

WORSHIP



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 10, 2026

*But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'
For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Matthew 9:13*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You

Above all else, I adore Your name

Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise

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Above all else, tune my heart to sing Your praise

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, my soul.

People: I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

Leader: When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

Leader: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them - he remains faithful forever.

All: He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The LORD reigns forever your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

* Please stand as you are able.

*Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health and salvation
Come all who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration
2. Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under His wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining
3. Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

- Joyful, joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
4. Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen
Sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Confession of Sin Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We have not relied on your Word or your wisdom; we have neglected injustice; we have not shown any concern or compassion when we should have; we have not loved our neighbor as we love ourselves. We have remained silent when we should have spoken and spoken when we should have been silent. Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin. Order our lives by your Holy Word and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your living Son, Jesus that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

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

Come As You Are

*So lay down your burdens,
Lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are*

*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

Kirk Gilbert

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Above All Else)

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2. Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3. Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Bridge

Above all else I adore Your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing
Your praise

Above all else I adore Your name
Above all else tune my heart to sing
Your praise

(Repeat)

The highest praise
The loudest praise
To the name above every name

4. Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Scripture

Matthew 8-9

Sermon

"Power with Purpose"

Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Living Hope

1. How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope
2. Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

3. Then came the morning, that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)
Jesus, yours is the victory

Ministry Moment

Young Life

Adam Spradley

*Benediction

Postlude

*Thank you to our musicians serving in ELMO's music ministry:
Daniel DeVorzon, Mary Hurt, Dan Patterson & Dana Stewart*

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 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 15 & 29!

ELMO Pres College *We are praying for you as you return home, work and play this summer. If you're sticking around Santa Barbara, email Lauri to stay connected!*

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 AE2 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 and Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Don Rhodes.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Jim Worthen.
- 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 including Adam Spradley, a staff associate with Young Life. Young Life has been serving Santa Barbara with the mission of introducing kids to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. Each week, more than 200 students attend YL Club (outreach), and over 100 students meet in smaller group discipleship settings. Adam primarily serves in the Goleta sector—Dos Pueblos High School, Goleta Valley Junior High, and developing new leaders from UCSB & SBCC. YL’s vision is to meet kids where they are and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray:

- Praise for leaders and kids who attended Young Life events this past year.
- Prayer for the senior & 8th grade leaders as they graduate and look to the next chapter.
- Prayer for open hearts of kids signed up for camp to receive the Word of the Lord and experience his love.
- For more information visit santabarbara.younglife.org

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 will resume September 9 on Wednesdays from 9:30-11 a.m.

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 1 & 2 Peter.

Baptisms May 17 after worship at Butterfly Beach. Reach out to Pastor Tom or Pastor Lauri!

Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume June 18th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY’s the last day to sign-up for Middle School Adventure Week! Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin to sign-up your 6-9th grader!

Are you receiving our Wednesday newsletter? Email admin@elmopres.org to sign-up and read a weekly letter from Pastor Tom and stay informed about church events.

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!

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

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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!

Scan QR code to register!
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22 - 26 June 2026
9 AM - 1 PM
\$200
Rising 3rd - 6th Graders

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