

WORSHIP



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

*"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!'
'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'" Luke 19:39-40*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Majesty, Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 118

*Call to Worship

Leader: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

People: From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

Leader: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

All: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. O worship the King, all-glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Chorus

- You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light
3. O measureless might, ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

Confession of Sin Unison

Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to run to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem - singing our joys and expectations, it is more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas not only today, but each and every day. In your strength and name.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

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 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

Janet Gates

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Hosanna

1. I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes yeah

4. I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

2. I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Chorus

Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

3. I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

Scripture

Luke 19:28-44

Sermon

“The Stones Will Cry Out”

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Crown Him/Majesty

1. Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem
drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Bridge

All hail, Redeemer, hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity

Ending

Praise God who reigns forevermore
You're the God who reigns
forevermore

Chorus

Majesty, Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore

2. Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt, Ryan Nixon, Rand Olsen & Jim Wilson

Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are worshipping 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, 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: April 17!

ELMO Pres College “Catch a Ride” from Clark dorm at 9:35 a.m. on Sundays.
College Study Lounge: Wednesdays in April, 6-10 p.m. in ELMO Pres Creative Studios

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 AE4 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.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support: Network Medical Women's Center is a non-profit medical clinic serving women in unplanned pregnancies with early medical services to confirm pregnancies and community resources.

- Praise God for a successful fundraiser to a sold-out theatre of more than 1,500 people who heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ!
- Pray for the seeds of the Gospel planted at the fundraiser to grow in the hearts of those who attended.
- Pray for those hurting from a past abortion to come forward to seek healing and freedom.
- Pray for favor in the community as we work to brand NMWC as the best option when facing an unplanned pregnancy.
- Pray for our patients who struggle with fear and doubt in their decision to choose the gift of life.

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, 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

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 with questions.

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

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!

Good Friday worship gathering, 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 3.

Registration is open for summer camps! See flyers in narthex for more info!

Middle School Adventure Week for 6th-9th grades: June 15-19 & July 27-31;

ELMO Pres Kids Summer ARTventure for rising 4th-6th graders: June 22-26

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 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month available!

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

Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ADVENTURE
WEEK**

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

Scan QR code to register!
Questions ? Contact LauriHaugen@elmopres.org

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

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!

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22 - 26 June 2026
9 AM - 1 PM
\$200
Rising 3rd - 6th Graders

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