WORSHIP

EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday, October 25th, 2026

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become aware of our sin." **Romans 3:20**

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 51:10-17

Leader: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Leader: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

People: Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Leader: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

All: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God will not despise.

***Hymn of Praise** *And Can It Be*

1. And can it be that I should gain
   An interest in the Savior's blood
   Died He for me who caused His pain
   For me who Him to death pursued
   Amazing love how can it be
   That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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2. He left His Father's throne above
   So free so infinite His grace
   Emptied Himself of all but love
   And bled for Adam's helpless race
   'Tis mercy all immense and free
   For O my God it found out me
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3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
   Fast bound in sin and nature's night
   Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
   I woke the dungeon flamed with light
   My chains fell off my heart was free
   I rose went forth and followed Thee
   My chains fell off my heart was free
   I rose went forth and followed Thee
4. No condemnation now I dread
   Jesus and all in Him is mine
   Alive in Him my living Head
   And clothed in righteousness divine
   Bold I approach th'eternal throne
   And claim the crown through Christ my own
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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 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Kirk Gilbert

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 and 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 and 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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Preparation** *O Great God*

1. O great God of highest heav'n
   Occupy my lowly heart
   Own it all and reign supreme
   Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r
   Let no vice or sin remain
   That resists Your holy war
   You have loved and purchased me
   Make me Yours forever more
2. I was blinded by my sin
   Had no ears to hear Your voice
   Did not know Your love within
   Had no taste for heaven's joys
   Then Your Spirit gave me life
   Opened up Your word to me
   Through the gospel of Your Son
   Gave me endless hope and peace
3. Help me now to live a life
   That's dependent on Your grace
   Keep my heart and guard my soul
   From the evils that I face
   You are worthy to be praised
   With my ev'ry thought and deed
   O great God of highest heav'n
   Glorify Your Name through me

Scripture Romans 3:9-20

Sermon *"Unholy Togetherness"* Tom Haugen

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn of Response**

Nothing But the Blood

1. What can wash away my sin
   Nothing but the blood of Jesus
   What can make me whole again
   Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

All I Have Is Christ

1. I once was lost in darkest night
   Yet thought I knew the way
   The sin that promised joy and life
   Had led me to the grave
   I had no hope that You would own
   A rebel to Your will
   And if You had not loved me first
   I would refuse You still
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race
   Indifferent to the cost
   You looked upon my helpless state
   And led me to the cross
   And I beheld God's love displayed
   You suffered in my place
   You bore the wrath reserved for me
   Now all I know is grace

Nothing But the Blood/All I Have is Christ

Chorus

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

3. Now Lord I would be Yours alone
   And live so all might see
   The strength to follow Your commands
   Could never come from me
   O Father use my ransomed life
   In any way You choose
   And let my song forever be
   My only boast is 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, Xandra Lo, Dana Stewart & David Talbott

Welcome Vistors!

We are so glad you are worshiping 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. Visit our website www.elmopres.org, find us on Instagram @elmopres or subscribe to our YouTube channel.



ELMO Pres Kids & Youth

All children ages 0-6th grade please complete courtyard check-in prior to worship.

Nursery/Preschool (3 mo. - 3yrs.) & **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. Next up: November 6 & 20! 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 6:00-8:30p.m. downstairs in the Creative Studios.

College Ministry

Catch a ride to worship: Carpools depart from Clark Dorm at 9:35 a.m. & return afterwards

Romans Bible Study, Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. Email laurihaugen@elmopres.org for more info

Serve at ELMO Pres! Use your time, talents, & treasure for God's redemptive purposes. Contact Pastor Lauri if you are interested in serving.

Caring

Please take time to pray for the needs of the Church, local community, state, country & 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; SSG 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, Robert & Ann Marie King, Ann Porter, David Talbott, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.
- Bereavement for the family and friends of Ingrid Gabriel.
- Praise the Lord for the successful treatment of Tristan Baker's leukemia! Bruce Stockin gives heartfelt thanks for this congregation's faithful intercession on his great grandson's behalf!

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each month we spend time praying for a ministry partner we support including Young Life Santa Barbara. Young Life has been serving in Santa Barbara with the mission of introducing kids to Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. Today, the ministry includes 6 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff, 5 student staff, and over 60 volunteer leaders serving across 9 ministry teams. Each week, more than 200 students attend Young Life Club (outreach), and over 100 students meet in smaller group discipleship settings. YL's vision is to meet kids where they are and invite them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. www.SBYL75.com

- Pray for kids be curious about Jesus and lean into ways to act like Him on their ampuses or in their circles.
- For student leaders, volunteers, and staff to be present and focussed on friendships with kids and introducing them to Jesus.
- Pray for the 75th anniversary event on November 7- recognizing all of the ways the Lord has worked in SB, and the work He is doing today. YL is working hard to underwrite the event so that each ticket goes directly towards kids going to camp!

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Morning Home Group, in the Library at 9:00a.m. Studying Romans.

Prayer Time, Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

In the Gap Prayer, Sundays, 11:30-12:30 pm. in the Library. Prayer is an active engagement in the struggle against the powers of darkness, a radical interference with the spiritual status quo. Standing "In the Gap" is God's metaphor for those who will pray this way.

Women in the Word, Mondays, 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.

Bible Study Fellowship, Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. studying Romans.

Moms in Prayer, Wednesdays from 11:45-12:45 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study, 7:45 a.m. at Samarkand Oaks Dining Room. Studying Romans. New members welcome! Email bkennedy@westmont.edu

Men's Bible Study, Thursdays, 9:00 -10:00 a.m. in the Library, studying Esther.

GriefShare, Mondays, 10:00 a.m. at Montecito Covenant Church. Navigating loss is hard, but you do not have to walk through it alone. $20 registration fee. Join any time. Reach out to Pam Beebe at 805-679-1501 for a friendly chat & more info.

Parking on Sundays: If you are able, consider parking in the parking garage accessible from Hosmer Lane to help us alleviate congestion in our parking lot.

Save the Date: Praise and Pie, November 15 following worship! Join us for a catered lunch by Big Joe's Tacos and hear about New Beginnings Safe Parking Shelter and Rapid Rehousing Program.

Office hours, Monday—Thursday, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. **805-969-5041**

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