students*

**ELMO PRES KIDS  
Summer  
ARTventure**

Get hyped for a week of wacky games, art, Bible, friends, & fun as we embark on an adventure with Christ!

Scan QR code to register!  
Questions? Contact [LauriHaugen@elmopres.org](mailto:LauriHaugen@elmopres.org)

<b>22 - 26 June 2026</b>
<b>9 AM - 1 PM</b>
<b>\$200</b>
<b>Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders</b>

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