

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 3, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Psalm 119:1-12

*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways.

People: You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me.

Leader: How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

All: By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

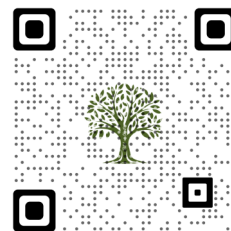
1. Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be
 2. Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love
 3. Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside
- Chorus*
- Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Welcome New Covenant Partners

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

Melia Haugen

Music of Reflection

Joyful Noise

ELMO Pres Kids

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
God made the whole world to sing
He fills our hearts with all His love
So we can lift our voices up

***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 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**

Your Words are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

1. Your words are wonderful, Unfolding like the dawn
A wellspring and the rock we rest upon
We trust Your promises that keep our hope alive
They steady us throughout life's weary climb

Chorus 1

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life

2. Come write Your holy truth upon our longing hearts
And strengthen us to shine against the dark
Lord, guard us from the lies the enemy will speak
No guilt remains for those You have redeemed

Chorus 2

Where else can we go? Where else can we go?
You have the words of life, the words of life
Make Your glory known, make Your glory known
Through all Your words of life, Your words of life

Bridge

Give us ears to hear and eyes to see
Help us in our doubt and unbelief

Scripture

Matthew 5-7

Sermon

"The Heart of the Kingdom"

Tom Haugen

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Most holy and gracious God, we confess our sin together in the light of your Word. You call blessed those who know their need for you, yet we have trusted in ourselves. You call blessed those who grieve what is wrong, yet we have been slow to mourn our sin. You call blessed the gentle and humble, yet we have insisted on our own way. You call blessed those who long for righteousness and justice, yet we have been satisfied with lesser things. You call blessed the merciful, yet we have been quick to judge. You call blessed the pure in heart, yet our hearts are divided. You call blessed those who work for peace, yet we have not pursued reconciliation. You call blessed those who suffer for doing what is right, yet we have avoided costly faithfulness. You call blessed those who are rejected because they belong to you, yet we have been hesitant to bear your name. Lord, we have not lived as people of your kingdom. Have mercy on us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, cleanse us, and make us new. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31b-32

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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

Hallelujah, What a Savior

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| 1. Man of Sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior | 4. Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heav'n exalted high
Hallelujah what a Savior |
| 2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior | 5. When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior |
| 3. Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior | |

College & High School Graduates

*Benediction

Postlude

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

ELMO Kids, Mary Hurt & Emily Sommermann