

# WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2026



EL MONTECITO  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan!*

*For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:10*

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## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before, O my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger*

*Your name is great and Your heart is kind*

*For all Your goodness I will keep on singing*

*Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 34:1-8

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

**People: I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.**

Leader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

**People: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.**

Leader: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

**All: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

*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

## Confession of Sin Unison

**Gracious God, we confess that we are often tempted to go our own way. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we face trials, but unlike him, we do not always resist. We give in to what is easy instead of what is right. We trust comfort, success, and approval more than we trust you. Forgive us for the times we listen to other voices instead of your Word. Forgive us for choosing our own path when you call us to follow Jesus. Turn us back to you. Strengthen us to resist temptation, and help us walk in the way of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

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

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:22

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.  
Return to me, for I have redeemed you.

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 Pres. Kids classrooms in the Creative Studios.*

## Prayers for the Church and the World

Barney Melekian

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## \*Hymn of Preparation

*Lord, I Need You*

1. Lord I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest  
Without You I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me

### *Chorus 1*

Lord I need You, oh I need You  
Ev'ry hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God, how I need You

### *Bridge*

So teach my song to rise to You  
When temptation comes my way  
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You  
Jesus You're my hope and stay

**Scripture**

**Sermon**

Matthew 4

Tom Haugen

“Jump In”



Sermon notes:

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn of Response

*Nothing is Holding Me Back*

1. Thank You for the cross that You have carried  
Thank You for Your blood that was shed  
You took the weight of sin upon Your shoulders  
Sacrificed Your life so I could live

### *Chorus*

- Now nothing is holding me back from You  
Redeemer of my soul  
Now nothing can hold me back from You  
Your love will never let me go
2. Thank You for Your death and resurrection  
Thank You for the power of Your blood  
I am overwhelmed by Your affection  
The kindness and the greatness of Your love  
The kindness and the greatness of Your love

### *Bridge*

- Jesus You make all things new
3. Thank You that we're living in Your Kingdom  
Jesus You're the King upon the throne  
Thank You for the way You always love me  
Now I get to love You in return  
Now I get to love You in return

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

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

*Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Ryan Nixon, Rand Olsen, David Talbott & 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](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-6th)** 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: May 1, 15 & 29!

**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., 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](mailto: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: Alice Amspoker, Ann Marie King, Don Rhodes and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Glen Adams & Jim Worthen.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Lou Browdy. Memorial is May 16, 10 a.m.

**Please be aware of email phishing scams!** No one affiliated with the church will ever solicit funds or request financial information through email. If you ever receive a message asking for donations, gift cards, or sensitive information that appears to come from the church or a staff member, please ignore it and report it to us directly!

# Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. SBRM provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. They offer hot meals, showers & overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. Their services have grown to include locating permanent housing for formerly homeless clients. Please pray:

- For the recent graduates of their year-long residential recovery program.
- For guests to transition to stable shelter & experience lasting transformation by God's power.
- God's wisdom and discernment in addressing the changing needs of the population they serve.

## 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.bsfiinternational.org](http://www.bsfiinternational.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.



**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)

Week 1	Week 2
15 - 19	27 - 31
June 2026	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!

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

22 - 26
June 2026

9 AM - 1 PM

\$200

Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

elmo pres kids

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

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*  
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*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*  
*Anna Bragg, Operations Manager*  
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