

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 12, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh cry out for the living God." Psalm 84:1-2

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Kirk Gilbert

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

His mercies never come to an end

They are new every morning, new every morning

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,

Great is Thy faithfulness.

** Please stand as you are able.*

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

*Call to Worship

Psalm 63

Leader: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

People: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

Leader: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

People: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

Leader: Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

All: Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. They will become food for the jackals. But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

*Hymn of Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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| 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
<i>Chorus</i>
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hast provided
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me. | 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,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside |
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Confession of Sin Unison

Almighty God, to know you is the fulfillment of our deepest longings and the satisfaction of our most ardent desires. Yet, foolishly, we have sought our pleasures elsewhere. Forgive our deliberate acts of turning away from you and your ways; our apathy towards the truth of your involvement with all humankind over countless generations; and our thoughtless acts of stubbornness in seeking to live pleasing our own selfish yet fleeting desires and ambitions. Open our hearts and minds to your presence with us each and every day, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 28:6-7

Praise be to the Lord. for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Larry Godec

Music of Reflection

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.



*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.

Elementary students remain in worship throughout the summer months.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Better is One Day

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

2. One thing I ask, and I would seek, to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out,
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water for my soul
I've tasted and I've seen,
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Psalm 84 ^(NIV)

For the director of music. According to *gittith*. Of the Sons of Korah. A psalm.

- ¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!
- ²My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.
- ³Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.
- ⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- ⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
- ⁷They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.
- ⁸Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
- ⁹Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.
- ¹⁰Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

¹²Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Deb Bertling, Mary Hurt, David Talbott

A prayer team is available in the left transept following the worship gathering.

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.

A LIVING HOPE FOR EVERY HEART
SCAN ME!



CONNECT AT ELMO PRES

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) Elementary students remain in worship for the summer. Pick-up an activity guide on your way into worship.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) *Summer Wednesday Nights*, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (eat before you come). Play some crazy games, hang out with friends, and anchor yourself in the Psalms this summer! July 15, 22 & 29.

Fall Youth Retreat at Campus by the Sea on Catalina Island, September 25-27.

Middle and high school students: Snorkel, hike, kayak, enjoy community, worship and dive into God's Word! Registration closes August 28. See back of the bulletin for more info and scan the QR code to register! Cost: \$250

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: Ann Marie King, David Talbott, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Don Rhodes, Mo Morrison, and Marilyn Nichols.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Jerry Belch. Memorial is September 2 at 10 a.m.

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 September 14. Mondays 9:30-11:15.

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

Studying Romans. Register online at bsfinternational.org

Women's Bible Study, Thursdays, 7:45-9 a.m. at Samarkand, Oaks Dining Room. Studying Isaiah. New members welcome at any time. Email Barb at bkennedy@westmont.edu

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

Prayer Class "In the Gap" with Ben Patterson, Sundays, 11:30-12:30 in the Library.

Intercessory prayer for the church and world.

Church office hours in July by appointment.

All-Church Beach Day—August 2

IN THE GAP



Intercessory Prayer for the Church and World

Sundays, 11:30-12:30 PM - Library

*"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall
and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would
not have to destroy it, but I found no one." Ezekiel 22:30*



ELMO PRES YOUTH



CAMPUS BY THE SEA CATALINA ISLAND



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FALL YOUTH RETREAT

FRIDAY, SEP 25 - SUNDAY, SEP 27
CAMPUS BY THE SEA, CATALINA ISLAND

Middle & high school students: Spend a weekend on Catalina Island—snorkel, hike, kayak, enjoy community, worship, and dive into God's Word!

**REGISTRATION CLOSES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

Camper Registration Form:

<https://elmopres.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/84/responses/new>

**COST:
\$250**

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