

WORSHIP

Sunday, July 19, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his ways." Psalm 25:8-9*

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 63

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

Leader: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.

People: The blameless will spend their days under the LORD's care, and their inheritance will endure forever. The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

Leader: Hope in the LORD and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.

All: The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has 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

Merciful and faithful God, to You we lift up our souls, for You alone are our hope and salvation. We confess that we have wandered from Your ways. Too often we have trusted in ourselves instead of You, feared people more than God, and pursued our own desires rather than Your will. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have failed to love You with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. Remember not the sins of our youth or our many transgressions, but according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord. Teach us Your paths. Lead us in Your truth and instruct us, for You are the God of our salvation. Create in us humble and repentant hearts that delight to walk in Your ways. According to Your covenant love, pardon our guilt, which is great, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and enable us by Your Holy Spirit to live in grateful obedience all our days. 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, give us all things?

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

Barney Melekian

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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

1. Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord
2. Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone
3. So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave
4. Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 1

I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely
I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

Chorus 2

I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

Scripture

Sermon

Psalm 25

Tom Haugen

“Teach Me Your Path”



Sermon notes:

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

He Will Hold Me Fast

1. When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

3. For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

2. Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Mary Hurt & Emily Sommermann

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 22 & 29. **Mermaid Monday**, July 20, 7-9 p.m. All Middle and High School Girls invited: smoothies, H2O: Just Add Water watch party. Bring your mates!

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.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Charles Jasper Simpson, Jr., brother-in-law of John and Andria Raymont.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for one of our ministry partners including Cristo es el Camino in Canon Buena Vista, Baja California. You can learn more by visiting their Facebook page: INP Cristo es el Camino. Please pray for:

- Pastor Jordan Ismael Damian Jaimes, his wife, Andriana, and their 5-year-old daughter, Mayute, as they lead this church ministry serving the people of Canon Buena Vista, southeast of Ensenada. Ask God to provide for the financial needs of their family and for funding church programs.
- Pastor Jaimes' mother who is recovering from pneumonia but has been diagnosed with a uterine tumor and a gallstone. Both require surgery, but we are waiting for her lung condition to clear up fully.
- The church to continue to reach children and families, guiding the little ones in the way of the Lord and nurturing love, unity, and family life.
- The many young people who are lost in drugs and harmful friendships; our goal is to reach them with the Word of Life and show them the transforming power of the Gospel.
- The ability to care for the elderly who have become part of the church family and need attention, companionship, and support.

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 starts September 14. Mondays 9:30-11:15 in Fellowship Hall. Studying the Gospel of Mark and The Power of the Holy Spirit. Small friendship groups, music with Deborah Bertling and Barbi Wilson, and teaching by Patty Wilson. You may join any time.

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.

All-Church Beach Day at Miramar Beach, Sunday, August 2, following worship. Bring your own lunch!

Church office hours in July by appointment.

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

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