

# WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026



EL MONTECITO  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

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## GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

**Prelude**

Mary Hurt

**Welcome to Our Life Together**

Tom Haugen

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Music of Preparation**

*Spirit of the living God*

*Fall afresh on me*

*Spirit of the living God*

*Fall afresh on me*

*Melt me, mold me*

*Fill me, use me*

*Spirit of the living God*

*Fall afresh on me*

## GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

**\*Call to Worship**

Joel 2:28-32

**Leader:** I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**People:** Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

**Leader:** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**People:** I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

**Leader:** The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great coming of the LORD.

**All:** And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said among the survivors, whom the LORD calls.

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## \*Hymn of Praise

*His Mercy is More*

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### Confession of Sin Unison

**Holy and Triune God, we come before you in humility, confessing who we are and what we have become. Too often we are unresponsive because we are afraid. When the Holy Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, fearing what you may call us to do. When the Holy Spirit touches our lips, we remain silent, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of the Holy Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of the Holy Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, fearful of the new life it may bring. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Transform our timid lives by the power of the Holy Spirit, and fill us with a holy desire to be your faithful people, serving you and doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*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 humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and 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](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

Kirk Gilbert

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*What Grace is Mine*

1. What grace is mine  
That He who dwells in endless light  
Called through the night  
To find my distant soul  
And from His scars  
Poured mercy that would plead for me  
That I might live  
And in His name be known
2. What grace is mine  
To know His breath alive in me  
Beneath His wings  
My wakened soul may soar  
All fear can flee  
For death's dark night is overcome  
My Saviour lives  
And reigns forevermore

### *Chorus*

So I will go wherever He is calling me  
I lose my life to find my life in Him  
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies  
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow Him

### Scripture

Matthew 13

### Sermon

"Stories that Stick"

Tom Haugen

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

### \*Hymn of Response

*O Church Arise*

1. O church arise and put your armour on  
Hear the call of Christ our Captain  
For now the weak can say that they are strong  
In the strength that God has given  
With shield of faith and belt of truth  
We'll stand against the devil's lies  
An army bold whose battle cry is Love  
Reaching out to those in darkness
2. Our call to war to love the captive soul  
But to rage against the captor  
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole  
We will fight with faith and valour  
When faced with trials on every side  
We know the outcome is secure  
And Christ will have the prize for which He died

3. Come see the cross where love and mercy meet  
As the Son of God is stricken  
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet  
For the Conqueror has risen  
And as the stone is rolled away  
And Christ emerges from the grave  
This victory march continues till the day  
Every eye and heart shall see Him
4. So Spirit come put strength in every stride  
Give grace for every hurdle  
That we may run with faith to win the prize  
Of a servant good and faithful  
As saints of old still line the way  
Retelling triumphs of His grace  
We hear their calls and hunger for the day  
When with Christ we stand in glory

**Commissioning**

**IMPACT**

Pamela Gilbert

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



Sermon notes:

## 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.



## 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 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!*

**Register for ARTventure Summer Camp!** June 22-26, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. for 3rd-6th graders. See back of bulletin for more info and scan the QR code to register.

## 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 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. Memorial is June 13 at 3 p.m.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Mo Morrison.

**The Session calls for a Congregational Meeting immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship gathering on June 14. Covenant Partners will receive the 2026-2027 budgets for the church and early school as well as vote on updating our Bylaws. Copies of the proposed changes to the Bylaws are available in the narthex on Sundays and in the office Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

*Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support including IMPACT. Over the years, IMPACT leaders have listened as overseas ministry partners express how greatly they value teams that travel to serve in their countries. Local Christians appreciate the support, encouragement and love embodied through personal contact from fellow believers.*

This summer, ELMO Pres. covenant partner Pamela Gilbert joins an IMPACT trip to Turkey where a team will serve alongside the 260-member congregation of the Antalya Evangelical Church, in which all congregation members are Turkish nationals who converted from Islam. Other IMPACT teams will travel to Uganda, Mexico and Romania this summer.

Learn more about IMPACT by visiting [www.IMPACT-the-globe.org](http://www.IMPACT-the-globe.org). And learn more about the church by visiting [www.AntalyaEvangelicalChurch.com](http://www.AntalyaEvangelicalChurch.com). Please pray:

- That team members' actions and words are blessings to all people that teams meet on their journeys.
- For unity and safety for all teams.
- That the faith of all believers be bolstered and strengthened during difficult times, particularly those in Turkey who face hostility from the authorities, their employers and oftentimes their own families when converting to Christianity.

## 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** will resume in September.

**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. *New location*: at Samarkand, The Oaks Dining Room. Currently studying Isaiah. New members welcome at any time. 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 1 & 2 Peter.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Thursday, May 28th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**Joy Reflected Ministry Luncheon** Thursday, June 18, 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Come enjoy an early celebration of our nation's 250th Anniversary of Independence. Join the festivities by wearing red, white and blue! All widows welcome. RSVP to Barb at [bkennedy@westmont.edu](mailto:bkennedy@westmont.edu) or call 805-886-1378.

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

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

*Rev. Dr. Tom Haugen, Pastor*

*Rev. Lauri Haugen, Asst. Pastor to Families*

*Mary Hurt, Worship Director*

*Anna Bragg, Operations Manager*

*Ashley Olsen, Office Manager*

*Barbara Mendelson, Treasurer*

*Michele Sullivan, Accountant*

**El Montecito Early School**

*Jenny Thompson, Director*

*The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel*

### **Elders**

*Tom Haugen, Moderator*

*Janet Gates, Clerk of Session*

*Erin Barr*

*Kersten Barr*

*Kirk Gilbert*

*Larry James*

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If you would like to connect with one of the following, please email:

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*Terry Foil, Community Life*

*Pamela Gilbert, Receptions*

*Darlene James, Community Life*

*Brian Johnson, Receptions*

*Fran Lambeth, Congregational Care*

**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  
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22 - 26  
June 2026

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

