

WORSHIP



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday, September 6, 2026

*"But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child I am content."* **Psalm 131:2**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

Worship begins with God's invitation, not our initiative. In the Call to Worship, we hear God's Word summoning us into His presence with praise, gratitude, and reverence. This Scriptural invitation reminds us that we gather because God has called us to Himself and delights to meet with His people.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

Leader: He guides me along the right paths for his name sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

All: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

** Please stand as you are able.*

*Hymn of Praise

King of Love

1. The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever
And He is mine forever
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth
3. Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me
4. In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With Thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Chorus

Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Bridge

Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah, Hallelujah

5. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise
Within Your house forever
Within Your house forever

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offering

Ryan Warner

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.

ELMO Pres Kids in grades 1st-6th are excused to meet their teachers in the courtyard before proceeding to their classrooms downstairs. Following worship, please pick up your children in their classrooms.

The Apostles' Creed is an ancient statement of the Christian faith, shared by Christians across generations and throughout the world. It summarizes the central beliefs of the Christian faith handed down through the Church. As an ECO Presbyterian congregation, we recite the Creed as a way of joining our voices with the wider body of Christ. It reminds us that our faith is not something we create for ourselves, but a faith we receive, confess, and live together. In worship, the Creed gives us the opportunity to respond to God's Word by saying together: "This is what we believe."

Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

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**

Trust in God

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| 1. Blessed assurance | 2. Perfect submission |
| Jesus is mine | All is at rest |
| He's been my fourth man in the fire | I know the author of tomorrow |
| Time after time | Has ordered my steps |
| Born of His Spirit | So this is my story |
| Washed in His blood | And this is my song |
| And what He did for me on Calvary | I'm praising my risen King and Savior |
| Is more than enough | All the day long |

Chorus

I trust in God
My Savior
The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Bridge

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him
That's why I trust Him

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

Isaiah 12:2-3

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

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**

Abide

1. For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

2. Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

3. When I pass through death
As I enter rest
I depend on You
I depend on You
For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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

Mary Hurt, Rand Olsen, Cor Patterson, Marshall Patterson and Nico Vivanco

*Today's flowers are given in thanks to our Heavenly Father
for his many blessings... for our marriage and family.*
Bruce and Barb Kennedy

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

Please fill out a visitor card in your pew or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to sign-up for our weekly newsletter and fill out the online Connect Form so we may get to know you better. Visit our website www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel.



ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

NEW THIS YEAR: *ALL children ages 0-6th grade must complete courtyard check-in prior to worship.*

Nursery/Preschool (3 mo.-3 yrs.) & **TK/Kindergarten** (ages 4-5 yrs.) meet at 9:50 a.m. until end of worship in the Early School classrooms. Pick up your child after worship.

ELMO Pres Kids (1st-6th) Children in 1st-6th grades are excused after the doxology to meet their teachers in the courtyard before proceeding to their classrooms downstairs. Directly following worship, please pick up your children in their classrooms.

ELMO Pres Student Ministry (6th-12th) Every 1st & 3rd Friday evening of the month beginning September 18! Dinner, games, Bible study, & friends!

- Middle School Youth Group from 6:00-8:00 p.m. upstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- High School Youth Group from 6:00-8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Families are you interested in joining a 9-week home group Bible study this fall? Scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin and fill out an interest form or email the office for more information: admin@elmopres.org

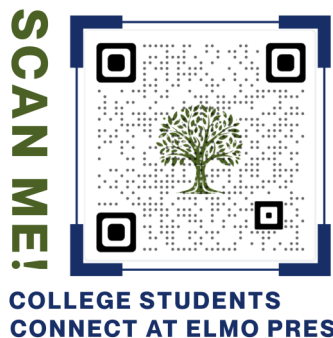
Welcome College Students!

Scan the QR code to connect and learn more about the life of our church and upcoming college events.

Catch a ride to worship! Carpools depart from Clark Dorm at 9:35 a.m. and return after worship.

College Lunch after worship today downstairs in the Creative Studios.

Romans Bible Study begins on September 24th from 7-8 p.m. at the Haugen's house. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org for more info!



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: Barbara Biehl, Judy Cooper-Ashford, Robert & Ann Marie King, Ann Porter, David Talbott, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family & friends of Jerry Belch and Don Rhodes.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Adult Discipleship, in the Library at 9 a.m. Each week, 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.

Bible Study Fellowship resumes this Wednesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Studying Romans.

Women's Thursday Bible Study resumes September 10th at 7:45 a.m.! Studying Isaiah and meeting in the Oaks Dining Room at Samarkand. Email Barb at bkennedy@westmont.edu

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Library, studying 1 & 2 Peter.

Prayer Class "In the Gap" with Ben Patterson is on a break until late September.

All-Church Fall Kick-off Lunch, September 13 following worship in Fellowship Hall.

Women in the Word Begins September 14, 9:30-11:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Studying Gospel of Mark & The Power of the Holy Spirit. Small friendship groups, music with Deborah Bertling and Barbi Wilson, and teaching by Patty Wilson. Join any time.

GriefShare – Begins Monday, September 14th, at Montecito Covenant Church. Navigating loss is hard, but you do not have to walk through it alone. Mondays, 10 a.m. for 13 weeks.

\$20 registration fee. Join any time. Each session stands on its own, so you do not need to attend in order. Reach out to Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 for a friendly chat & more info.

Joy Reflected Luncheon, Tuesday, September 15 at 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All widows are welcome. Please RSVP to Barb Kennedy at bkennedy@westmont.edu

Prayer Shawl Ministry September 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for prayer and fellowship as we knit and crochet baby blankets and prayer shawls.

Home Group Leader Training September 20th, 11:30-12:15 p.m. in the library. Reach out to Pastor Tom for more information.

Small Group Bible Studies begin the week of September 21st! 9 week commitment. Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin or fill out a pew card if you're interested!

New Covenant Partner Class, Saturday, October 3, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Creative Studios. Continental breakfast, coffee, & lunch provided. RSVP to admin@elmopres.org

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

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