



**"I am
the resurrection
and the life."
John 11:25**

EASTER SUNDAY

EL MONTECITO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"As you come to him, the Living Stone - rejected by humans,
but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones,
are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."*

1 Peter 2:4-5

WORSHIP

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

ELMO Instrumentalists

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

ELMO Choir

*Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!*

*With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah, Amen!
Amen, Amen, Amen!
Amen, Amen, Amen!*

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

* Please stand as you are able.

***Hymn of Praise**

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

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.



Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Connie Wilson

Music of Reflection

David Talbott

***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 in grades K-6 will remain in the worship gathering today.
Activity packets are available with the ushers.*

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**

Cornerstone

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

2. When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all

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

Scripture

1 Peter 2:4-12

Sermon

"The Living Stone"

Tom Haugen

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

Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Christus Victor

1. O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah, Amen!

2. O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man, sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah, Amen!

3. O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand, Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever

Bridge

Amen, Amen, Amen!

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Easter Choir, ELMO Instrumentalists, Mary Hurt & David Talbott

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, 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 –11:15 a.m. in the Pre-K classrooms.

ELMO Pres Kids (K-7th) will remain in worship. Activity packets available with ushers.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) "Friday Nights at ELMO" in the Creative Studios 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 & 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.

After Worship Today!

Join us for coffee, hot cross buns and fellowship in the courtyard.
Elementary children: keep your eyes wide-open for a hidden challenge!

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. **No class tomorrow, April 6.**

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., Intersivity 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.

Church Office is closed Monday, April 6

Registration is open for our summer camps:



**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ADVENTURE
WEEK**

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

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

| Week 1 | Week 2 |
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| 15 - 19 | 27 - 31 |
| June 2026 | July 2026 |

9 AM - 2 PM

\$250

6th-9th Grade

ADVENTURE WEEK REGISTRATION

elmopres 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

22 - 26
June 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

\$200

Rising 3rd - 6th Graders

elmopres kids

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

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