

WORSHIP



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Communion Sunday, October 4, 2026

"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen." **Romans 1:25**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome to Our Life Together

Tom Haugen

Prayer of Invocation

Music of Preparation

Holy God

Holy and mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy, have mercy on us

GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.

People: But whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers.

Leader: Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

All: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

All Creatures of our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him! Alleluia!
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him! Oh praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GIVING OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

Prayer of Dedication for Our Tithes & Offering

Jeff Delk

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.

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**

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 1:18-32

Sermon

When We Exchange God

Tom Haugen

***Hymn of Response**

Christ is Mine Forevermore

1. Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

3. Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

2. Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Chorus

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore

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

John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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.

***Closing Hymn**

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

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:

Annie Haugen, Mary Hurt and Rand Olsen

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 please 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. Next up October 16! 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 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.

Romans Bible Study, Thursdays 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; 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, Judy Cooper-Ashford, Robert & Ann Marie King, Ann Porter, David Talbott, Curt & Erlyne Whiteman.

Connecting & Serving

Sunday Morning Home Group, in the Library at 9:00 a.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. He says to Ezekiel, "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 the land, but I found none." Let's be those who answer God's call!

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.

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.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Fields of Faith, October 14, 6:45 p.m. at SB High School.

This event is for everyone, where youth will encourage our community to follow Jesus and read the Bible. We hope you can join us for this special night.

New Home Groups are forming! We have some home groups with openings: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. in the basement Great Room, Sundays, 9 a.m. in the library. There is interest for a Goleta or Downtown home group if we have someone willing to host. Scan the QR code on the back of this bulletin to fill out an interest form or email the office: admin@elmopres.org

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.

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

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