

WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'" Matthew 16:24

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145

Leader: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

People: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Leader: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

People: The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

All: The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him, Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Confession of Sin Unison

Father God, you call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. Yet, we have not denied ourselves, taken up our cross and followed you. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where you lead - to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that you will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt you. Increase our faith. Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns to your broader vision for us and for our world. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And grant that from now on we might serve you in newness of life. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 6:22-23

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*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

Dan Patterson

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Our Great God

1. Eternal God, unchanging
Mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone
3. Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

Chorus

- Hallelujah, glory be to our great God
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2. Lord, we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sov'reign God

Scripture

Sermon

Matthew 14-17

Tom Haugen

“Faith that Moves”



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us
2. Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him, we stand
3. Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ, the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold
4. Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Ministry Moment

ELMO Pres Early School

Jenny Thompson

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt, Dana Stewart & David Talbott

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, 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. Summer schedule begins 6/14.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) Join us in the Creative Studios for “Summer Wednesdays at ELMO” 6:30 –8:30 p.m. June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Snacks, games, fun and a deep dive into the Psalms.

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. 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.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry we support including our ELMO Early School.

- Pray that ELMO Early School would continue to be a place where every child feels deeply loved, safe, seen and encounters Jesus through the care of our staff and community.
- Pray for wisdom, patience, and encouragement for our teachers and staff as they support and guide children and families each day.
- Pray that God would use ELMO as a mission field by strengthening relationships with families and creating opportunities for His love and hope to be shared in meaningful ways.

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 with questions.

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9-10 a.m. in the Library, studying 1 & 2 Peter.

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 or call 805-886-1378.

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.

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.

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

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The Entire Congregation, Ministers of the Gospel

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Tom Haugen, Moderator

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

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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

9 AM - 1 PM

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Rising 3rd - 6th Graders

