

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 11th, 2026



EL MONTECITO
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" **Romans 2:4**

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

Psalms 139:7-17

Leader: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Leader: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

All: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

** Please stand if you are able.*

***Hymn of Praise**

His Mercy is More

1. What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
2. What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
3. What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Confession of Sin Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we are quick to see the sins of others and slow to recognize our own. We judge others while excusing ourselves and forget that we too stand in need of your mercy. Forgive us for our pride, our self-righteousness, and our unwillingness to repent. Thank you that your kindness leads us to repentance. Give us humble hearts that are quick to confess our sin, slow to judge others, and eager to extend the mercy we have received from you. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

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

Dan Patterson

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.

Prayers for the Church and the World

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

Rock of Ages

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| 1. Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Save from wrath and make me pure | 3. Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die |
| 2. Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone | 4. While I draw this fleeting breath
When mine eyes shall close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee |

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn of Response

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me
2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me
3. No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

***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:
ELMO Pres. Kids, Mary Hurt and Dan, Cor, Marshall & Imre Patterson*

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. 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.-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.

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, treasures, & talent 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 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.

Outreach & Missions Prayer Connection

Each week we spend time praying for a ministry partner we support including Santa Barbara Rescue Mission. SBRM provides free year-long residential treatment programs for adults seeking to recover from addictions. They offer hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations for up to 200 homeless guests each night, 365 nights a year. Please join in praying for them in the following ways:

- Pray that God will guide, unite, and bless case managers whose services are a blessing in shelter guests' lives.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit's renewal and sustaining energy for program staff, especially when helping difficult program residents and homeless guests.
- Pray that their annual Bayou fundraiser and on-going fundraising efforts would meet all the programming, staffing and facility needs.

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.

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.

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.

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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**JOIN A SMALL GROUP
BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL**



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