

WORSHIP

Communion Sunday, July 5, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Nico Vivanco

Welcome to Our Life Together

Kirk Gilbert

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift my eyes up to the mountains - where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber.

People: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand, the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

All: The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

This is My Father's World

1. This is my Father's world
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings and 'round me rings
the music of the spheres
This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hands the wonders wrought
2. This is my Father's world
the birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise
This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

3. This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so
Strong God is the ruler yet
This is my Father's world
The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heav'n be one

Refrain

This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad
The Lord is King let the Heavens ring
God reigns let the earth be glad

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offerings

Jackson Dreesmann

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.



I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation**

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word
What more can be said than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus has fled
2. Fear not, I am with thee, oh be not dismayed
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand
3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress
4. When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine
5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

Psalm 91 (NLT)

- ¹ Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² This I declare about the Lord:
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.
- ³ For he will rescue you from every trap
and protect you from deadly disease.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.
- ⁵ Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,
nor the arrow that flies in the day.
- ⁶ Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.
- ⁷ Though a thousand fall at your side,
though ten thousand are dying around you,
these evils will not touch you.
- ⁸ Just open your eyes,
and see how the wicked are punished.
- ⁹ If you make the Lord your refuge,
if you make the Most High your shelter,
- ¹⁰ no evil will conquer you;
no plague will come near your home.
- ¹¹ For he will order his angels
to protect you wherever you go.
- ¹² They will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.
- ¹³ You will trample upon lions and cobras;
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

¹⁴The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.

I will protect those who trust in my name.

¹⁵When they call on me, I will answer;

I will be with them in trouble.

I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶I will reward them with a long life
and give them my salvation."



Sermon notes:

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Confession of Sin Unison

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Pastor: Hear and believe in the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The Celebration of Communion

You have an individual prepackaged communion kit. We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ's death and resurrection and celebrate our common union in Christ.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Response**

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Refrain

- This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love
 3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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) 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 8, 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.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry partner we support including Royal Family Kids

Praise Points:

- For the 33 campers we got to spend this last week with. We came to serve them, but anyone who spent the week with them knows we received so much in return. Each of these children is a treasure in God's kingdom, and this week we got to see more of the wonder God has placed in each of them.
- For the way God held the week together. This was a year with many new pieces, but the week ran remarkably smoothly, giving staff more freedom to keep their attention where it belonged: on the campers.
- For the way campers cared for one another all week long. Again and again, we saw them notice each other, make room for each other, and help each other through hard moments. That was one of the clearest gifts of the week.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that campers would carry home what they learned this last week: that they are loved, that they are worth showing up for, and that they can learn to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him.
- Pray for caregivers as they receive the campers back home. Pray that through the stories, pictures, crafts, notes, and memories the campers bring with them, caregivers would see something good and hopeful in the children in their care.
- Pray for our staff. We are tired. Pray that God would pour back into them after all they have poured out this last week.

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.

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, TODAY, 11:30-12:30 in the Library.

Intercessory prayer for the church and world.

Church office closed Monday, July 6. 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!

**COST:
\$250**



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**REGISTRATION CLOSES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

Camper Registration Form:

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



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